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What is an Intellectual Disability (ID)?

Intellectual disability refers to substantial limitations in present functioning that has manifested during the period from birth to age 18 years.

ID is characterized by significantly sub-average intellectual functioning that exists concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior.

This includes related limitations in two or more of the following applicable adaptive skill areas:

- Communication
- Self-care
- Home living
- Social skills
- Community use
- Self-direction
- Health and safety
- Functional academics
- Leisure

In order to be eligible for services an individual must have a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability. The level of disability (mild, moderate, severe, or profound) must also be given.

This diagnosis must come from a healthcare professional that is licensed to make a *DSM-V diagnosis. For more information on who can do this within the community please contact SCDDO at 316-660-7630.

*The DSM-V is an acronym for the fourth edition

What is a Developmental Disability (DD)?

Developmental disabilities refers to a conditions such as autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or another similar physical or mental impairment that is evidenced by a severe, chronic disability which:

1. Can be attributed to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of both, AND
2. Is manifested before the age of 22, AND
3. Is likely to continue indefinitely, AND
4. Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of life functioning:

- self-care,
- understanding and the use of language,
- learning and adapting
- mobility
- self-direction in setting goals and undertaking activities to accomplish those goals,
- living independently
- economic self-sufficiency, AND

To further clarify substantial functional limitations, the SCDDO may, but is not required to, use the Eligibility Determination Instrument (EDI) or other professionally accepted, standardized methods of functional assessment.



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Children Under the Age of 6 with DD:

Children under 6 may be eligible if there is a severe, chronic disability which:

1. Are attributed to a mental/physical impairment AND
2. Are likely to continue indefinitely, AND
3. Results in at least 3 developmental delays as measured by qualified professionals, AND
4. Reflects a need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are lifelong or extended in duration and are individually planned and coordinated, AND
5. Does not include individuals who are solely severely emotionally disturbed or seriously and persistently mentally ill.

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