


**Services and Supports for
Transition Age Youth and
Adults with Disabilities**


Agency Information



Overview of Information

- Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC)
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODDD)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Ohio Jobs and Family Service (OJFS) - Medicaid

**Ohio
Rehabilitation
Services
Commission (ORSC)**



BVR (Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation)
BSVI (Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired)
BDD (Bureau of Disability Determination)

BDD

***Works with Social Security
Administration (SSA)***

- The Bureau of Disability Determination (BDD), in agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA), determines medical eligibility for Social Security Disability benefits for Ohioans.

BVR and BSVI

- The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired
 - Purpose of BVR is to help individuals with disabilities to become employed (“fulltime and independent”)
 - Helps people with disabilities prepare for careers consistent with their interests and abilities.
 - Also helps people maintain their current employment, if their disability is threatening continued employment.

BVR Eligibility


- Eligibility is based on three factors:
 - a physical or mental impairment which constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment
 - Individual can benefit from services in terms of an employment outcome
 - Individual requires VR services to retain or gain employment

RSC and Transition Age Youth

- RSC has the responsibility to provide VR services to eligible students to reach the employment goal as identified on Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)
- When feasible, the RSC counselor will participate in the IEP or 504 planning meeting for transition services
- The employment plan must be coordinated with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or other education plans in terms of goals, objectives and services.
- The IPE (RSC plan) must establish an appropriate work goal for the student


Referral to RSC

- A referral may be initiated by local school district, student, family member, or other educational or community resource
- The appropriate time to make a referral is:
 - when the school district has begun to identify transition or other post-secondary services targeting an employment outcome on an IEP or other education plan
 - no later than two (2) years before completion of school, unless otherwise indicated or agreed upon by the RSC counselor, the student, the family and the LEA
- The RSC counselor and the local school district designee periodically assess the referral status of students awaiting access to VR services



BVR Contact Information

- List of Local BVR Offices:
 — www.rsc.state.oh.us/bvrbsj/rscfieldofficetext/default.aspx



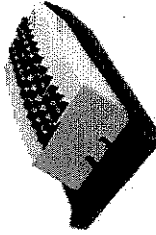
Referral Information

- The RSC counselor, working with other agencies, will identify and coordinate which diagnostic assessments will be needed
- Referral packet to RSC should include the **most recent**:
 - Evaluations: psychological, medical and other specialty evaluations such as mobility, vocational, etc.;
 - Multi-Factored Evaluation (MFE)
 - Individualized Education Program
 - 504 Education Plan
 - Individual Career Plan (ICP)
 - School transcripts
 - Department of DD eligibility determination instrument (COEDI or OEDI)
 - Copy of the SSI/SSDI award letter or verification of status

ODDD Who is Eligible for Services?

- Ages 16 Years and Older (Adult)
- Diagnosis of a life long developmental disability that began before 22
- Made by a qualified professional and a report verifying diagnosis
- Use of the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) to determine eligibility

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities




(ODDD or ODMRDD)

ODDD
 Eligibility Requirements
 Ages 16 Years and Older (Adult)

- **OEDI Evaluates 7 skill areas**
- **Specialized services may include:**
 - behavior supports, crisis intervention, educational programs through age 22, transitional services, vocational training, employment, adult day programs, residential facilities, supported living in the community and therapy services
- **Must show deficits in 3 of the 7 life skill areas:**
 - Self-Care,
 - Communication,
 - Mobility, Learning,
 - Self-Direction,
 - Capacity for Independent Living,
 - Economic Self-Sufficiency

ODDD Services

- Some County Boards of DD are a direct service provider for adult services
- Some County Boards of DD contract with other agencies and individuals to provide services





ODDD
General Description of Adult Services

- **Community/Supported Employment**—Community-based individual & group employment
- **Vocational Training**—Developing skills needed to become employed and stay employed.
- **Adult Day Activities**— Social, leisure and recreational activities that enhance an individual's quality of life
- **Sheltered Employment** – Non-integrated employment (workshop). Hourly wage or per-piece
- **Transportation**—Transportation to Adult Services, and training
- **Residential Supports** – Minimal to 24 hr.
- **Case Management** – Service and Support Administrator (SSA) to assist in coordination of services

Funding for Local DD Services


- Federal Medicaid programs
 - ODDD administers the I/O and Level 1 Medicaid Waivers
- State Department of DD
- Local Funds (County)
- RSC (some County DDs are BVR providers)
- Grants





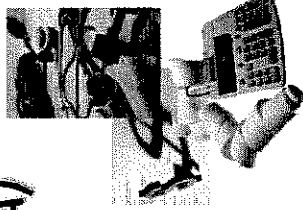
**Referral to
ODDD/MRDD**

- Contact the Local County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- List of County Boards
—<http://mrd.d.ohio.gov/contacts/countyboards1.htm>

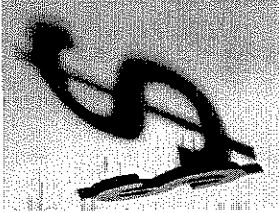


**Social Security
Administration (SSA)**

- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**
- **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**



SSI



- SSI stands for Supplemental Security Income and is designed as an assistance program for those that have financial need and are disabled

SSDI

Social Security Disability Insurance

- SSDI is designed to provide income to people who are unable to work because of a disability
- SSDI pays benefits to the individual if he/she is "insured," meaning that he/she has worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes
- SSDI is intended to be provided until the condition improves, and is intended to guarantee income if the individual's condition does not improve

SSDI compared to SSI

- SSDI is a benefit for those having paid into social security
- SSI is a welfare, or needs-based program for people who demonstrate financial and resource poverty, in addition to medical disability.

Who is eligible to receive SSI?

- Many youth with disabilities may qualify for SSI
- Must met both a disability and financial criteria to be eligible for SSI

Disability Criteria for SSI

- A physical or mental disability.
- Unable to perform Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) i.e. generate a minimal amount of income
- Expected to last at least 12 months or result in death

- A severe impairment is one that significantly limits your ability to do basic work activities.

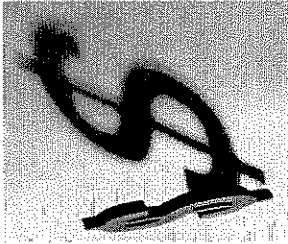
- Some examples of basic work activities include:

- Physical functions such as standing, walking, sitting, lifting, seeing, hearing, speaking
- Understanding and carrying out simple instructions
- Use of judgment
- Responding appropriately to supervision and coworkers
- Dealing with changes



Financial Criteria for SSI

- Two types of financial assets that are considered for eligibility for SSI



1. Income
2. Resources

Two Types of Financial Assets

1. Income

- Earning less than \$980/month gross (2009)
- \$980 or more is considered Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)



Considered as Income

- Included are:
 - Income, such as gifts, Social Security benefits, unemployment benefits (unearned income)
 - Under 18 and living with parents?
 - Parent income will be considered as income for SSI purposes.

NOT Considered Income

- Disability work-related expenses or approved resources are deducted when figuring SGA (or monthly payments)
 - PASS Plan
 - IRWE

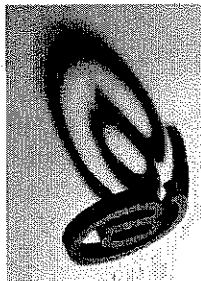




Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)

- Approved Plan that allows one to spend or save income (other than SSI income) and/or resources
- SSA agrees and approves the plan that will assist the person to work towards a goal that will make him/her more financially self-supported

Resources



- www.passplan.org
 - EXCELLENT site
 - Many examples of PASS Plans and info
- <http://www.workworld.org/wwhome.html>
 - WorkWorld

EXAMPLE

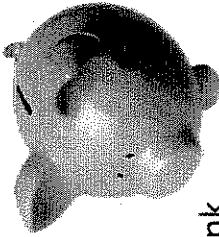
- Margaret has the goal of operating her own Food Service business full-time (supported Self-employment). Margaret has the disability labels of Autism, Nocturnal seizures, challenges with motor planning and she is non-verbal. Her PASS will pay for a temporary assistant, a job coach, a cash register, and a hot drink vending machine, and is for three years. The yearly amount is \$6,917.67 and the total amount of this PASS is \$20,753.00. This PASS comes from the Seattle Regional SSA Office.



SSI Work Incentive "IRWE" Impairment Related Work Expense

- Expense of necessary items or services that enable the individual to work
 - Related to disability
 - Required in order for the person to work
 - NOT an expense that a similar worker would have
 - The person pays for the expense from his/her income/SSI (not from insurance or Waiver)
 - EXAMPLE: Specialized transportation , job coach

Two Types of Financial Assets



2. "Resources"

- The money in the bank and other assets must be under \$2,000
- EXCLUDES house and car if used to obtain medical care or work

Documentation



- Suggested information to complete SSI application may include:
 - Social security card
 - Proof of age, generally your birth certificate
 - Proof of income: (example: paycheck stubs)
 - Proof of resources: (bank accounts, life insurance)
 - Proof of living arrangements, rent/mortgage
 - Names, addresses and telephone numbers of doctors, hospitals and clinics.
 - Information from teachers or employers may to show work limitations due to disability

Jobs & Family Services **MEDICAID**



Medicaid for Individuals with Disabilities

- **Medicaid for the Aged, Blind & People with Disabilities (ABD)**
 - must be age 65 or older, or
 - considered legally blind, or
 - an individual with a disability (as classified by SSA), and
 - must meet basic requirements
 - *What are those requirements?*

Medicaid Basic Requirements

- To qualify for Medicaid, a person must meet basic requirements:
 - be a U.S. citizen or meet Medicaid citizenship requirements
 - be an Ohio resident
 - have or get a social security number
 - And meet certain financial requirements



The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.

Medicaid Buy-In Fact Sheet

[www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/
consumer.stm](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumer.stm)

Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)

Who is covered?	Income Eligibility Guidelines	Gross Monthly Income Family Size
Disabled individuals (age 18-64) who are able to work	250% FPL*	1 \$2,257

The resource limit is \$10,550. (This limit is adjusted annually.)

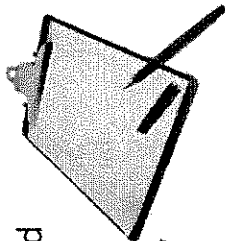
Individuals with higher income are encouraged to apply, because certain deductions are given. MBIWD enrollees with income greater than 150% FPL are required to pay a premium.



Medicaid ABD Coverage

- Primary and acute care. Long-term care (if a person has required level of care need)
- Covered services include:
 - prescription drugs, home care, doctor visits, hospital care, laboratory and x-rays, medical equipment and supplies, dental care, transportation, mental health, vision services, long-term care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation and other services.

Apply for Medicaid



- Information on Medicaid for Individuals with Disabilities
 - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/abd.stm>
- Applications
 - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/Application.stm>

Medicaid Waivers

- Some Medicaid Waivers are administered through ODDD
 - Individual Options Waiver
 - Level One Waiver
- These funding streams can be very important for individuals with disabilities to meet future life goals
- Apply through the local County Board of DD

Other Agencies to Assist

- Many other agencies can assist youth with disabilities as they transition to their adult lives. However the agencies highlighted in these slides are primary in securing the financial or service support that may be necessary to access the services of many other agencies.