

## Out-of-Home Services

### Overview

Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disabilities Administration Out-of-Home Services provide residential habilitation services for children outside of a child's family home. The service is voluntary and agreed to by the child's parent/ legal guardian and service provider. Services are provided in licensed or certified community-based settings. Parents retain custody, and work in partnership with the provider through a child and family engagement plan that supports the child and their individual support needs. OHS engage local communities, licensed providers, schools, the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and other stakeholders to coordinate services that wrap around the individual.

### Budget

Approximately 100 children and youth were receiving residential habilitation services under the DDA's Home and Community Based Services Core waiver in 2020. These expenses cross multiple budget units and are not currently tracked at this level.



### Eligibility Requirements

Individuals who:

- Are eligible for DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration services.
- Will receive residential habilitation services before the age of 18.
- Are eligible for the Home and Community Based Services Core waiver or Roads to Community Living.

The child's parent or legal guardian:

- Has accessed available services through private insurance, Medicare, the Medicaid state plan.

DDA must:

- Request residential habilitation services that are based solely on the child's developmental disability. Have available funding.
- Determine that available and appropriate in-home supports do not meet the child's needs.
- Determine that residential habilitation services are in the child's best interest.

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## Partners

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Advocacy organizations
- Children's residential service providers
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families
- DSHS Behavioral Health Administration
- Washington State Health Care Authority
- Pediatric hospitals

## Oversight

- Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families - Licensing Division
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring, and Training
- DDA Office of Quality Assurance and Communications

## Authority

[Chapter 388-823 WAC](#), DDA intake and eligibility determination

[Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers

[WAC 182-513-1235](#), Roads to Community Living