



# Civil Transitions Program


A court may order a competency evaluation for a person whose competency to stand trial is in question. If the competency evaluation includes the opinion that the person is not competent because of an intellectual or developmental disability, DSHS Behavioral Health and Habilitation Administration will refer the person to DSHS Home and Community Living Administration. All civil transition referrals to Developmental Disabilities Community Services are from BHHA only.

People referred to DDCS who have not previously been determined eligible for DDCS services will be offered the opportunity to apply for DDCS eligibility through the established intake and eligibility process.

## To be DDCS eligible, a person must:

 Be a Washington state resident.

 Have evidence of a qualifying developmental disability that was present before age 18.

 Have evidence of substantial limitations.

Learn more at [WAC 388-823-0015](tel:388-823-0015)

1. If the referred person is ordered by the court for restoration, either in inpatient treatment or outpatient treatment, they are eligible only to apply for eligibility pending the outcome of the restoration process.
2. If, at the end of the restoration, the person is found competent for trial, the referral will be closed. Civil transitions services are only available to someone deemed not competent and not likely restorable. An application for an eligibility determination that has been submitted will continue to be processed. If found eligible for DDCS, the person may request services that they qualify for.
3. If the court does not order restoration, or determines restoration was not successful, the person is eligible to access conditional DDCS services for up to six months. All people meeting these criteria and choosing conditional services **MUST** complete an application for DDCS intake and eligibility.

## These conditional services may include offering the following services:

- Temporary wraparound housing services.
- Community First Choice services if the referred person is assessed to need these supports.
- Some people who apply for intake and eligibility may be determined not DDCS eligible according to WAC 388-823-0015. If this happens, the person may continue to access conditional services for up to six months. We will provide information about resources and non-DDCS services they may qualify for.
- Someone who already has DDCS eligibility and is referred by BHHA to the DDCS Civil Transitions Program will have access to traditional services they qualify for. This includes CFC and residential service options. Supports offered as part of the DDCS Community Protection Program need extra review and must meet eligibility for that program according to DDCS policy 15.01, Community Protection Program Identification and Eligibility.

**DDCS services, including specialized services through the Civil Transitions Program, are voluntary.** The referred person must agree that they want DDCS enrollment and accept services offered. They may decline to accept DDCS services at any time.

## Who can you contact for more information from DDCS?

*Please reach out to DDCS with any questions about the Civil Transitions Program:*

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