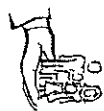


## What Supports Are Available?

The range of services and supports may include:



**Service Coordination**- assists people in planning and working toward a better future



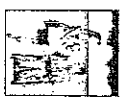
**Family Support**- helps families by providing personal care, homemaker services and respite



**Adaptive Equipment**- supports people by providing adaptive tools and devices



**Transportation**- helps people get where they need to go



**Vocational Services/ Supported Employment**- assists people to work and have meaningful days



**Community Integrating Activities**- helps people to become a part of and contribute to the local community



**Emergency Assistance**- responds to people in crisis



**Environmental Adaptations and Home Modifications**- helps make homes accessible to individual needs



**Housing Supports**- provides a variety of supports for living in houses and apartments in our communities

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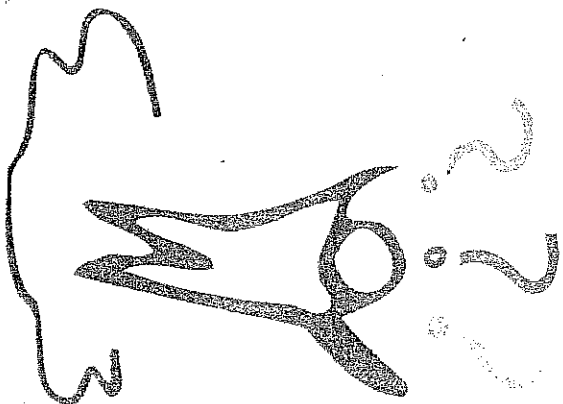
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The Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for planning, providing and administering supports for adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Rhode Island by:

- \* safeguarding the well-being of people with developmental disabilities and protecting them from abuse, neglect and mistreatment
- \* ensuring equitable access to and allocation of available resources and;
- \* enhancing the quality of support so that people with disabilities can identify and move toward personal futures of inclusion and participation in community life

### *Our Values... what do we believe?*

In carrying out this mission, the Division of Developmental Disabilities upholds these principles:

- \* each person is unique; support and services are responsive to the individual and his/her particular situation
- \* all of us develop and grow within a community of relationships; support and services help build relationships
- \* each person is deserving of respect; we strive to meet the highest standards of personal and professional integrity



### **The Office of Community Support Social Services**

We provide personal assistance to individuals and their families to obtain needed supports.

Responsibilities include:

- Referral*
- Eligibility Determination*
- Service Coordination*
- Crisis Intervention*
- Family Support*
- Follow-up Supports*

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To be eligible for supports funded through the Division of Developmental Disabilities individuals must meet the following definition of developmental disability, as stated in RI State Law:

“The term ‘developmental disability’ means a severe, chronic disability of a person which:

- is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two (22);
- is likely to continue indefinitely;
- results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:

- personal care
- communication
- mobility
- learning
- self-direction
- capacity for independent living
- economic self-sufficiency, and,

reflects the person’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are life-long or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.”

*Not all disabilities which become manifest before age twenty-two are developmental disabilities. Mental illness is not the same*

*as a developmental disability. Individuals with serious mental illness may receive services through the Department of MHRH, Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services.*