

The WV Family Support Program

What is the Family Support Program?

The WV Family Support Program began in 1991 as a result of legislation passed by the WV Legislature. The program is available in every county and provides individual services and support to families who have a person with a developmental disability living at home. Family support provides limited funding to buy needed services and goods that cannot be purchased through other sources. Family support provides information to assist in finding services and maximizing community resources.

How does the Family Support Program work?

Families apply for services through the Regional Family Support Program. The application process includes an assessment to identify needs. Applications are submitted and reviewed by the Regional Family Support Council and a recommendation is made to the Family Support Coordinator, including funding decisions. **Family Support funds are not a guaranteed source of funding.**

Who is Eligible?

Families who have a child or adult with a developmental disability who is living at home are eligible for the program. Although family income is not a basis for eligibility, cost sharing may be required. *Eligibility for the Birth to Three Program does not automatically assure eligibility for Family Support Funds.*

What is a Developmental Disability?

The term **developmental disability** means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or a combination of both, and:

- (A) is manifested before age 22,
- (B) is likely to continue indefinitely,
- (C) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas:

- (a) Self-care
- (b) Receptive and expressive language
- (c) Learning
- (d) Mobility
- (e) Self-direction
- (f) Capacity for independent living
- (g) Economic self-sufficiency; and

- (D) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. A child from birth through age nine who has a substantial developmental delay or specific condition, either from birth or acquired, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three, or more of the criteria described in (C), (a) through (g) if the child, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

Regional Facilities

Region 1: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Wetzel

Hancock FRN - (304) 748-7850

Region 2: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton

Eastridge Health Systems - (304) 263-8954 Ext. 7065

Region 3: Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasant, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood

Westbrook Health Systems - (304) 485-1721 Ext. 550

Region 4: Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Monongalia, Marion, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Upshur

LiveAbility - (304) 296-6091

Region 5: Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Putnam, Logan, Lincoln, Mason, Mingo, and Wayne

Prestera Center - (304) 525-7851 Ext. 2017

Region 6: McDowell, Mercer, and Wyoming

Southern Highlands CMHC - (304) 425-9541 Ext. 1327

Region 6: Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster

Seneca Health Services - (304) 462-2933

Region 6: Fayette, Monroe, Raleigh, and Summers

FMRS Health Systems - (304) 256-7100