

# CHILDREN'S CHOICE WAIVER (CC)

## Fact Sheet

### What is the Children's Choice Waiver?

The Children's Choice Waiver (CC) provides services in the home and in the community to individuals birth through 20 years of age who currently live at home with their families or who will leave an institution to return home. This waiver provides an individualized support package with a maximum cost of \$20,650 per year, and is designed for maximum flexibility.

Youth who reach the age of 18 and want to work may choose to transition to a Supports Waiver as long as they remain eligible for waiver services.

Youth who continue in the CC Waiver beyond age 18 will age out of CC Waiver when they reach their 21st birthday. They will transition to the most appropriate waiver that meets their needs as long as they remain eligible for waiver services.

This program is not intended to provide 24 hours a day support

**\*Youth age 0 to 3 individuals must meet the My Place eligibility requirements.**

**\*Youth age 3 to 20 individuals must have an Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Statement of Approval.**

### Who can qualify?

Individuals who:

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
- Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 28:451.2, Paragraph (11)) **AND**
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **AND**
- Meet My Place eligibility if age 0-3 **AND**
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility-Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria **AND** are 0 through 20 years of age

### If I qualify, what services may I receive?

- Support Coordination
- Family Support
- Crisis Support
- Center-Based Respite
- Family Training
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptions
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization and Transition
- Therapy Services
  - Aquatic Therapy
  - Art Therapy
  - Music Therapy
  - Hippo-Therapy/Therapeutic Horseback Riding
  - Sensory Integration
- Financial Management Services for Self-Direction

**\*Individuals who receive the CC Waiver may also receive Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Personal Care Services (EPSDT-PCS).**

## **How can I request an OCDD waiver?**

Individuals who have a need for services should contact their local governing entity (LGE) to go through the eligibility determination process. Once a person is eligible for OCDD services, they may ask to be placed on the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry (RFSR).

OCDD provides home and community-based waiver opportunities based on the individual's prioritized need for support, which is identified in their RFSR Screening for Urgency of Need. Individuals with the emergent and urgent need for support will have priority.

For more information on this process, please contact your LGE.

## **Additional resources for the CC Waiver:**

Children's Choice Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/218>

OCDD Resources Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/resources-3>

LGE Map: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/locate-services>

OCDD State Office: 1-866-783-5553 or email at [OCDD-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-hcbs@la.gov)

Individuals who are under 21 may access Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Personal Care Services (EPSDT-PCS): <https://ldh.la.gov/page/epsdt-personal-care-services>

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Services: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/permanent-supportive-housing-psh>

My Place Louisiana: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/ocdd-my-place-louisiana>

OCDD Employment First Initiative: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/employment-first-initiative>