



State of Connecticut  
Department of Developmental Services

**DDS**

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Dear Individual and Family Member:

RE: Responsibilities of a Legally Liable Relative  
Responsibilities of Adult Recipient of Services from the Department of Developmental Services

The Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66d requires the Department of Developmental Services to notify individuals who receive care or support that they or their legally liable relative may be liable for reimbursement of any amount paid by the state for the person's care and support. A legally liable relative is the parent of a person under the age of 18, or a spouse of an adult served by DDS.

This notice should not alarm recipients of service of their relatives. This liability has existed for many years under Connecticut law. Recipients are expected to contribute toward the cost of their room and board if they live in a group home or community training home. In addition, recipients may have liability for other costs of care. These contributions usually take the form of payments from a portion of their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) entitlement and earnings if they are employed.

Parents may be liable for a portion of the cost of care for their children under age 18 receiving services from DDS. Connecticut General Statute 4a-12 sets out the method to determine this reimbursement. Liability is determined by subtracting the state median income adjusted for family size from the federal taxable income. The liability can be no more than 12% of the remainder.

Contribution can be waived if it will cause a significant financial hardship or if it would impair the benefit of the serve provided. Parents' "in-kind" support can also be considered to reduce their liability. For parents of children under 18, participation in the programming and support of their child usually provides sufficient in-kind support to discharge their liability.

The case manager will ask you to sign a Notice of Liability form.

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## Helpful Resources

- Acquired Brain Injury Services (ABI) [www.ct.gov/dmhas/ABI](http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/ABI) 860-262-6725
- American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) [www.aaidd.org](http://www.aaidd.org) 202-387-1968
- Arc [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org) 800-433-5255
- Autism Society of America [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) 800-328-8476
- Autism Speaks [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) (888) 288-4762
- Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind [www.ct.gov/besb](http://www.ct.gov/besb) 800-842-4510
- Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Disability Determination Services [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) 800-842-8320
- Charting the LifeCourse: Experiences and Questions Booklet. A Guide for Individuals, Families, and Professionals at [http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/family/ct\\_lc\\_experiences\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/family/ct_lc_experiences_booklet.pdf). Please call DDS at (866) 433-8192 if unable to access via internet.
- Community First Choice/Money Follows the Person, [www.ctmfp.com](http://www.ctmfp.com)
- Connecticut Autism Spectrum Resource Center (ASRC) [www.ct-asrc.org](http://www.ct-asrc.org) 203-265-7717
- Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities [www.ct.gov/ctcdd](http://www.ct.gov/ctcdd) 860-418-6160
- Connecticut Families for Effective Autism Treatment (CT FEAT) [www.ctfeat.org](http://www.ctfeat.org)
- Connecticut Family Support Network [www.ctfsn.org](http://www.ctfsn.org)
- Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate [www.ct.gov/oca](http://www.ct.gov/oca) 860-566-2106
- Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center [www.cpacinc.org](http://www.cpacinc.org) 800-445-2722
- Connecticut Probate Court [www.ctprobate.gov](http://www.ctprobate.gov) 800-842-1508
- Department of Aging and Disability Services (formerly Department of Rehabilitation Services) <https://portal.ct.gov/AgingAndDisability> 800-537-2549
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services [www.ct.gov/dmhas](http://www.ct.gov/dmhas) 860-418-7000
- Department of Social Services (DSS) [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss) 800-842-1508
- DSS Client Information Line and Benefits Center 855-6-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632)
- Easter Seals Capitol Region and Eastern Connecticut [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com) 860-270-0600
- Katie Beckett Waiver for children under age 21 860-424-5582
- Medicaid/Husky/Title 19 [www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/factsheets/medicaid\\_title\\_19\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/factsheets/medicaid_title_19_fact_sheet.pdf)
- Money Follows the Person [www.ctmfp.com](http://www.ctmfp.com) 888-992-8637
- National Association of State Directors of Developmental Services (NASDDDS) [www.nasddd.org](http://www.nasddd.org) 703-683-4202
- North Star [www.northstarsupportgroup.com](http://www.northstarsupportgroup.com)
- PATH Parent to Parent of CT [www.pathct.org](http://www.pathct.org) 800-399-PATH
- Statewide Legal Services of CT, Inc. [slsct.org](http://slsct.org) 800-453-3320

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