Child Development Service Overview

Child development services promote partnerships with local, early intervention services, pre-school, and other providers. Together they serve children and their families by encouraging developmental growth in natural environments. The services emphasize early interventions that meet the needs of a specific child. Services may include therapy, education, counseling and training; and are provided from birth until age three when children become eligible through public schools.

Eligibility Requirements

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) clients:

Be two years old or younger and have evidence of a developmental delay of at least 1.5 standard deviations or 25% or more of the chronological age in one area.

This must be measured by developmental assessment tools, and administered by qualified professionals.

Stakeholders

- Individuals and their families
- Counties
- Qualified service providers
- Advocacy organizations
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
- School districts
- Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Quality Assurance Oversight

External
- DCYF
- Washington State Auditor’s Office

Internal
- DDA monitoring and evaluation process of counties and client service
- County monitoring of subcontracted providers and client service

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The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) supports child development services through contractual partnerships with 22 of Washington’s 39 counties. Counties collaborate with multiple local agencies to provide services to approximately 15,000 children a year.