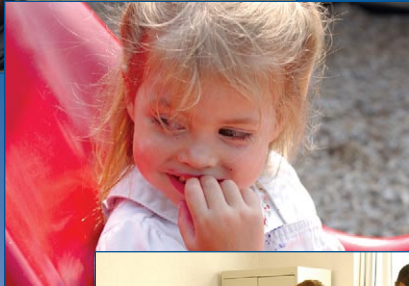
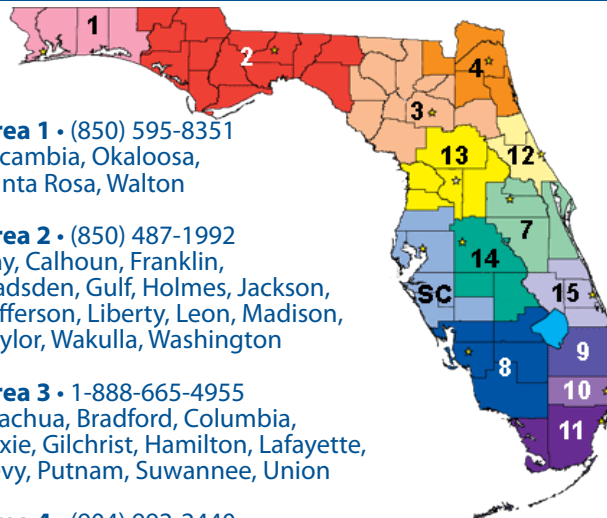


Applying for Services

An individual who has or might have a developmental disability or their authorized representative may apply for services at any time by contacting the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in their area. The supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities are provided through APD's 14 area offices around the state.



APD Area Offices and Centers



Area 1 • (850) 595-8351
Escambia, Okaloosa,
Santa Rosa, Walton

Area 2 • (850) 487-1992
Bay, Calhoun, Franklin,
Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson,
Jefferson, Liberty, Leon, Madison,
Taylor, Wakulla, Washington

Area 3 • 1-888-665-4955
Alachua, Bradford, Columbia,
Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette,
Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, Union

Area 4 • (904) 992-2440
Baker, Clay, Duval, St. Johns, Nassau

Area 7 • (407) 245-0440
Brevard, Orange, Osceola,
Seminole

Area 9 • (561) 837-5564
Palm Beach

Area 11 • (305) 349-1478
Dade, Monroe

Area 13 • (352) 330-2749
Citrus, Hernando, Lake,
Marion, Sumter

Area 15 • (772) 468-4080
Indian River, Martin,
Okeechobee, St. Lucie

Tacachale Center
(352) 955-5000
Gainesville

Gulf Coast Center
(239) 690-3600
Fort Myers

Area 8 • (239) 338-1370
Charlotte, Collier, Glades,
Hendry, Lee

Area 10 • (954) 467-4218
Broward

Area 12 • (386) 947-4026
Flagler, Volusia

Area 14 • (863) 413-3360
Hardee, Highlands, Polk

Suncoast • (813) 233-4300
De Soto, Hillsborough,
Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas,
Sarasota

Sunland Center
(850) 482-9210
Marianna

**Mentally Retarded
Defendant Program**
(850) 663-7567
Chattahoochee

APD Central Office

Agency for Persons with Disabilities
4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950
1-866-APD-CARES (1-866-273-2273)
(850) 488-4257
www.apdcares.org



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Serving Floridians with
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The Agency



The Agency for Persons with Disabilities works in partnership with local communities to support people with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in their communities.

APD provides critical services and supports for customers with developmental disabilities to reach their full potential. The agency serves people with spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, and mental retardation. There is no charge or co-payment for services provided through the agency.

Eligibility



A person must live in Florida, be at least three years old, and have a developmental disability that occurred before the age of 18. Children ages three to five who are at risk of being diagnosed with

a developmental disability may also be served by APD. APD may provide a free assessment to determine if someone is eligible for services.

Programs



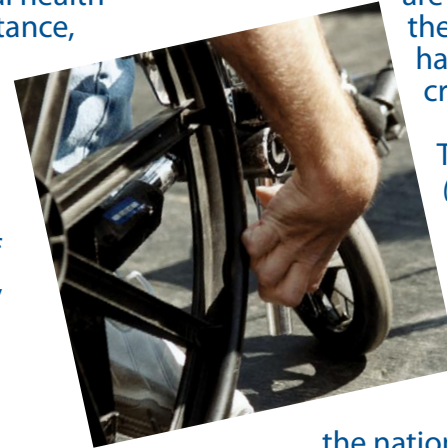
APD customers may be served in their community by funding provided through several waiver programs. Other customers are provided assistance without being enrolled in a waiver

program. Some APD customers are served at three Developmental Disability Centers. The agency helps more than 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities each year.

Medicaid Waiver Tiers

APD provides a variety of medically necessary services to more than 31,000 customers who are currently enrolled in Florida's four Medicaid waivers—called *waiver tiers*. Those services may include occupational and physical therapy, private nursing, mental health counseling, personal care assistance, transportation, companion, behavior therapy, in-home support, adult dental services, and respite care. Three of the waivers have financial caps. An individual's tier assignment is based on the needed level of service, current living situation, and other factors.

- Tier 1 No cap
- Tier 2 Cap of \$55,000 a year
- Tier 3 Cap of \$35,000 a year
- Tier 4 Cap of \$14,792 a year



The waiver tiers support individuals who live in their homes or in the community. Enrollment into any of these waivers is limited and subject to available funding. People in crisis receive priority for enrollment. Those who are homeless, pose a danger to themselves or others, or no longer have a caregiver may qualify for a crisis designation.

The *Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)* program allows customers in these waivers to direct their own care and develop a purchasing plan to manage their allocated monthly budgets in order to meet their long-term care. Florida has the largest and most comprehensive CDC+ project in the nation, with about 1,000 persons with developmental disabilities currently enrolled.

Developmental Disability Centers

Some people with developmental disabilities prefer to receive services and supports living in a home with other people with similar disabilities. The state of Florida has three centers: Sunland Center in Marianna, Tacachale Center in Gainesville, and Gulf Coast Center in Fort Myers. About 800 people currently live in these facilities.

In addition, the agency serves people found incompetent to go to trial due to their developmental disabilities. These individuals are served at APD centers and at a facility located in Chattahoochee. About 200 people live in these locations.

