

**Empowering children  
and adults with  
developmental  
disabilities**

**to live rewarding lives**

**and reach their  
potential.**



**Board of Developmental  
Disabilities Services**

# Getting Started: Services by Age

To qualify for services from MCBDDS, individuals must reside in Montgomery County and meet specific qualifications for eligibility. Documentation supporting diagnoses may also be required.

## **Birth to 2: Early Intervention Services**

MCBDDS offers Early Intervention Services to eligible children to help them reach developmental milestones. Children may be eligible for services if they have been diagnosed with a delay in one of five developmental domains: gross motor, fine motor, communication, self-help or social/emotional. To learn more about services available, eligibility and what to expect, please call **937-258-1446**.

## **Ages 3 to 5: Community Resource Linkage and Service Coordination**

Children who are eligible for specialized preschool services may also be eligible for service coordination from MCBDDS, and can access its Family Support Services program, which offers supports such as adaptive equipment and respite care. To determine eligibility, please call **937-258-1446**.

## **Children ages 6 to 15, and Adults 16 and Up: Services, Planning and Coordination**

Children and adults may be eligible for services if they exhibit substantial functional limitations in at least three areas of life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction and capacity for independent living. Adults may also qualify if they exhibit limitations in economic self-sufficiency. Eligibility is determined through standardized assessments. To determine eligibility, please call **937-457-2888**.

# Connecting people to critical services

The **Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services** (MCBDDS) is the local government agency that coordinates services and funding for eligible children and adults who are residents of Montgomery County and have a diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability.

Our agency **connects people to critical services** in the community, and **coordinates those services**, which include, but are not limited to:

- Case Management (also known as Service and Support Administration)
- Transportation Services
- Adult Day Services
- Employment Support Services
- Safety and Protection Services to address abuse and neglect

We also **offer a variety of direct services** to individuals with developmental disabilities that are locally funded through the Montgomery County Human Services Levy. These services are provided through referral, and include:

- Early Intervention
- Mental Health services tailored to needs of people with developmental disabilities
- Behavior Support
- Recreation and Respite
- Residential placement
- Family Support Services, which includes adaptive equipment, respite care and camp
- Crisis intervention



## Helping children with developmental disabilities reach their potential

MCBDDS offers Early Intervention Services to eligible children from birth to age 2 to help them **reach developmental milestones**. Children are referred to MCBDDS through a service coordinator from the Montgomery County Help Me Grow Brighter Futures program.

MCBDDS works with the families of children to develop a plan that will help their child reach developmental milestones. Services may include:

- Special Instruction
- Speech Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

# Helping adults with developmental disabilities reach their goals and contribute to the community

Our mission is to **empower people** with developmental disabilities **to live productive and rewarding lives aligned with their goals and choices.**

**With adults**, this includes helping them:

- Identify their goals and dreams
- Develop a plan to reach their goals and dreams
- Connect with community resources and critical services
- Contribute to the community by finding ways to volunteer their talents
- Develop employment skills
- Navigate the employment process
- Advocate for themselves and others



# What are developmental disabilities?

**Developmental disabilities** are conditions that emerge during a person's developmental period (which, as defined by Ohio law, occurs between birth and age 22) that may impact day-to-day functioning. Such disabilities usually last throughout a person's lifetime. Mental health diagnoses, in and of themselves, are not considered a qualifying disability.

**Developmental disabilities occur among all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups**, and most are caused by a complex mix of factors, which may include genetics, parental health and behaviors, complications during birth, infections a mother may have during pregnancy or her child may have early in life, and exposure of a mother or child to high levels of environmental toxins. Some developmental disabilities, such as fetal alcohol syndrome, are preventable. But the causes of many developmental disabilities remain unknown.



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