

FINAL DECISION

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Certified Mail [REDACTED]

September 4, 2025

[REDACTED]

RE: Final Decision

Dear [REDACTED]:

On **July 16th**, the proposed decision of the hearing officer regarding the eligibility of [REDACTED] to receive services of the Department of Developmental Services was sent to you and all parties. Parties had ten (10) business days from receipt of the proposed decision to submit comments in support or opposition. Comments were not submitted by the petitioner. No comments were submitted on behalf of DDS.

After reviewing the proposed decision, the record, including exhibits submitted at the hearing, I agree with the hearing officer, adopt the Proposed Decision as the Final Decision, and find that [REDACTED] is ineligible for services of the Department of Developmental Services pursuant to Connecticut General Statute section 1-1g.

If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right, in accordance with Section 4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to appeal to the Superior Court. Such an appeal must be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the mailing of this final decision.



Elisa F. Velardo
Deputy Commissioner
Designee of Jordan A. Scheff
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Attorney Wendy Mongillo, Hearing Officer
Kathleen Murphy, Ph.D., Director, Eligibility Unit
Margret Rudin, Ph.D., Psychologist Eligibility Unit
Marjorie O. Wakeman, Esq., Director, Legal & Government Affairs

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
ELIGIBILITY HEARING

IN RE: [REDACTED]

June 6, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

On June 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. a hearing was held at the Department of Developmental Services, 460 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, to determine the eligibility of [REDACTED] for services from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g. The request for hearing was filed on February 12, 2025 by [REDACTED] who is the parent and legal guardian of the Applicant.

Name of Attendees:

[REDACTED]

Applicant's Father

[REDACTED]

Applicant's Mother

Margaret Rudin, PhD

DDS Psychologist Eligibility Unit

Statement of Issues

Is [REDACTED] eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services?

Exhibits Entered Into Evidence

The following documents were presented by the parties and admitted into evidence as full exhibits by the undersigned hearing officer:

HO-1	Denial of Eligibility Dated 2/4/2025
HO-2	Request for Hearing Dated 2/12/2025
HO-3	Notice of Hearing Dated 2/24/2025
DDS-1	DDS Eligibility Application Dated 1/13/2025
DDS-2	DDS Denial Letter Dated 2/4/2025
DDS-3	Second Review by Dr. Margaret Rudin, Ph.D. dated 2/3/2025
DDS-4	IEP dated 2/26/2024

Finding of Facts:

The exhibits entered into evidence, along with sworn testimony at the hearing result in the following findings:

1. The Applicant is a resident of the State of Connecticut as she resides in the Town/ City of [REDACTED] Connecticut
2. At the time of the hearing, the Applicant, born [REDACTED], was [REDACTED] years old.
3. The evaluations, test results and documents examined by Margaret Rudin, PhD, did not find the Applicant to be intellectually disabled within the Applicant's developmental period, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g. The evaluations supplied showed that the while the applicant's overall cognitive abilities currently is in the low average range it is above the intellectually disabled range. (Testimony M. Rudin, Ph.D. DDS Exhibits 1-4)

Definition of Intellectual Disability:

According to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g, in order to be eligible for supports or services from the Department of Developmental Services for an intellectual disability, an individual must demonstrate significant limitations in intellectual functioning **and** deficits in adaptive behavior that originated **during** the developmental period before eighteen years of age (emphasis added).

Discussion:

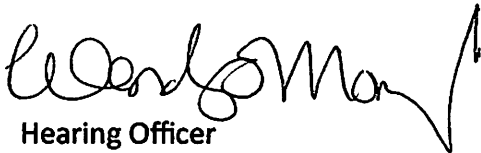
While the Applicant may require assistance, guidance and support there is no information supplied to DDS to establish that he is intellectually disabled pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes. As such the statutory requirements of the Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g have not been satisfied in the present case.

Conclusion:

The Applicant is not eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services based on intellectual disabilities. The testing that has been provided shows the applicant in the low average range of cognitive ability which does not meet the criteria for services as defined in Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g. The Applicant, however, is still in her developmental period and has time to partake in additional testing and supply additional information in order to determine if she is eligibility in the future if the applicant were to reapply.

This decision shall be submitted to all parties and the Commissioner. The parties may submit written comments in support or opposition to this proposed decision within ten days of receipt hereof.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Mongolia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hearing Officer

Wendy Mongolia