



Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

What are Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities?

"Developmental Disabilities" is an umbrella term that includes intellectual disability but also includes other disabilities that are apparent during childhood. Developmental disability is a severe, long term disability that can affect cognitive ability, physical functioning, or both. These disabilities appear before age 22 and are likely to be life-long. The term "developmental disability" encompasses intellectual disability but also includes physical disabilities. Some developmental disabilities may be solely physical, such as cerebral palsy or epilepsy. Others involve both physical and intellectual disabilities stemming from genetic or other causes, such as Down syndrome and Angelman syndrome.

Intellectual disability encompasses the "cognitive" part of this definition, that is, a disability that is broadly related to thought processes. Intellectual disability refers to a group of disorders characterized by a limited mental capacity and difficulty with adaptive behaviors such as managing money, schedules and routines, or social interactions. Intellectual disability originates before the age of 18 and may result from physical causes, such as problems during pregnancy, childbirth or from illness or injury.

What services are offered?

Supports and services, as deemed medically necessary, are individualized for each person depending on his or her needs as identified through their person-centered plan. Some examples include...

- Assessment
- Assistive Technology
- Complex Case Management
- Community Living Supports (CLS)
- Crisis Interventions
- Family Support and Training
- Fiscal Intermediary Service
- Home-based Services
- Mental Health Therapy and Counseling
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Respite Care Services
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Supports Coordination
- Targeted Case Management
- Treatment Planning

Agencies in Wayne County who work with Children with I/DD

All Well-Being Services
Community Living Services
The Children's Center
Development Centers
The Guidance Center
Hegira Health, Inc.
MORC/Easterseals
Neighborhood Service Organization
CNS
PsyGenics, Inc.
Starfish Family Services
Team Wellness Center
Wayne Center

The Arc of Michigan

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

www.arcmi.org

6 locations in Wayne County

The Arc Detroit
The Arc Dearborn
Arc Downriver, Inc.
Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Arc
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County
The Arc of Western Wayne County

Tips for Parents

Ask for help, learn about your child's disability.

Connect with other parents of children with disabilities.

Be patient; learning may come slower for your child.

Encourage independence and responsibility.

Educate yourself on the educational services your child deserves.

Learn the laws that are written to help your child live their best life.

Look for opportunities in your community for social, recreational and sports activities (such as your local ARC or Special Olympics).

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Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

24-Hour Centralized Access Center Crisis
To access services call the numbers below:

Toll Free: 800.241.4949 Local: 313.224.7000 TTY Line: 866.870.2599

Office of Recipient Rights Toll Free: 888.339.5595 TTY Line: 888.339.5588

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

