

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities

POLICY

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Person Responsible: Director of Health Supports and Provider Relations

Approvals/Date: Brent Bauer 8/19/24 Date Martha Waelke 8/19/24 Date
Superintendent, WCBDD Board President, WCBDD

The Board has endeavored to plan and prioritize its services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Limited services will be funded by the Board and provided by qualified staff to children between 0 and 3 years old on a year-round basis. Services will be provided to eligible infants and toddlers and their families as part of a comprehensive, coordinated, trans-disciplinary, inter-agency early intervention system. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to take steps necessary and appropriate to provide the following services to children from 0 to 3 who are eligible for services from the Board and which conform to applicable Ohio and Federal requirements:

- Developmentally appropriate evidence-based practices for service delivery to children who are determined eligible by applicable Ohio and Federal requirements. Specifically, the Primary Service Provider (PSP) approach is utilized offering services in everyday routines, activities and places.
- Access to a team of professionals for consultation regarding child development, including Developmental Specialists, Speech Language Pathologist, Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist.
- Eligibility evaluations and ongoing assessment regarding both child and family needs and priorities.
- Diagnostic assessments, including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) for children eligible with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) under the Autism Diagnostic Education Project (ADEP) to facilitate early diagnosis of ASD.
- Early Intervention Service Coordination includes service coordination, screenings, assessments, transition support and IFSP Development. The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities shall ensure that a DODD credentialed Service Coordinator is available for each of the children/families enrolled in Early Intervention. The Wood County Board of DD will ensure that families for Early Intervention will be assigned one Service Coordinator per family at any given time.

The Board has agreed to partner in the local "Help Me Grow" network to provide public awareness, child find, evaluation and assessment, service coordination and assurances for procedural safeguards. Services are provided by local (Board), State and Federal funds.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to designate staff to develop and/or attend meetings to develop Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP's) in accordance with applicable Federal and Ohio requirements. This authorization for participation in the development of the IFSP's shall not be construed as authorizing the Board's staff to provide, or to agree to provide, any service other than those services identified above.