

FACT SHEET

About the Bureau of Disabilities Services



Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
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What is BDS?

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, Bureau of Disabilities Services provides services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that enable them to live as independently as possible in their communities. BDS assists individuals in receiving community supports using a person-centered approach to help determine which services are needed and who can best provide them. BDS services and supports are guided by our vision, mission and values:

- **Vision** – All people have equal access and opportunity to realize their good life.
- **Mission** – To connect people with disabilities and their families to resources and supports to live their best life.
- **Values** – Person-centered, inclusion, collaboration, commitment, empowerment.

Listed below are the array of services provided by BDS.

What are Home- and Community-Based Medicaid Waivers?

BDS offers two home- and community-based Medicaid waivers, known as the Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver and Family Supports Waiver. These provide services to children and adults in a range of community settings as an alternative to care in an institutional setting. The waivers serve persons with an intellectual or developmental disability who have substantial functional limitations in at least three of six major life areas: mobility, capacity for independent living, self-direction, self-care, learning and understanding, and use of language.

Participants may choose to live in their own home, family home or community setting appropriate to their needs. Participants develop a Person-Centered Individualized Support Plan guided by an Individualized Support Team. The individual/guardian-led team develops a plan that aligns with the wants and needs of the individual being served.

What is Supervised Group Living?

A group home or Supervised Group Living is a residential option and alternative to waiver placements for eligible individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities needing services. There are almost 500 Supervised Group Living homes in Indiana with a capacity to serve over 3,000 individuals. Homes are licensed and governed by state and federal regulations and have an annual recertification.

How do I apply for services or find out if I qualify?

To apply for services or to determine if you may qualify, please contact the local BDS office near you. To find your local BDS district field office, visit www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/files/BDS-District-Offices.pdf.

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Disabilities Services recognizes the challenges individuals and families face and value a person's right to live, love, work, play and pursue their dreams in their community.

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