

A Summary of Service Definitions and Placement Options

IL Department of Human Services (DHS)- This is the branch of State government that manages access to, and provides funding for residential and vocational programs (in home and out of home programs) for individuals that have an intellectual disability.

IL Department of Rehabilitation (DRS)- This is the branch of State government that manages access to funded programs for individuals that have a physical disability, primarily. DRS funds mostly funds vocational programs that offer support in workplace settings regarding the physical disability, but, they also offer a home services program that offers staff assistance in individuals homes. There is some crossover in funding between DRS and DHS in that some of the clinical eligibility can be a cognitive and a physical disability combined, which makes individuals with a cognitive disability also eligible for the vocational assistance with community based jobs as well as the home services program.

Supported Employment Program- Both DRS and DHS offer Supported Employment programs where individuals can seek or have a community based employment situation. DRS and DHS will assist individuals with intellectual disabilities to find community placement, and offer job coach funding/assistance to help the individual learn job tasks and be successful in the position. Typically, all individuals with disabilities have to start with the Dept. of Rehab (DRS) to access this service. If the individual isn't successful in being able to fade those supports, and, they have funding thru Dept. of Human Services, it's possible for DHS to pick up funding for that job search or coach. This program, on the DHS funded side of services, is usually attached to a service provider that also does Developmental Training, and many of the local area developmental training providers in the local area offer this service as well, if the person has funding to access it.

Intellectual Disability: To meet the State of IL's definition of Developmental Disability, an individual must have an IQ below 70 or a documented related condition (Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Brain Injury) with significant deficits in daily living skills.

Daily living skills consist of one's ability to engage in hygiene tasks (dressing, toileting, bathing), ability to direct others and make daily decisions, ability to manage money, ability to manage medication, and ability to engage in a daily routine without assistance (going to work, appointments, activities etc). The developmental delay must have been documented prior to the age of 18 (for intellectual disability) or 22 (for a related condition) via school or medical documentation.

Medicaid: Individuals seeking residential or vocational settings and need assistance from the State of IL to fund those programs have to apply for and have active Medicaid. **Practically all vocational/residential programs are funded thru Medicaid funding.**

SSI/SSDI (Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income)- Individuals seeking developmental disability placements need to apply or already be eligible for SSI or SSDI, if not already receiving payments. The individual's SSI or SSDI, depending on the residential program type, gets applied towards cost of care of the residential program in addition to the established Medicaid funding. The individual, again, depending on the residential program, gets to keep between \$30-\$60 of the SSI/SSDI per month, the rest is directed towards the service provider agency.

Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) for Residential/Vocational Placement: The purpose of PAS is to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws, arrange for and conduct assessments, make necessary determinations regarding eligibility for services, educate individuals and their families regarding services, as well as make referrals and provide linkage to appropriate services. This process is done after selection from the PUNS waitlist for services. Central IL Service Access (CISA) is a contractual agent of the State of IL to act in the role of a PAS screener as well as competing the actual pre-admission screen (PAS) for nine counties, Peoria, McLean, Logan, Tazewell, Woodford, Mason, Menard, Sangamon and Christian. There is an ISC agency that covers every county in the State of IL.

Types of Placement Options for the Developmentally Disabled

Individual or Family In-Home Services:

HBSS (Adult Home Based Support Services) would provide for services in the family home or own apartment. An allotment amount of funding would be provided each month by the state to cover services such as a personal assistant,