

FAQ on the Intake Line

Where can I find IQ/adaptive testing?

Testing may be found in school IEP's, reports, and/or any past neurological/psychological assessments. Please contact your school to find out if adaptive or IQ testing has been completed. If not, please check with the school to see if they are planning to administer testing soon. If testing is needed outside of the school system, we can support with providing a list of testing resources. An individual's primary insurance may be able to cover the cost of testing if it is necessary.

For a complete list of tests accepted and resources for testing, please check our website.

What is a confidence interval (CI) and why does the testing need to be completed at a 90% CI?

To qualify for services, an individual's IQ/adaptive score must be a 70 or below. The 90% confidence interval provides a range of values that you can be 90% certain contains the population mean (or the actual score). For example, if your adaptive behavior composite score is a 72 and the 90% CI indicates a range of 69-75, the confidence interval means the actual score is likely to fall somewhere between a 69 to a 75. This allows us to use the lower end of the scores range which could be a qualifying score.

Why is a re-determination required?

When a child turns five, the state changes definitions of who qualifies or not. Prior to 5, an individual must meet delay criteria. After their 5th birthday, the child needs to meet the disability criteria. Therefore, Developmental Pathways must determine that the individual still qualifies for services based upon the child having a qualifying neurological diagnosis and IQ or adaptive test scores of a 70 or below.

What can I get with Medicaid?

Everyone with Medicaid has access to basic Medicaid services/supports, known as State Plan Benefits. Depending on the type of Medicaid you have, additional services are available. Some examples of basic State Plan Benefits include primary care services, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Behavioral Therapy, and Mental Health Services. To see more visit the Health First Colorado website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/benefits-services/

If you want to find a Medicaid provider for a Medicaid service, the Health First Colorado website can be useful. https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/find-doctors/. You can also contact your local Regional Accountable Entity (RAE), which provides case management for Medicaid clients.

If you are not the correct CCB, where do you go?

Developmental Pathways is the CCB for Douglas, Arapahoe, and Elbert Counties and the city of Aurora. If we are not the correct CCB for where you currently reside, we can support you with accessing the correct CCB by making a referral to them and providing your contact information. You can also reach out to them directly and find their information here: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/community-centered-boards

Where can I locate community resources including housing resources?

Unfortunately, Developmental Pathways does not provide housing to individuals or funding for housing. Our website does have some community resources https://www.dpcolo.org/resources/. DP also has a Community Line that keeps up to date on activities/events/resources available in the community. They can be reached at 303-858-2255. The Intake Line or an Intake Case Manager might also know of or be able to help you identify community resources depending upon what kind of resources you need. Intake line can be reached at 303-858-2260.

We have a Crisis Guide that might provide useful for support.

https://nmsco.sharepoint.com/sites/cm/cmdocs/Crisis%20and%20Unstable%20Situation%20Resource% 20Guide.docx

You can also call the United Way Help Line by dialing 2-1-1 or using their website: <u>2-1-1 Help Line info</u> and resource database

Where can I get information about guardianship?

Guardianship is a difficult topic for many to discuss and determining if guardianship is needed is individualized. To learn more about guardianship, the Guardianship Alliance of Colorado is a great place to start. https://www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org/guardianshipallianceofcolorado/

You can also contact your local Arc to discuss with them (Arc for Arapahoe and Douglas Counties: https://arc-ad.org/ or 303-220-9228).

Another great resource for information is: https://www.courts.state.co.us/Self Help/guardianship/

How can I decide which waiver is best for me?

Colorado has a variety of Medicaid funded waivers, including those overseen at Developmental Pathways. The Department has created waiver charts comparing the basic points of the waivers. They can be found on their website using the below links:

Adult waivers:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/CO%20HCBS%20Adult%20Waiver%20Chart-14%20pt%20font-August-2019.pdf

Child waivers:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/CO%20HCBS%20Children%20Waiver%20Chart-September%202019.pdf

Your assigned Intake Case Manager can also support you in discussing the various waiver options. You can also contact the Arc and receive some advocacy support and discuss options. Ultimately, choosing a waiver is very individualized based upon your situation and what is needed now. You can always explore other waiver options later and change waivers when appropriate.

How do I initiate a transfer from my current community center board (CCB) to Developmental Pathways?

Please reach out to your current case manager at your CCB and request they send the transfer packet over to CMTransfers@dpcolo.org or fax to 303-341-0382.