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Individual and Family Services Program (IFS)


The legislature asked DDD to consolidate its three existing Family Support programs into a single program. The intent is:

- To partner with families as care providers for children with developmental disabilities and adults who choose to live in the family home;
- That individual and family services be centered on the needs of the person with a developmental disability and the family; and
- To the maximum extent possible, individuals and families must be given choice of services and exercise control over the resources available to them.

To be eligible to receive funding in the new Individual and Family Services program, the person must:

- Be on the waiting list for Family Support Services (or must call DDD and ask to be put on the list);
- Require assistance in meeting their needs;
- Be living with her/his family; and
- The DDD assessment must be administered to determine the person’s need.

Once priority and need have been established, the funding amount will be based on the person’s level of need. There are four levels of funding, which are based upon need:

- Level 1 awards $2,000 per year;
- Level 2 awards $3,000 a year;
- Level 3 awards $4,000 a year; and
- Level 4 awards $6,000 a year.
The IFS Program allows participants to use their award to pay for any of the following services related to, and resulting from, their disability and identified and agreed to in the DDD Assessment Individual Support Plan (ISP): respite care, therapies, architectural and vehicular modifications, equipment and supplies, specialized nutrition and clothing, excess medical costs not covered by another source, co-pays for medical and therapeutic services, transportation, training, counseling, behavior management, parent/sibling education, and recreational opportunities.

Current Family Support participants began transitioning to the IFS program in July 2007. New participants are being brought onto the IFS program over a period of time. Families and individuals who are known to have emergent and/or high need situations, and families and individuals who have been waiting the longest will be assessed first for participation in the program.

When the person’s eligibility for the program is determined, continuing eligibility may be time limited and subject to review.

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DDD announces a NEW family support resource

Children’s Intensive In-home Behavioral Support (CIIBS) Waiver

Beginning November 1, 2008, DDD will be offering a new service program called Children’s Intensive In-home Behavioral Support (CIIBS). This new program will support children with developmental disabilities who are at high risk of out of home placement due to their challenging behaviors. Children and families selected for the program will have met assessed eligibility criteria, including client and caregiver characteristics, which identify their high risk for placement outside the family home.

DDD was funded by the State Legislature to add 6 children per month up to 100 children at an average service cost of $4000 per month over the next three years. Examples of services include behavioral support, staff and family training and consultation, planned respite, home and vehicle modifications, specialized nutrition, and therapeutic equipment and supplies.

The program intends to provide a coordinated, consistent approach to behavior support across environments, such as home, school, and community. A team of support people, including the child, parent(s), service providers, and school staff, will be formed to support each child. Parents will play active roles in supporting their child and changing behaviors.

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Another resource for you or your family is your no paid services case manager. Here is a list of the names and numbers for your region.

Region 1 (NE Washington)
Jeff Mitson.................................509-329-2920
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Region 2 (Central/SE WA)
Terry Buck.................................509-374-2120
Deborah Daunhauer............... 509-225-7965

Region 3 (NW Washington)
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Cheryl Strode...........................425-339-1771

Region 4 (King County)
Celia Bato Aguiluz.....................253-372-5751
Jenny Ap-Heng..........................206-568-5753
Nona Debuhr...........................253-372-5752

Region 5 (Pierce & Kitsap)
Robert Deehan..........................253-404-6549
Ray Holodnak............................360-475-3597
Martrial Nilsson.........................253-404-6572

Region 6 (SW Washington)
Carla Estes..............................360-537-4362
Randy Forrest..........................360-501-2488
Sigrid Reinert..........................360-725-4291
Tim Walker..............................360-750-4261

Deborah Gallagher.......................206-568-5642
Angela Hinckley.........................206-568-5758
Amena Jones............................253-372-5799
Kimsa Nguyen...........................206-568-5652
If you need this information in a different language, please call the toll free number for your region.

Region 1  Spokane  1-800-462-0624
Region 2  Yakima   1-800-822-7840
Region 3  Everett  1-800-788-2053
Region 4  Seattle  1-800-314-3296
Region 5  Tacoma  1-800-248-0949
Region 6  Olympia  1-800-339-8227
Having access to easy-to-understand information is important, so we wanted to let you know about a new resource available to you. The Informing Families/Building Trust project is a collaborative project aimed at providing information about issues individuals with developmental disabilities and their families care about. Here are some features of the project that might be of interest to you:

1. **The Informing Families/Building Trust listserv** lets you know right away about changes the Division of Developmental Disabilities is making or other news you should know about. To stay informed about new issues, you can join the listserv by going to the Informing Families/Building Trust website (www.informingfamilies.org) and go to the “Contact Us” page. When you send us an email you’re added to our listserv and will get email updates each time we send them out.

2. **Podcasts tell you about things you want to know** in a fun and easy-to-understand format. In addition, the partnership between the Arc of Washington, DDD and the Developmental Disabilities Council has resulted in one place where you can see videos on DDD issues. The web address for this is www.olympiainsider.org. Recently added and upcoming podcasts include:
   - **Planned Action Notices** - What those notices from DDD mean and what your rights are when you disagree with what DDD decides.
   - **Individual and Family Services** - Information on funding to take people off the wait list and provides services for over 1,200 families and how the Home Care Quality Authority Registry works.

3. **A totally redesigned website is coming soon**. The changes to the website will link you to resources you and your family need, making it a little bit easier to get the information you want. Other features will include enhanced ability to search for information and to learn how other families are coping with the challenges of navigating the systems for individuals with developmental disabilities.

To learn more about what we are doing, visit the Informing Families/Building Trust website at www.informingfamilies.org.

*The Informing Families Building Trust Project is a collaboration of the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council and key local partners like yourself.*