

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE SERVICES?

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A staff member from your ISC agency will meet with you to explain all of the details, and ask questions about your family member's medical history and development since birth.
- They will explain Illinois' definition of Developmental Disability. It generally applies to people who have been identified as having a long term disability (needs help in three or more specific areas of daily life, along with other limitations) that was present prior to their 22nd birthday. This is true for any condition your doctor may have already diagnosed. Just having a diagnosis does not mean your family member is automatically eligible for services.
- You and your family member will be asked to provide permission (consent), to seek records from other agencies such as schools and/or doctors.
- How long it takes for the decision to be made will depend on how long it takes for the records to come from schools, doctors, and/or other agencies you've already seen, and whether or not those records are complete. In most situations, your family member will need to have had a psychological evaluation in the past, or one will need to be scheduled.
- Records needed include school records such as Individual Education Plans (IEP) or annual evaluations; doctor's reports, or reports from a psychologist.
- Once found eligible, your family member will have their eligibility re-determined each year.
- If you are not found to be eligible, the ISC will help you get connected to another agency that will best fit your family member's needs.



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WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

Some families have already met with other agencies and may have some of these records, others have not. If you bring the following records to your eligibility discussion, it will help us get an answer for you more quickly:

- Your family member's identification card, if one exists, and a Social Security Number, Medical Assistance Card or other identifying information cards for your family member.
- Any letters or forms that you have received from another agency which recommended you talk to a Developmental Disability agency.
- Your family member's primary care doctor's name, address, and phone number. Information from the most recent visit with your family member's primary care doctor, if you have it, and immunization records.
- Past test results from a psychologist or other doctor which provides IQ information.
- Your family member's High School Individual Education Plan (IEP) (even if it is several years old).
- Records from prior appointments with the Social Security Administration, or SSI/SSDI decisions.
- Medicaid or other Health Insurance Cards.

You do not need ALL of these- so if you don't have some of them, don't worry! Your ISC and PAS agent are here to help you figure out which ones you need!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact your local Independent Service Coordination Agency:

Or Call the State of Illinois Division of Developmental Disabilities:
1-888-DDPLANS (1-888-337-5267)
TTY: 1-866-376-8446

Or Check us out on the web:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us>
Choose *for Customers*, and then choose *Developmental Disabilities* from the list.

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