

Service & Support Administration

Determining Eligibility

The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) Service & Support Administration (SSA) department is responsible for eligibility determinations for new and continued locally funded county board services.

New eligibility determinations for County Board services may only be initiated by the person's parent (18 years and younger), legal custodian, legal guardian (18 years and older) or the person if they are over the age of 18. Members of our SSA Intake & Eligibility team are available to help Lake County residents and their families navigate the requirements of the eligibility process.

Eligibility for county board services can be assessed for any who has a developmental disability based on the specific criteria outlined in the Ohio Administrative Code:

1. A person must have a developmental disability that presents or "manifests" before the age of 22 and is likely to continue throughout the person's life.
2. Eligibility criteria for Functional Limitations are determined through an assessment completed by the SSA department. For children 6-15 the assessment is called the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI). For people aged 16 and older, the assessment is called the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI).

County boards of developmental disabilities are required to re-determine eligibility at age 3, 6, and 16 years. A representative from the SSA Intake & Eligibility team will reach out to families, individuals or guardians to help guide them through this process.

During the eligibility process, you will be asked to provide the following:

- Verification of date of birth
- Verification of social security number
- Guardianship or custodial documents (if applicable)
- Copies of the front and back of all medical insurance cards
- Verification of developmental disability:
 - Ages birth -2 years: verification of at least one documented developmental delay or qualifying developmental diagnosis
 - Age 3-5 years: verification of at least two documented developmental delays or a qualifying developmental diagnosis
 - Age 6 years and older: verification of qualifying developmental diagnosis
- Please note, formalized testing may be required for some developmental disabilities as well as documentation dated within the last 12 months based on the age of the person and diagnosis is required.

Questions? Contact the SSA Intake team by calling 440-350-5145 or by emailing Intake@LakeBDD.org.



Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood

Empower individuals with developmental disabilities to engage in activities that enrich their lives and contribute to their community.



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