

NJ WORKABILITY

This program allows employed individuals with permanent disabilities whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible, to qualify for full New Jersey Medicaid benefits. Eligible individuals must: be between the ages of 18 - 64, have a permanent disability, have proof of employment, and meet income and resource standards for the program.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

DISABILITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS (DH&W)

The grant-funded DH&W program works to collaborate with policy makers, health educators, public and private agencies, and experts in the field of health and wellness on projects that promote healthy living and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities.

Recent project topics have included the following: *Addressing Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, *Emergency Food Provider Accessibility Project*, *Emergency Planning and Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities*, and a *Health & Wellness Guide*.

NJ RESOURCES

DDS publishes several guides/informational brochures which are available free of charge, including New Jersey Resources and the New Jersey Guide to Accessible Parking. Most publications are available in English and Spanish. Please contact us at 1-888-285-3036 to request a guide by mail or visit our website at:

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DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES (DDS)

“The first place to call for disability-related information.”

The Division of Disability Services (DDS) provides a single point-of-entry for people seeking disability-related information in New Jersey. The DDS works to streamline access to services and information that promote and enhance independent living for individuals with disabilities by facilitating coordination and cooperation among local, county and state government agencies. Through the administration of programs like the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund and the Personal Assistance Services Program, the DDS promotes maximum independence and the full participation of people with disabilities within all aspects of community life. DDS serves individuals with all disabilities, statewide.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

Nationally Certified Information and Referral Specialists (I & R Specialists) are available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, to provide information and to assist with navigating State and County Services available to individuals with disabilities. In addition to providing live assistance over the phone, I & R specialists attend public events throughout the State to disseminate information and answer questions.

MANAGED LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (MLTSS) ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

MLTSS is a Medicaid waiver program that creates access to private duty nursing in the community for children who are not otherwise eligible for NJ FamilyCare due to income. It also provides comprehensive support services, including private duty nursing, to adults with disabilities who meet clinical level of care and financial eligibility requirements. Administered through a NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organization (MCO), MLTSS is designed to coordinate individually based support services to allow individuals to remain living in the community. DDS I & R Specialists initiate the MLTSS referral process for children, 20 years old and younger, who are not otherwise eligible for NJ FamilyCare.

NJ ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (NJ ABLE)

With NJ ABLE, qualified individuals with disabilities can save for disability-related expenses in tax advantaged savings accounts without losing eligibility for certain assistance programs like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Allowable expenses are not limited to medical necessity and can include: education, housing, transportation, personal support services, and more. DDS is available to host NJ ABLE presentations and provide brochures about the program upon request.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND (TBI)

The TBI Fund provides New Jersey residents of any age, who have survived a Traumatic Brain Injury, the opportunity to access the brain injury-related services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund subsidizes supports and services to foster independence and maximize quality of life when insurance, personal resources, and/or public programs are unavailable to meet those needs.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)

The PASP is a self-directed program that provides routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults with permanent disabilities, ages 18-70, who are employed, preparing for employment, involved in community volunteer work or attending school. The goal of the PASP is to support individuals with physical disabilities so that they may remain active participants in their community. Participants may receive up to a maximum of 40 hours per week. Participants receive a monthly budget to purchase their personal care assistance services, create an individualized plan to direct their care, choose who will provide the services, and tailor the services to meet their schedule and needs. Eligibility is not income-based, but there is a cost share based on income. The PASP is administered through County offices with oversight and funding provided by the Division of Disability Services.