

Sullivan County Developmental Disability
Resource Network Providers and Community
Advocates

**Frequently Asked Questions
(Q & A)**

What does eligibility mean to me? OMRDD
Funded Services

How will that help me?

You will be able to obtain Respite services, Family support Services ,In-home Services, and much more.

Why do I need to know this information?

Information can help you to get through the eligibility process - so assistance can be available when you need it.

Who can answer my questions?

Anyone of the providers listed on the back of brochure and Sullivan County Community Services - 845-292-8770 ext 4043 (Melissa Stickle).

Who can help me with the paperwork required for.....?

A Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) all agencies listed on the back (excluding Center for Discovery) have MSC's

What does service coordination mean?

Help for parents of children with developmental disabilities to get the services they need in New York State, help with schools and paperwork needed to determine eligibility

What is available in the county for me/my / child?

Once eligibility is determined support and help for you and your child when needed., in the form of respite, family support services, in-home services, and much more.

Sullivan County Community Services
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845-292-8770 ext 4043
Contact Person:
Melissa Stickle, Comm. Services Coordinator

HVDDSO Sullivan County Office
457 Broadway
Suite 15
Monticello, N.Y. 12701
Phone: (845) 791-7620 (Rich Gordon)
Richard.Gordon@omr.state.ny.us

New Hope Community
P.O. Box 289
Loch Sheldrake, N.Y. 12759
845-434-8300 ext. 307
Terence Duncan
www.newhopecommunity.org

Sullivan ARC
162 East Broadway
Monticello, N.Y. 12701
845-796-1350 (Intake Coordinator ext. 2805)
www.sullivanarc.org

Center For Discovery
845-794-1400 (extension 8880, 8882, 8883, 8889
for information only)
www.sdtc.org

Independent Support Services
95 Glen Wild Rd. Suite 2
Rockhill, N.Y. 12775
845-794-5218 (Alan Kultchinsky)

Crystal Run Village
9 Landfield Ave.
Monticello, N.Y. 12701
845-796-4324
www.crvl.org

Footings
440 Route 17M
Monroe, N.Y. 10950
845-783-7505 (Elisa Marino)
Footings.org@uno.com

Action Toward Independence
309 East Broadway, Suite A
Monticello, N.Y. 12701
845-794-4228
ati@in4web.com

Family Empowerment Council, Inc.
225 Dolson Avenue, Suite 403
Middletown, NY 10940
Toll-free 1-888-343-8181

**Developmental
Disability
Resource
Network of
Sullivan County**



**What is Developmental
Disability Resource Network of
Sullivan County?**

The Developmental Disability Resource Network of Sullivan County offers a central point to obtain information and assistance regarding the OMRDD Eligibility application process, MRDD providers and their contact information.

Developmental Disability Resource Network of Sullivan County

Definition of a Developmental Disability

A developmental Disability is defined by New York State as a disability of a person which:

- Is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, neurological impairment or autism that cause mental and/or physical limitations prior to age 22
- Attributable to any other condition of a person found to be closely related to mental retardation because such conditions result in similar impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior to that of persons with mental retardation or requires treatment and services similar to those required for such persons
- Is attributable to dyslexia resulting from a disability described above
- Originates before such person attains age twenty two
- Has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and
- Constitutes a substantial handicap to such person's ability to function in society

What is Not Considered to be a development disability?

- Mental illness such as bi-polar disorder or depression
- Loss or absence of senses, motor skills or physical abilities
- Attention deficit disorder if successfully treated by medication
- Mild forms of conditions such as a learning disability, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, brain injury may not be eligible for services if there is no evidence of "substantial handicap".

WHAT IS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY?

Two Levels of Eligibility for OMRDD Services:

Basic & Full

Basic Eligibility is needed to access specialized services funded by New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) and/or the County Department of Mental Health. Those services include advocacy, family assistance, school, after school and weekend recreational supports, information and referral, Basic eligibility is determined by the agency providing the services desired. People that experience a "break" in service will need to re-apply and the possibility exists that they may not be deemed eligible. Examples of a break in service include but are not limited to individuals that move into another system of care such as foster care, residential school programs, nursing homes, mental health or correction facilities.

If an individual with basic eligibility applies for and is denied full eligibility, he/she may not use any services funded by the NYS OM-

Full Eligibility is needed to access all housing opportunities and supports (wavier and non-wavier), Medicaid Service Coordination, and HCBS Medicaid Wavier services such as in and out of home supports. Individuals in need of these services must be deemed fully eligible by the Hudson Valley or other Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO). This is a format, multi-level documentation review process conducted by multi-disciplinary team resulting in a letter to the individual stating that eligibility has been determined.

Full eligibility is not equal to meeting Intermediate Care Facility Level of Care. An Individual must meet Level of Care for enrollment in the HCBS Medicaid Wavier.

There are always unusual situations that fall outside of day to day practice but generally, eligibility is determined once with these exceptions:

- Young children, birth through age seven may receive provisional full eligibility in which case a re-determination will need to occur on or around age eight. Services provided at an early age may minimize delays, some children may no longer qualify as being developmentally disabled. Service Coordinators are responsible for providing the documentation necessary for a re-determination.

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Documentation Required When Seeking Full Eligibility

- A current (within three years) comprehensive psychological evaluation (including everything, so as to be complete), standardized measure of intellect—using the most current version of an acceptable test (for students and recent graduates, an abbreviated psychological re-evaluation is not acceptable, it must be comprehensive). Example of acceptable evaluations:
 - Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children
 - Leiter International Performance Scale
 - The Stanford- Binet Scales
 - The Wechsler series of Intelligence Scales
- A current measure of adaptive behavior for all those with an IQ above 60.
- A specialty report/evaluation that includes findings leading to a qualifying diagnosis in correspondence with prevailing nomenclatures (E.g. ICD-9, DSMV, APA). Not acceptable: A physician's note, letter of diagnostic impressions, educational classification.
- A Physical (current within one year) specifying any medical/physical abnormalities.
- A social history or information contained within other reports or evaluations describing any prenatal, pregnancy or other early risk factors that may have impacted the individual and that establish onset of the disability prior to age 21. If proof of onset prior to age 21 is not available, documentation of efforts to obtain the information must be provided along with a reasonable history gathered from family members or other sources.