

## INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

# Community Pathways Waiver

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional information about DDA, services, and eligibility is available at their website:

[www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org).

To apply for DDA services, including waiver services, contact the DDA regional office for the area in which you live. The contact information for DDA regional offices as well as additional application information is listed on the website:

[www.ddamaryland.org/howtoapply](http://www.ddamaryland.org/howtoapply) and is available by calling the DDA main office at 410-767-5600

For more information on topics discussed in this fact sheet, contact

The Arc of Frederick County  
Phone: 301-663-0909  
[www.arcfc.org](http://www.arcfc.org)



The **waiver** through the **Developmental Disabilities Administration**, known as the **Community Pathways Waiver**, provides community-based support services to people with cognitive impairments and other developmental disabilities. In the past, this was known as the Developmental Disabilities Waiver.

**Benefits:** Medicaid healthcare coverage, day habilitation and vocational services (including supported employment), case management or service coordination, residential service, home modifications, behavior management services, assistive technology, and family and individual support services are available to recipients of the Community Pathways waiver, depending on each person's Individual Plan.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Recipients must have a developmental disability defined by the program as a chronic disability that:

- Is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness, or a combination of mental and physical impairments
- Is manifested before the individual reaches the age of 22
- Is likely to continue indefinitely
- Results in an inability to live independently without external support or continuing and regular assistance
- Reflects the need for a combination of interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment, or other individually planned and coordinated services
- Meets a technical ICF-MR institutional level of care, as determined by the program.

Recipients must also meet financial requirements:

- Countable resources of individual must be less than \$2,000
- Countable income of the individual must be less than 3 times limit of SSI (Supplemental Security Income), which in 2009 is equal to \$2,022/month.

There is insufficient funding to provide services to all individuals under this waiver. There is a waiting list for services through DDA. Priority for many services is given to individuals, based on a number of factors, including the date of the original application. It is important to apply for services now rather than waiting until they are needed.

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