Developmental Disabilities Administration

Community Inclusion

Overview

The Community Inclusion program allows clients to thrive in their home communities through contributions and relationships with others who are not paid to be with the person. The ideal outcome is expanding natural relationships with other community members so paid supports are no longer needed while the person’s circle of support grows.

Community Inclusion services are individualized services provided in typical integrated community settings. Paid supports provide opportunities to learn, practice and apply skills that promote greater independence through relationships and participation in an inclusive community. These supports can be complemented with community information and education.

DDA supports Community Inclusion through contractual partnerships with Washington State’s 39 counties. Counties collaborate with multiple local agencies to provide Community Inclusion services to approximately 1,600 individuals statewide.

Eligibility Requirements

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) clients:

- Age 62 and older;
- Have participated in a DDA employment program for nine consecutive months; or
- Have a DDA approved exception to the nine-month rule.

Authority

- Chapter 388-823 WAC, DDA Intake and Determination of Developmental Disabilities
- Chapter 388-825 WAC, DDA Services Rules
- Chapter 388-828 WAC, DDA Assessment
- Chapter 388-845 WAC, Home and Community Based Services Waivers
- Chapter 388-850 WAC, County Plan for Developmental Disabilities
**Budget**
Not applicable.

**Rates**
Hourly fee for service.

**Partners**
- Individuals and their families
- Counties
- Qualified service providers
- Advocacy organizations
- Volunteer/nonprofit organizations

**Quality Assurance Oversight**

**External**
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- Rehabilitation Services Accreditation System
- Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators
- 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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