

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTERS

Some people with developmental disabilities receive services and supports while living at a center with others who have similar disabilities. The state of Florida has two centers: Sunland Center in Marianna and Tacachale Center in Gainesville. About 600 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 the APD centers and at a facility located in Chattahoochee. About 150 people live in these locations.

APPLYING FOR SERVICES

An individual who has or might have a developmental disability or their authorized representative may apply for services by contacting the Agency for Persons with Disabilities office in their region. Please be aware that APD has a long waiting list for people to receive services through the iBudget Florida Medicaid waiver. The supports and services for Floridians with developmental disabilities are paid for with tax dollars and are administered through APD's six regional offices around the state.

APD REGIONAL OFFICES



Serving Floridians

WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



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THE AGENCY

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) works in partnership with local organizations 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 so they can reach their full potential.



iBUDGET FLORIDA

APD provides a variety of services to more than 33,000 customers who are currently enrolled in the iBudget Florida waiver. iBudget Florida is how APD manages the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid waiver. Customers get

to choose, with the assistance of their waiver support coordinator, how they want to spend their yearly budget, as long as their health and safety needs are covered. It is an equitable, self-directed, and sustainable system that gives customers wider choices, greater flexibility, and more control over their services.

THE AGENCY SERVES PEOPLE WITH:

- Cerebral palsy
- Down syndrome
- Intellectual disabilities
- Phelan-McDermid syndrome
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Severe forms of autism
- Spina bifida

There is no charge or co-payment for services provided through the agency. State and federal tax dollars fund the services.

ELIGIBILITY

A person must live in Florida, be at least 3 years old, and have a diagnosed developmental disability that occurred before the age of 18 to be eligible for APD services. Children ages 3 to 5 who are at risk of being diagnosed with a developmental disability may also be served by APD.

PROGRAMS

APD customers may be served in their community by funding provided through the iBudget Florida waiver. Other customers receive assistance without being enrolled in the waiver. Some APD customers are served by two Developmental Disabilities Centers. The agency helps more than 50,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities each year.

CONSUMER-DIRECTED CARE PLUS (CDC+)

Some customers choose to enroll in the Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+) program, which allows customers to select their own non-Medicaid waiver providers to deliver care. They develop a purchasing plan to manage their allocated monthly budgets in order to meet their long-term care needs. Florida has the largest and most comprehensive CDC+ program in the nation with about 2,700 individuals with developmental disabilities enrolled.

