

LIFESPAN

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Lifespan Mission:

To facilitate access for individuals and their families with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Van Buren County to the information and opportunities they desire to participate in and benefit from within the community, with help from their chosen supports, family, and friends.

Vision Statement:

To empower and support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work, participate, and benefit from their community resources in accordance with their preferences, choices, and abilities.

Person Centered Planning:

A process for planning and supporting the individual receiving services which builds upon the individual's capacity to engage in activities that promote community life and honors the individual's preferences, choices, and abilities. Developing personal support networks and facilitating collaboration among community resources is emphasized.

Eligibility For Lifespan Services:

Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Autism

- Be a resident of Van Buren County
- Demonstrate a need for case management and/or other clinical services and meets federal definition for person(s) with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Service age range
 - 5 years and older for Lifespan Services
 - In extenuating circumstances younger would be accepted please consult the Lifespan Program Manager
 - Example- twins born severely multiply impaired and referred to us for the Children's Waiver (access to Medicaid services for non-Medicaid eligible individuals)
 - 18 months to 21 years for Autism Benefit

- Definitions:
 - Intellectual Disability
 - A condition manifesting before the age of 18 that is characterized by significantly subaverage intellectual functioning and related limitations in 2 or more adaptive skills and that is diagnosed based on the following assumptions:
 - Valid assessment considers cultural and linguistic diversity, as well as differences in communication and behavioral factors.
 - The existence of limitation in adaptive skills occurs within the context of community environments typical of the individual's age peers and is indexed to the individual's needs for support.
 - Specific adaptive skill limitations often coexist with strengths in other adaptive skills or other personal capabilities.
 - With appropriate supports over a sustained period, the life functioning of the individual with an intellectual disability will generally improve.
 - Developmental Disability
 - If applied to an individual older than 5 years of age, a severe, chronic condition that meets all the following requirements:
 - Is manifested before the age of 22.
 - Is likely to continue indefinitely.
 - Results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living
 - Economic self sufficiency
 - Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.
 - If applied to a minor from birth to 5 years of age, a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental disability as defined above if services are not provided.
 - Learning Disability does not qualify a consumer for Lifespan services.

A person will not be discriminated against based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, sexual preference, or ability to pay.

Equal access to services will be made available to all persons as eligible.

Clinical Services Offered or Coordination Assistance:

- Targeted Case Management
- Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech/Language Therapy (assist with coordination for services)
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Psychiatric
- Psychotropic Medication Monitoring
- Behavioral Support Services
- Family Support Subsidy
- Habilitation Supports Waiver
- Medicaid-Michigan Autism Benefit
- Michigan Children's Waiver
- MI Choice Waiver (assist with coordination for services)
- Parent Support Partners
- Peer Mentor (Adults)
- Trauma-Informed Parent Training

Referral Process – Families or persons wanting services are open through our single-entry access unit at our main office in Paw Paw:

801 Hazen Street, Suite C

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(269) 657-5574 or

1-800-922-1418