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**HOW TO NAVIGATE THE EVER-CHANGING
SERVICE SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- **DIAGNOSIS OF DD**
- **MANIFESTS ITSELF BEFORE THE AGE OF
22**
- **LONG-TERM**
- **SUBSTANTIAL FUNCTIONAL DEFICITS**

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HOW DO I GO ABOUT FINDING OUT IF SOMEONE'S ELIGIBLE?

- PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION WITH:
 - IQ TESTING
 - ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR SCALE
- PSYCHOSOCIAL EVALUATION
- MEDICAL EVALUATION DOCUMENTING
THE DIAGNOSIS

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RANGE OF SERVICES:

- FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
- HEALTH CARE; MENTAL HEALTH;
REHABILITATION
- RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
- DAY AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

THE FRONT DOOR!

- **GOALS:**
 - OPWDD CONSISTENT MESSAGING
 - SELF-DIRECTION
 - EMPLOYMENT
 - RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONS

THE FRONT DOOR!

- **BE PREPARED BEFORE YOU CALL**
 - KNOW WHAT YOU "NEED"
 - HAVE A COPY OF THE DDP2 WITH YOU
 - HAVE ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS READY
- **BE REASONABLY PATIENT**
- **ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO A SESSION**
- **DOCUMENT EVERYTHING!!**

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WHAT ARE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND WHO CAN GET THEM?

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DO I NEED A CASE MANAGER?

- Family Support Funded Service Coordination
- Medicaid Service Coordination
- Plan of Care Support Services

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THE RELATIVELY EASY STUFF:

- Parent Training
- Behavior Management
- Short Term Skills Training
- Parent Support Groups
- Crisis Intervention
- Educational Advocacy
- Family Reimbursement, Emergency Respite Funding
- Family Support Funded Case Management
- Et. Al.

- Remember, there are things you don't need to be in the DD system to get, e.g. Benefits Assistance, Other Types of Advocacy, Services Funded by Other Entities

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MAY TAKE A LITTLE MORE EFFORT (HYBRID FUNDING):

- In Home Respite
- Recreation
- After School Programs
- Overnight Respite

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MOST CHALLENGING ENROLLMENT (waiver required):

- What's a Waiver Anyway?
- What if the person doesn't have Medicaid?
- Oh, and by the way...the system may look totally different in a few years

breaking traditional rules

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- YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR "THE WAIVER", YOU APPLY FOR A "WAIVER SERVICE".
- THE MEDICAID WAIVER IS A FUNDING STREAM.
- YOU CANNOT BE IN 2 WAIVERS!

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EXAMPLES OF WAIVER SERVICES

- **GENERALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE WAIVER:**
 - INDIVIDUALIZED RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVES (IRA'S)
 - DAY HABILITATION
 - COMMUNITY HABILITATION
 - CONSOLIDATED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES (SELF DETERMINATION)
 - FAMILY ED & TRAINING
- **MAY BE ABLE TO GET VIA OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:**
 - SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT (SEMP)
 - PREVOC SERVICES
 - IN HOME RESPITE
 - HOURLY AND FREE STANDING RESPITE (includes overnight respite and recreation)
- **MAY OBTAIN IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED IN WAIVER:**
 - ENVIRONMENTAL MOD
 - ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY/ ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
 - PLAN OF CARE SUPPORT SERVICE (PCSS)
- **AND A FEW OTHERS!**

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