Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver program is one of four home and community based New Mexico (NM) Medicaid Waivers and is administered by the NM Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD). The DD Waiver helps individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) stay in their communities by providing services that promote independence and achievement of personal goals in a culturally relevant and natural setting.

To qualify for waiver program services, the individual must meet the definition of a developmental disability:

- Have an Intellectual Disability (ID), onset by age 18 OR
- A specific related condition (autism, chromosomal disorder (e.g. Down syndrome), cerebral palsy, inborn errors of metabolism, seizure disorder, syndrome disorders, developmental disorders of the brain) AND
- Have significant limitations in at least 3 areas of major life activity (self-care, receptive & expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic sufficiency) that began prior to the age of 22 AND
- Need a combination of special interdisciplinary services that are lifelong or of extended duration and are individually planned

Individuals must also be financially eligible (up to 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate).

Services available once the individual is allocated consist of: case management, personal care, residential and day habilitation, supported employment, community access, environmental modification, behavior support consultation, non-medical transportation, nutritional counseling, personal plan facilitation, tier III crisis support, goods & services, private duty nursing and dental care and therapies (physical, occupational, speech).

Individuals with DD may apply. Family members, a guardian or an authorized representative may also apply on behalf of an individual with DD. There is a waiting list (~10 years), therefore the individual/others should start the application process as soon as possible. Call the DDSD regional office (listed below) to start the process. A referral from physician is not required.

More info/Fact Sheets available: actnewmexico.org/

Other websites:
http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/developmentally-disabled.aspx
http://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/cpb/ddw/

DDSD Regional Offices Corner:

The DDSD Regional Offices offer a local resource to help find and access the many services and providers available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

Office Locations/Regional Nurses:

- Metro Regional Office (MRO): 5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 1700 ABQ, NM 87108 800-283-5548
- NW Regional Office (NWRO): 2910 E. Highway 66 Gallup NM 87301 866-862-0448 Allison Byrnes, RN 505-326-5784
- NE Regional Office (NERO): 224 Cruz Alta Suite B Taos, NM 87575 866-315-7123 Judith Pierce, RN
- SW Regional Office (SWRO): 1170 N. Solano Dr. Suite G Las Cruces NM 88001-2369 866-742-5226 Randy S. Cahall, RN 505-528-5184 Dora Stewart, RN 505-528-5184
- SE Regional Office (SERO): 726 S. Sunset Suite B Roswell NM 88032 866-895-9138 Maria Sanders, RN 505-624-6100

DDSD Clinical Call: (@ BOW)
July 9th, 2014 @ 9am
August 13th, 2014 @ 9am
September 10th, 2014 @ 9am
Conference Call-in: 1-888-850-4523

Newsletters:

Continuum of Care: 2350 Alamo Ave SE Suite 160 Albuquerque, NM 87106 877-684-5259 http://coc.unm.edu
The Department of Health (DOH) Clinical Service Bureau (CSB) Specialty Seating Clinic was originally located in Los Lunas, New Mexico (NM), but was moved to Albuquerque, NM in 2013. It has over 20 years of experience innovating and fabricating life-enhancing adaptive seating and technology for New Mexicans with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

Individuals with I/DD sometimes have special medical or physical conditions that can present a barrier to mobility when using ordinary seating systems. The customized seating system creates mobility for individuals with unique conditions such as physical deformities, muscle tone problems, motor control or coordination that interferes with their mobility. A team consisting of a physical therapist (Mary Beth Schubauer, PT, MS) and an occupational therapist (Judy Larson OTR/L) evaluate the individual with those special seating needs and based on the evaluation process a customized seating system is built. The evaluation may be for a new wheelchair and seating system or it can also be for modifications to an existing wheelchair. The clinic staff can also troubleshoot problems and repair existing wheelchairs and seating systems. The goal is to provide the individual with optimal comfort and safety to optimize their quality of life.

Services offered include:
- Complete Custom Molded Seating Systems
- Custom Backs & Cushions
- Custom-made Reinforced Supports
- Custom-made Seating Covers
- Custom Upholstery
- Padded Belts
- Pressure Mapping
- Truck Supports
- Head Rests
- Foot Boxes
- Lap Tray Adaptations
- Swing Away Lateral Supports
- Contoured Shells
- ABS Inserts
- Bed Rail Pads
- Adaptive/Assistive Technology Referrals
- Guaranteed Wheelchair Repairs & Service

MEDICAL TOPIC EXCERPT:
Excerpt from one of our CoC PowerPoint presentations:

Title: “Medical Futility: Hope & Common Sense”
Presenters: Javier Aceves, MD & Christy Barden, RN

- “Historic efforts to institutionalize futility in society have had HORRIFIC OUTCOMES!”
- “Necessary Considerations:
  - Recognize the person behind the disability
  - Disabilities are not an impediment to the pursuit of happiness and meaningful lives
  - Assume competence
  - Good ethical decisions include the person with DD in the decision process”

“Core Values:
- Do Not Resuscitate orders do not mean discontinuation of care
- When in doubt provide full medical intervention”

Please visit website for complete presentation: coc.unm.edu/training/presentations.html#featured

Please go to our website to read about the broad spectrum of training options given by CoC and to see an extensive list of previous training power point presentations and training videos posted and available for your learning.

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