

Initial Contact and Assessment: Adult Access



Initial Contact for Adult Access

Call 612-348-4500, option 1

- Explain why you are calling—including diagnosis of client and what services are needed
- If you are making a DD transition referral—indicate if parents are capable of filling out an intake packet
 - If yes, an intake packet will be sent to the parents to fill out
 - If no, an Adult Access Worker will be assigned



Role of Adult Access Social Workers

- ❑ Assist families in connecting to community resources
- ❑ Help explain financial programs
- ❑ Advise families about needed testing for an eligibility determination
- ❑ Inform parents of the process for establishing guardianship (ideal if this is done at 18)
- ❑ Specialized social workers determine eligibility for additional services that the county may offer



Determining Eligibility for DD Services

What is needed for an eligibility determination?

- ❑ IQ Testing completed within the last 3 years
- ❑ Adaptive Testing completed within the last year
- ❑ Cannot be just a review of previous testing
- ❑ Standardized testing demonstrates IQ at 70 or below or functioning like an individual with an IQ of 70 or below
- ❑ If IQ is above 70, a related conditions diagnosis is needed

*****Statute mandates what is needed for eligibility determinations*****



Transition Referrals

- Encourage parents to set up guardianship and apply for MA and SSI when the client turns 18 (and before referring for county services)

- Refer early!!
 - By the end of the 1st semester of year 2 of the transition program
 - Earlier than this is fine too



Applying for Medical Assistance or TEFRA

- Online application available at the Minnesota Department of Human Services at www.dhs.state.mn.us
 - In the top left dropdown box select How Do I Apply for Services
- You can also call Hennepin County Eligibility Supports at 612-596-1300



Services Funded Through Medical Assistance

- ❑ Medical services and therapies (OT, PT, Speech)
- ❑ Medical transportation through MNet-----1-866-467-1724
- ❑ Personal Care Attendance (PCA) or Consumer Support Grant
- ❑ Behavioral Health Aide, Life Skills worker and ARMHS (Adult Rehabilitation Mental Health Services)
- ❑ Nursing facilities, hospitals, and ICF-DD homes
- ❑ Waiver services



Services Available through Long Term Case Management

- Case Management—annual visits
- Adult Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) and Supported Employment
- Metropolitan Crisis Coordination Program (MCCP)—technical assistance and crisis beds
- Referral to respite services—parental fee involved
- Coordination of out of home placements when determined appropriate



Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services

- Person must be open on Medical Assistance or TEFRA
- Waivers can be used to pay for in-home supports, residential options, licensed or unlicensed services
- Pool of 2500 clients who are eligible for DD waivers
- Few waivers are available
- Assignment of waivers is based on immediate health and safety needs



Other Waiver Services

- Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI)—nursing facility level of care
- Community Alternative Care (CAC)—hospital level of care
- Brain Injury (BI)—significant brain injury resulting in need for services



Personal Care Attendant - PCA

- ❑ Provides assistance in meeting personal care needs for children and adults
- ❑ Person must be active with MA or TEFRA
- ❑ Requires Statement of Need completed by physician
- ❑ A PCA assessment is completed by a Public Health Nurse