

# TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 1.1

## DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- A. "Adult services" means a range of habilitation services designed to meet the individual needs of persons who are eighteen years of age or over and are not enrolled in a program or service under Chapter 3323 of the Revised Code, and of persons sixteen and seventeen years of age who are eligible under rules adopted by the Director of Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Such services may include habilitation programs and services, sheltered employment providing a structured work environment, job training, job placement, supported employment, competitive employment, and planned therapeutic and work activities providing meaningful tasks designed to improve the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of the individual's age and cultural group.
- B. As used in this division, "substantial functional limitation," "developmental delay," and "established risk" have the meanings established pursuant to section 5123.011 of the Revised Code. "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:
  1. It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness as defined in division (A) of section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;
  2. It is manifested before age twenty-two;
  3. It is likely to continue indefinitely;
  4. It results in one of the following:
    - a. In the case of a person under age three, at least one developmental delay or an established risk;
    - b. In the case of a person at least age three but under age six, at least two developmental delays or an established risk;
    - c. In the case of a person age six or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is at least age sixteen, capacity for economic self-sufficiency.
  5. It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.

- C. "Early childhood services" means a planned program of habilitation designed to meet the needs of individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities who have not attained compulsory school age.
- D. "Habilitation" means the process by which the staff of the facility or agency assists an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability in acquiring and maintaining those life skills that enable the individual to cope more effectively with the demands of the individual's own person and environment, and in raising the level of the individual's personal, physical, mental, social, and vocational efficiency. Habilitation includes, but is not limited to, programs of formal, structured education and training.
- E. "Mental retardation" means mental impairment manifested during the developmental period characterized by significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficiencies in the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of the individual's age and cultural group.
- F. "Residential services" means services to individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to provide housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, and related support services necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals and the advancement of their quality of life.
- G. "Resources" means available capital and other assets, including moneys received from the federal, state, and local governments, private grants, and donations; appropriately qualified personnel; and appropriate capital facilities and equipment.
- H. "Supportive home services" means a range of services to families of individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to develop and maintain increased acceptance and understanding of such persons, increased ability of family members to teach the person, better coordination between school and home, skills in performing specific therapeutic and management techniques, and ability to cope with specific situations.
- I. "Family of an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability" means the individual's parents, exclusive of a parent whose parental rights, duties, and obligations have been limited or removed by order of the court; guardian; custodian; foster parents; or the operator of the residential facility where he resides. Family also includes the other children or foster children of those parents or foster parents and other persons residing in the facility.
- J. "Supported living" means services provided to an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability through any public or private resources, including moneys from the individual, that enhance the individual's reputation in community life and advance the individual's quality of life by doing the following:

1. Providing the support necessary to enable an individual to live in a residence of the individual's choice and to choose to live alone, with any number of individuals who are not disabled, or with not more than three individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities unless the individuals are related by blood or marriage;
2. Encouraging the individual's participation in the community;
3. Promoting the individual's rights and autonomy;
4. Encouraging the increase of the individual's skills and competence.

"Supported living" includes the provision of housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, professional services, and any related support services necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the individual receiving the services.

- K. Trumbull County Board of DD, Fairhaven, The Fairhaven Program, and TCBDD are synonymous.

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