

# Informing Families



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## Announcing Access to Waiver Enrollment

### Opportunities for Individuals Receiving State-Only Services

If you receive Employment/Day services\* paid for by state-only dollars, you may be offered the choice to enroll in a Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) waiver program.

Individuals who choose to transfer to an HCBS waiver will have access to more services, such as:

- ⚙ Behavior Management Services
- ⚙ Respite
- ⚙ Occupational/Speech Therapies
- ⚙ Speech and Hearing Services
- ⚙ Environmental Accessibility
- ⚙ Specialized Medical Equipment



#### Why is the choice being offered?

Governor Gregoire has requested the transfer of more than 2,500 DDD clients to a waiver as a way for the state to receive federal matching funds. This earns money for every dollar the state already spends. In order to serve people under a waiver, the state has to offer a broader array of services, depending on the type of waiver the individual is assessed to need (see below).

#### How will the transfer happen?

Your DDD Case Resource Manager will contact you during the coming months to arrange an assessment and to verify you meet financial and disability eligibility. In some Regions, notification may have already begun. The completed assessment will finalize your transition to a waiver. A request for additional services will take place during your annual full assessment.

If your annual full assessment is scheduled to take place within a few months, an interim assessment won't be necessary.



#### Can I Request Waiver Services Sooner?

Ask your DDD Case Resource Manager for a full assessment instead of an interim assessment. This will change your annual full assessment date.

### Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers

**Basic:** For individuals at risk of out-of-home placement who live with their families or in their own homes.

**Basic Plus:** For individuals at high risk for out-of-home placement who live with their families or in an adult family home setting.

**Core:** For individuals who need up to 24-hour supported living services.

**Community Protection:** Intended for individuals who need 24-hour awake staff supervision and therapies to maintain their own and community safety.

\* Note: Some individuals who receive other services paid through state-only funds may also be offered this option to transfer to a HCBS waiver.

**For more information about the option to move to a Home and Community Based waiver, contact your DDD Case Resource Manager.**