



**Dane County  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Adult Community Services**

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**Services for Adults with  
Developmental Disabilities in Dane County**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1. Age 18 or older
2. Resident of Dane County- "physical presence with intent to remain".
3. Documented Developmental Disability(s) which includes:
  - a. Mental Retardation
  - b. Cerebral Palsy
  - c. Epilepsy
  - d. Autism
  - e. Brain Injury
  - f. Prader-Willi Syndrome
  - g. Other neurological condition "closely related to mental retardation or requiring treatment similar to that required for mental retardation".
4. Disability is a "substantial handicap" to the person in his or her daily functioning. This is determined by an assessment of the person's functional abilities.

**REFERRAL PROCESS:**

1. Telephone call to Joe Purcell or Bill Huisheere of the Adult Community Services Division/Developmental Disabilities Intake Unit at (608) 242-6440.
2. Completion of "Request for Services" form. Forward the completed form along with written information documenting the disability to the Developmental Disabilities Intake Unit.

3. Additional information may be requested from the person, his or her family and/or guardian or other service providers.
4. An interview with the person, family or others to clarify written information and answer questions about services.
5. The person and/or the guardian will be notified of the eligibility decision and, if eligible, the person's name will be placed on the appropriate waiting list.
  - ➡ There are lengthy waiting lists for all programs. Unless the person is in a crisis/emergency situation or has been court-ordered to receive services, there may be a lengthy wait for services.

#### SERVICES INCLUDE:

1. Residential:
  - a. Supported living – in one's own apartment or home, with live-in, live-near or come-in support.
  - b. Adult Family Homes.
  - c. Supportive Home Care – attendant/chore services for people with physical disabilities who are able to direct their own cares.
2. Vocational/Day:
  - a. Supported employment.
  - b. Sheltered workshop.
  - c. Day services.
3. County Case Management/ Support Broker:  
Planning and coordination of services; management of special funding sources.

#### OTHER SERVICES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVING SITUATION:

1. Respite Care – provides a break for caregivers who care for an adult with disabilities living in their home.
2. Independent Living Skills Training – in-home or community-based occupational therapy.
3. SSI-E – A state-funded supplement to the Federal SSI benefits for adults with exceptional needs, which is used to purchase additional services.