



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

Eligibility for Participation in APD Services

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APD's Eligibility Criteria

- In order to be eligible for agency services, the applicant must:
 - Be at least three years of age
 - Be a resident of and domiciled in the state of Florida
 - Have a confirmed diagnosis of a developmental disability as defined in Rule and Statute (Rules 65G-4.014, 4.015, 4.016 and 4.017, Florida Administrative Code)
(Section 393.063, Florida Statutes)

APD's Eligibility Criteria

- A developmental disability, as defined in Statute, means a disorder or syndrome that is attributable to:
 - Intellectual disability (Full Scale IQ of 70 or below)
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Autism (severe forms)
 - Spina bifida cystica or myelomeningocele
 - Down syndrome
 - Phelan-McDermid syndrome
 - Prader-Willi syndrome
- Manifests before the age of 18 and constitutes a substantial handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue indefinitely

Children at High Risk

Establishing eligibility for children between the ages of 3 and 5 at **high risk** of developing a developmental disability:

- May have a developmental delay in cognition, language, or physical development
- A child surviving a catastrophic infectious or traumatic illness
- Child with a parent or guardian with a DD
- Child who has a physical or genetic anomaly associated with a DD

Application for Services

- APD Application for Services is available online at:
<http://apdcares.org/customers/application/>
- Available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole
- The application is divided in sections to be filled out by the applicant or legal representative and the Region.

Application for Services

- Examples of document types needed when submitting an application for services include (but are not limited to):
 - Birth certificate
 - Resident alien card
 - State driver's license or state-issued ID card with photo
 - A military dependent's ID card
 - The applicant's original Social Security card

Application for Services

- Standardized IQ tests
- Tests of adaptive functioning
- Diagnostic evaluations from licensed professionals (depending on the diagnosis)
- Documentation from a medical doctor or health care professional
- Genetic testing
- School records
- Psychological evaluations

Application for Services

- An application may be accepted from:
 - A parent or court-appointed guardian of a minor child
 - A legally competent adult
 - An authorized legal representative
- For applicants under 18 years of age, the person's legal representative must sign the application.

Application for Services

- Applications are submitted to the APD office that serves your area, either by mail or by hand delivery.
- To find the office that serves your area, visit our website at: www.apdcares.org

Waiting List for the iBudget Waiver

- Applicants who are determined eligible are placed on the Agency's Waiting List in one of seven waiting list priority categories. The first priority category corresponds to individuals who are in crisis:
 - Category 1 – clients who meet crisis criteria (individual is homeless, danger to self or others, caregiver is in extreme duress and no longer able to provide care for the individual's health and safety needs)

Waiting List for the iBudget Waiver

- Category 2 – Children from the child welfare system with an open case in DCF who are:
 - Transitioning out of the child welfare system after being adopted by, reunified with, or permanently placed with a relative or nonrelative guardian;
 - Between the ages of 18 and 22 who will need both waiver services and extended foster care; or
 - Between the ages of 18 and 22 who withdrew consent to remain in extended foster care.

Waiting List for the iBudget Waiver


– Category 3 –

- Caregiver has a documented condition that is expected to render the caregiver unable to provide care within the next 12 months
- Clients who are at substantial risk of incarceration;
- Clients whose behaviors or physical needs place them or their caregiver at risk of serious harm;
- Clients who are identified as ready for discharge within the next year from a state mental health hospital or skilled nursing facility

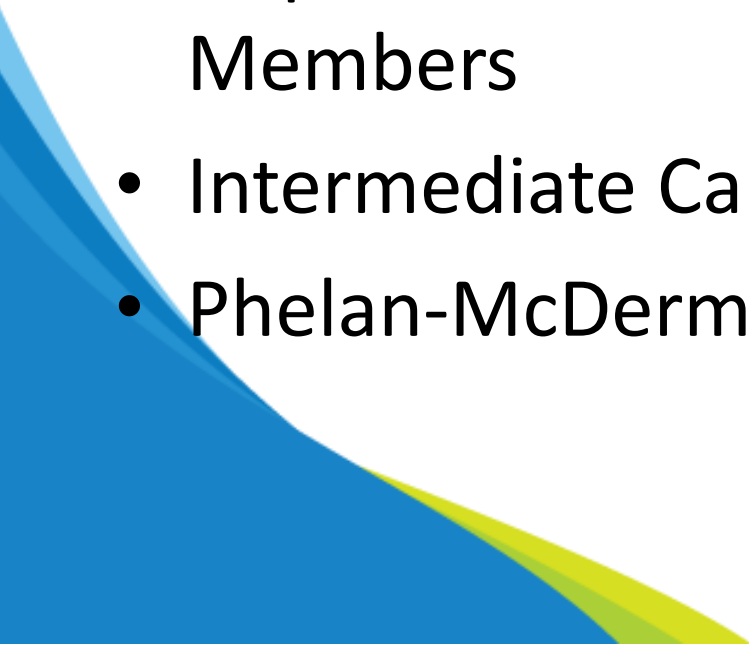
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- Category 4 – Individuals whose caregivers are 70 years of age or older, and for whom a caregiver is required
- Category 5 – Individuals who are expected to graduate within the next 12 months from secondary school and need support to:
 - Obtain a meaningful day activity,
 - Maintain competitive employment, or
 - Pursue an accredited program of postsecondary education

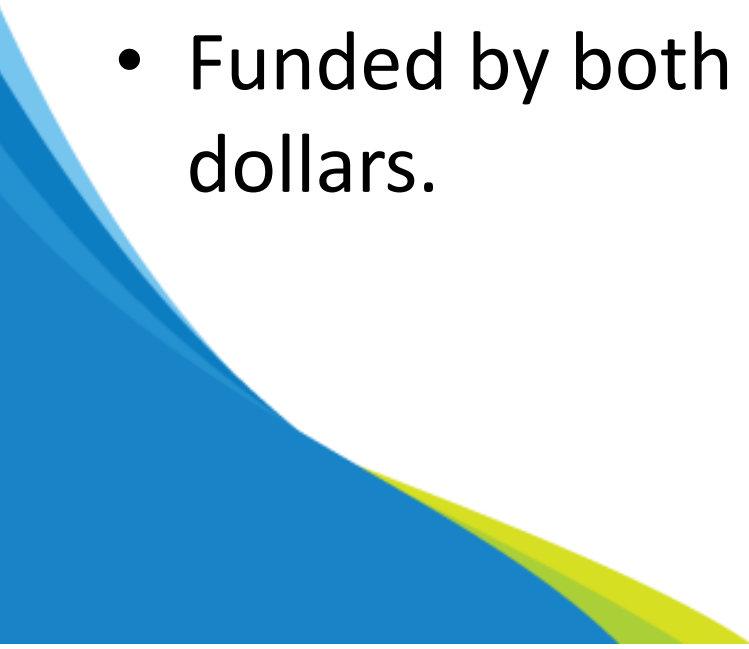
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- Category 6 – Individuals 21 years of age or older who do not meet the criteria for categories 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5
 - Category 7 – Individuals under the age of 21 who do not meet the criteria for categories 1, 2, 3, or 4
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Enrollment in the iBudget Waiver

- Crisis Waiver Enrollment (CWE)
 - Community-Based Care (CBC)
 - Waiting List To Waiver (WTW) Offers
 - Dependents of Active-Duty Military Service Members
 - Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/IID) Transitions
 - Phelan-McDermid Syndrome
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iBudget Waiver Services

- Provides home and community-based supports and services to eligible persons with developmental disabilities living at home or in a home-like setting.
 - Funded by both federal and matching state dollars.
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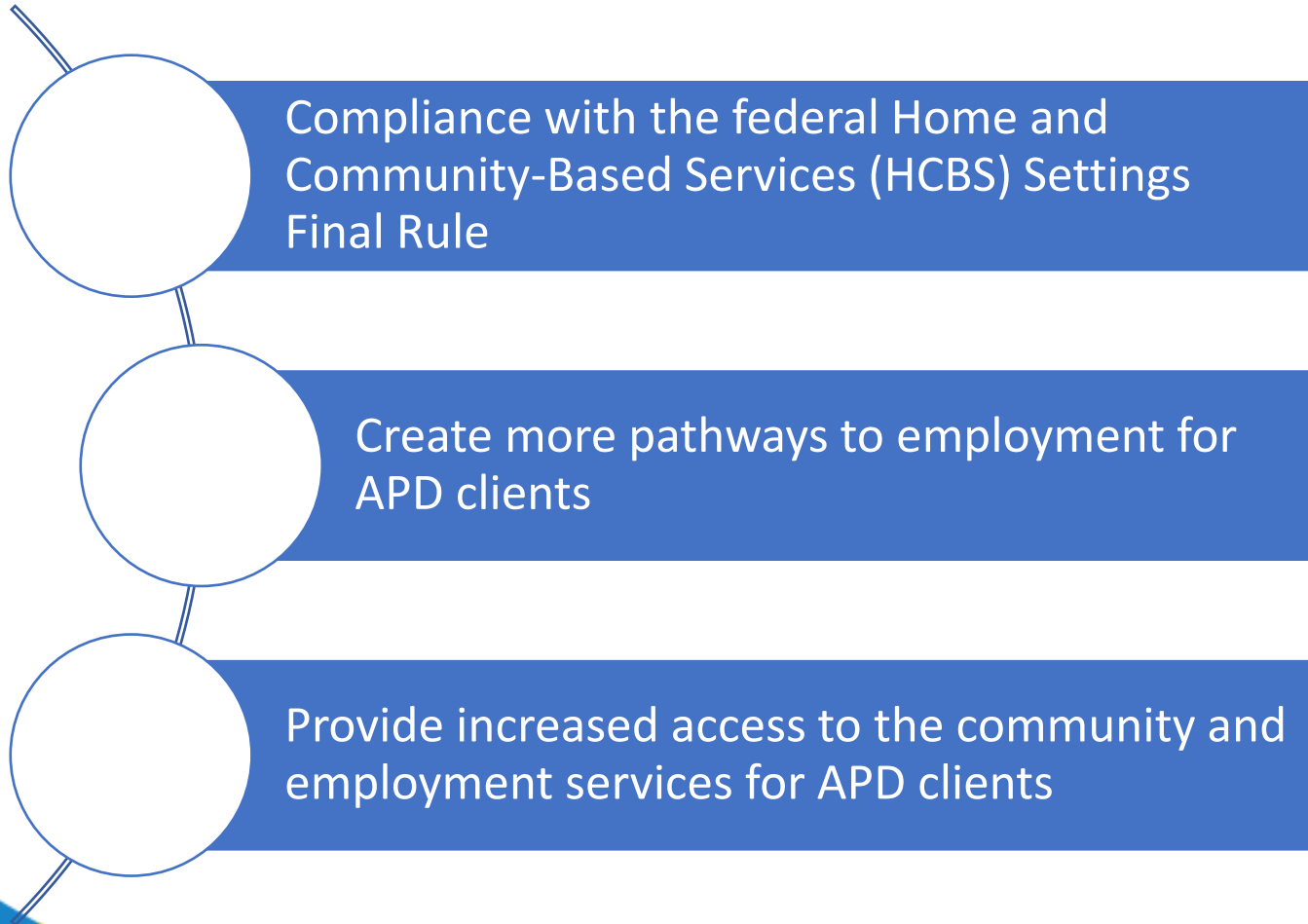
iBudget Waiver Services

- Individuals enrolled in the iBudget waiver receive services that enable them to:
 - Have a safe place to live
 - Have a meaningful day activity
 - Receive medically necessary supplies and equipment
 - Receive transportation required to access necessary waiver services

iBudget Waiver Services

- Opportunity for participant direction
- Greater choice
- Service families:
 - Life Skills Development (Companion, Supported Employment, and ADT)
 - Environmental and Adaptive Equipment
 - Persons Supports
 - Residential Services
 - Support Coordination
 - Therapeutic Support and Wellness
 - Transportation
 - Dental Services

ADT and Employment Redesign



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Adult Day Training (Revised description)

- Life skills training to increase community participation

Prevocational (New Service)

- Work and volunteer experiences
- Develop general, non-job-task-specific skills

Supported Employment Group (Rate change)

- Increase in group rates

APD and Vocational Rehabilitation

- APD and Vocational Rehabilitation are committed to providing improved competitive integrated employment outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by both agencies
- APD cannot duplicate services provided by Vocational Rehabilitation
- Memorandum of Agreement to improve communication and help transition clients from one agency to the other

Employment Enhancement Project (EEP)

- Recurring funds from the Legislature to provide supported employment services to Waiting List clients who would like to work
- Consists of Supported Employment coaching to help find a job, Supported Employment follow-along services to help retain the job, and secure internships as pathways to competitive integrated employment

For additional information about APD, you may
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Thank You!

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