

DDS Children's Services Division's In-Home Support Program

DDS Children's Services Division (CSD) aims to increase the capacity within the family unit, through skill-building, to effectively manage and support a child's most challenging needs while creating and reinforcing positive interactions.

CSD's In-Home Support Program is for individuals from 8 years of age up to the age of 21, who are eligible for DDS services.

- Individuals must demonstrate a need that is greater than support offered by the community, state and/or federal programs.
- The In-Home Program services typically include Respite, Individualized Home Support (IHS), and Behavioral Support, along with other waived services.
- This is not an entitlement program and funding for the program is only within available appropriations.

Eligibility for the CSD Program

- Must be made prior to the age of 18, and be eligible for DDS services, which includes determining an intellectual and/or developmental disability (IDD).
- Must be affected by one of the following hardships:
 - The individual **has significant medical needs beyond current nursing services**, authorized through insurance.
 - The individual **has physical disabilities with an extraordinary need for support** with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) beyond current home health aide services, authorized through insurance.
 - The individual **has challenging behavioral needs, not related to a mental health diagnosis** or a mood disorder that results in the functional impairment of the child. The individual's behavioral limitations must interfere with their functioning in the family or community activities, pose a risk to the health and safety of themselves and others, and interfere with their ability to achieve goals and make progress.

***Service requests for out-of-home placement will not be considered for this program.**

- If the individual has a co-occurring diagnosis of autism and IDD, a referral to Carelon Behavioral Health is required. Please contact 1-877-552-8247.

How to apply

- Please complete a DDS application, which can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/dds>.
- Once eligible for DDS services, please contact your Regional Help Line for a referral to the CSD In-Home Program: NR Help Line: 1-877-437-4577 | SR Help Line: 1-877-437-4567 | WR Help Line: 1-877-491-2720

For additional information please email: DDS.CSD.General@ct.gov

Or contact the CSD Education Services Specialist: **Kendall Fenton, LCSW-** Kendall.Fenton@ct.gov

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