

DID YOU KNOW?

Community Engagement

Learning about services



What are some examples of this service?

- Get connected to your community through classes. You could learn cooking, pottery, dance, sign language, exercise, yoga and more.
- Connect with people in your community who share similar interests. A Community Engagement provider can help you get connected with others who enjoy art, music, games, or sports.
- Pursue community goals such as volunteering.
- Community Engagement can help you reach goals. Learning about managing finances and meeting new people can help increase independence

Did you know that Community Engagement can help you get connected?

Community Engagement services are designed to increase your access to the community and build connections to community networks. This service is designed to increase access to community resources and relationships in creative ways.

Where is Community Engagement delivered?

Any setting you choose that supports full access of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the greater community. More information is available in [DDA Policy 4.14](#).

Who can receive this service?

People enrolled in the Individual and Family Services Waiver, Basic Plus Waiver, Core Waiver (when not receiving residential habilitation services), the Roads to Community Living grant, or the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review program.

How do I get this service?

Contact your case resource manager, talk to them about your goals for getting out in the community. Your CRM will add the service and your chosen provider to your person-centered service plan. You or your legal representative will need to sign your updated person-centered service plan before services start.

How many hours or dollars can I receive in the plan year?

The approved funds available to you are determined by your program and annual assessment.

How do I find a provider?

Your case manager can provide a list of providers in your area or use the "Find a Provider Tool" at <https://informingfamilies.org/locator/>.

What do I do when I find a provider?

Talk with the provider about your ideas, goals, needs, and available hours. When you and the provider determine the amount of hours necessary to work on the identified needs, let your CRM know which provider you have chosen so they can add them to your plan. Your CRM will send a person-centered service plan for your signature and a planned action notice. Your signature lets your CRM know you agreed to the service and the provider.

When can my provider start?

Your CRM will let you know when the service is authorized and your provider can start.

What should I expect from my provider?

After the CRM authorizes services, the provider should contact you to set up a schedule. With your input, the provider must complete a plan within the first 30 days. Also with your input, the provider will need to complete a progress report every 90 days. These documents help DDA ensure your needs are being met, and the service is being provided the way it is intended.

Use [DSHS Form 10-659](#) to develop an initial plan. [DSHS Form 10-660](#) may be used to complete a progress report. Plans and progress reports do not need to use the DSHS forms, but should include the same elements as the forms.



Who is a qualified service provider?

Qualified providers of Community Engagement services must be contracted with DSHS to provide this service. Also, they must be an individual or organization that has specialized training to provide services to people with developmental disabilities. Qualified provider types include:

- 1) Registered recreational therapists in the state of Washington; or
- 2) Organizations that provide services to promote skill development, improved functioning, increased independence, as well as reducing or eliminating the effects of illness or disability. These include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Community centers;
 - b) Municipal parks and recreation programs;
 - c) Therapeutic recreation camps and programs; and
 - d) Organizations that provide supports for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Interested in becoming a provider?

If you are interested in becoming a contracted provider for a DDA service, call your local DDA office and ask for the contracts department. Or go online to learn more <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/developmental-disabilities-administration-contracts>.

Everett	425-740-6500
Seattle	206-568-5685
Spokane	509-329-2900
Tacoma	253-404-5500
Tumwater	360-725-4250
Yakima	509-225-7970

External resources:

- <https://informingfamilies.org/ce-cg-overview>
- <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/about/factsheets/DDA/Community%20Engagement.pdf>