



**IMPORTANT: NEW WAIVER WAITING LIST RULE AND PROCESS
COMING SOON**

Dear Individual, Parent, Guardian

If you are currently on a waiting list for a Home and Community Based Waiver (Level 1 Waiver, I/O Waiver, or Self Waiver), then you know the waiting list process can be confusing, misleading and at times make it difficult to get the resources an individual with developmental disabilities needs most. This is why people with developmental disabilities, families, guardians, county boards of DD, providers and the State of Ohio formed a group to "Fix the List". (For more information about this group and its mission, visit www.FixTheList.info.) Using everyone's feedback, the group recommended changes to the waiver waiting list process to make it:

FAIR for everyone

EASY to understand

CONSISTENT across the state

PLACE PEOPLE'S IMMEDIATE AND CURRENT SERVICE NEEDS AS THE FIRST PRIORITY

The goal was to make waiver waiting lists more focused on current and immediate needs of people and not on unknown future needs or planning.

What does this mean?

Everyone currently on a waiver waiting list will need to go through an assessment to identify their current level of need. The assessment will be done using an objective statewide tool and process. Anyone already on a waiver waiting list will remain on that list until they are assessed.

Based on the results of the assessment, one of the following will be determined for each person:

1. There is an Immediate Need

This means that there is a risk of substantial harm if action is not taken within thirty calendar days.

In this case, receiving immediate services is more important than the funding sources we use for those services.

Remember, a waiver is just one source from many options that may be used to fund your services; there are other resources we are able to use.

2. There is a Current Need

There is a risk of substantial harm if need goes unmet and action is not taken within 12 months. Individuals with a current need will remain on the waiver waiting list and finding timely resources will be a priority. There will only be one waiver waiting list for individuals who are found to have a current need.

3. There is Not an Immediate/Current Need and Removal from the Waiver Waiting List Will Occur

This will happen if:

- An individual does not have an immediate or current need based on the assessment.
- An individual is not a resident of Medina County. If you do not live in Medina County but you are receiving this letter, you will need to contact your local county board of DD to request an assessment.
- An individual's needs are met through offered alternative services. As a result of the waiting list assessment, you may be offered alternative services through other community, government funded resources (i.e. school district, Medicaid, Children with Medical Handicaps, etc.), or locally funded services through the county board of DD. If an individual declines alternative services they will be removed from the waiver waiting list.
- An individual is already enrolled on another waiver that meets their assessed need.
- An individual declines enrollment on a Home and Community Based Services waiver.
- An individual does not respond to attempts to contact.
- An individual does not meet criteria for a developmental disability.

What if needs change in the future?

We know that a person's needs may change. That is why a new assessment can be done at any time and a person can be placed back on the waiver waiting list if/when a need arises.

What to learn more?

If you would like more information or have questions, please join us on **Monday, August 13 at 6:00 pm at the Medina County Achievement Center (4691 Windfall Road, Medina)** to learn more and ask questions about the waiting list rule change and how it may affect you.

We want to assure you that we are here to help and will continue our mission to connect people with disabilities to the services that empower them to contribute to their own success and to that of their community. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Kate Green, MCBDD Service and Support Administrator, at 234-802-0129 or email kgreen@mcbdd.org.

Sincerely,
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Community Achievement.