

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD

BOARD POLICY

Reviewed and Adopted by the Board:
Date: April 25, 2022

Signature on File

Elfriede Roman, Superintendent

I. SUBJECT: FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

II. PURPOSE:

The Family Support Services (FSS) Program is a locally funded program aimed at supporting families who have a family member with a developmental disability. The program promotes the unity of the family through assistance in meeting the special needs of the individual who has a developmental disability.

III. REFERENCES:

Ohio Revised Code 5126.11, "Family Support Services Program"
Ohio Administrative Code 5123-4-01, Administration and Operation of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities" Paragraph (K) "Family Support Services"
LCBDD/Deepwood Policy A-13(a) Respite Care
LCBDD/Deepwood Policy A-24 Establishment of Waiting Lists for County Board Funded Programs and Services

IV. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood to sponsor and implement the Family Support Services Program as permissible by rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. It is also the policy of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood to annually identify services available through the Family Support Services Program and suggest new goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Any changes in policies, procedures or family allocations will be communicated to the families, as applicable.

A. AVAILABLE SERVICES

Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood's Family Support Services Program provides subsidy for the following areas:

- 1) Respite Care - in home and out of home.

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- 2) Counseling, training and education for family units to aid them in providing proper care for the individual who has an intellectual disability and/or a developmental disability and provides for the special needs of the family.
- 3) Special dietary needs.
- 4) Purchase or lease of adaptive equipment.
- 5) Modifications to the home if they are necessary to improve the living environment or facilitate the care of the individual.
- 6) Incontinence supplies (after age 3).
- 7) Medical expenses as appropriate to the diagnosis and not covered by insurance.
- 8) Other requests that are directly related to improving the living environment or facilitating the care of the individual who has an intellectual disability and/or a developmental disability.

B. FAMILY ANNUAL ALLOCATION

The Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood has established its own guidelines for family allocations. In 1987, an advisory committee was formed to establish guidelines for expenditure of Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood's Family Support Services funds. The goal continues to be to allow as many families as possible to benefit from the program, which necessitates review and revisions, with Board approval. The current allocation schedule is available upon request from the Family Support Services Program. It is our current policy to address each family's needs, but when demand/capacity should outweigh resources, Board Policy A-24 "Establishment of Waiting Lists for County Boards" will be implemented.

If a family has a need that exceeds the county guidelines, the Superintendent and/or the Family Support Services Advisory Board can review and approve such on an individual basis. Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is not required by law to supplement the Family Support Services Program with any of its own resources.

V. DISTRIBUTION:

Board Members
All Management Staff
All Staff (Via Department Managers)
LEADD President

VI. REVIEWED:

4/22, 4/20, 4/18, 4/16, 4/15, 4/14, 4/13, 4/12, 4/10, 4/08, 3/06, 2/04, 2/02, 11/99, 2/93, 2/91