

Getting Ready to Apply for Developmental Disability Eligibility for a Child up to Age 18

This document is a guide that will assist you to get ready to start the Developmental Disability Eligibility application process. Our goal is to help save you time and promote a faster application review. Below are examples of necessary supporting documents.

When you have the documents to support the following statements, you are ready to start the application.

Do you have documentation to confirm the following?

1. The child is under the age of 18.

Documents

Copy of birth certificate or passport.

2. The child's parent or legal guardian is a resident of New Jersey.

Documents

Copy of house deed or lease, current rental receipt, recent mortgage statement, recent tax bill, recent utility bill, or recent W2 wage earning statement.

3. The child or the child's parent or legal guardian, is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (such as a Green Card holder).

Documents

US Birth Certificate, US Passport, Certificate of Naturalization, or Certificate of Citizenship or Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

In the event that the child has a legal guardian other than the parent, a copy of the court order of legal guardianship is needed.

4. The child has been diagnosed with a developmental disability which is **not** due only to a mental illness, although the child may also have a mental illness. The developmental disability might consist of an intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spina bifida, and other neurological impairments.

Documents

Medical reports from health care providers such as a developmental pediatrician, neurologist, psychiatrist, psychologist, and/or other licensed practitioners which indicate the child's medical diagnosis, developmental disability and treatment recommendations.

5. The child has substantial functional limitation in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

A. Self-care

B. Receptive and expressive language

C. Learning

D. Mobility

E. Self-direction

F. Capacity for independent living

G. Economic self-sufficiency

Documents

Evaluations and test reports. Evaluations may be conducted through Early Intervention Services, Child-Study Teams, and/ or children's hospitals. Tests may be performed by psychologists, speech therapists, occupational and physical therapists and other health care providers. Please submit the most recent test reports. Older tests may also be submitted.

Note: An Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is an educational service plan and is not an example of an evaluation or test report.

Examples of Evaluations and Tests

Cognitive and General Aptitude Tests:

- Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales,
- Wechsler Preschool Primary Scale of Intelligence-Revised,
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-IV,
- Comprehensive Test of Nonverbal Intelligence,
- and others.

Adaptive Behavior Tests:

- Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales- II,
- Scales of Independent Behavior – Revised,
- Adaptive Behavior Assessment System –II,
- and others.

Speech and Language Tests:

- Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals -4th Edition,
- Test of Language Development – 4th Edition,
- Preschool Language Scales -5th Edition,
- and others.

Developmental and Motor Assessments:

- Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development-3rd Edition,
- Battelle Developmental Inventory-2nd Edition,
- Peabody Developmental Motor Scales, 2nd Edition,
- and others.

Academic Tests:

- Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (for Children)
- Wide Range Achievement Test – 4th Edition
- Woodcock-Johnson Psychoeducational Battery
- and others.

6. The child has a need for specialized or supportive care, treatment or other services which are anticipated to be for an extended duration .

Documents

Evaluations from healthcare professionals which describe the nature and duration of the recommended care, treatment and services.