

# Eligibility to Receive Developmental or Brain Injury Services

## Eligibility for Services:

Supports and Services are available to all residents of Strafford County, New Hampshire, who meet specific eligibility criteria.

Community Partners provides services to residents of Barrington, Dover, Durham, Farmington, Lee, Madbury, Middleton, Milton, Milton Mills, New Durham, Rochester, Rollinsford, Somersworth, and Strafford.

## Birth through Age Three:

Family-Centered Early Supports & Services are available to families with infants and toddlers who demonstrate a 33% delay in an area of development, have a diagnosis or condition which is known to have an impact on development, or have a history of child and family factors which are likely to impact the child's development. At the age of three, if a child's developmental delay represents a disability, eligibility for services from Community Partners may continue (please see next section: Age 3 and Above).

Note: Eligibility requirements to receive Family-Centered Early Supports & Services can be downloaded from the Early Supports & Services page on our website.

Referral for Family-Centered Early Supports & Services may be made directly to the Early Supports & Services Intake Coordinator by calling (603) 516-9300.

## Developmental Disability (Age 3 and above):

Pursuant to RSA 171 – A:2 and as referenced in He-M 503.02, over the age of three, an individual may be eligible to receive Developmental Services if there is a documented disability that is attributable to at least one of the following:

- Intellectual Disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Specific Learning Disability
- Any other condition an individual has that is found to be closely related to an intellectual disability. The term intellectual disability refers to an individual's general intellectual functioning or impairment in adaptive behavior or a condition that requires treatment similar to that required for a person with an intellectual disability.

**In addition:**

- The disability must have occurred in the individual's developmental period (before age 22);
- The disability continued, or can be expected to continue indefinitely; and
- The disability constitutes a severe handicap to the individual's ability to function normally in society.

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**Conditional Eligibility (He – M 503.02 (m)):**

Conditional Eligibility is a category of eligibility where an individual under the age of 22 is determined to have a developmental disability. This category is only given provisionally due to diagnostic information being inconclusive or it cannot yet be determined if the disability will continue on indefinitely. Conditional Eligibility allows the individual to receive services until eligibility can be definitively determined. The Area Agency shall render a definitive decision on eligibility before the individual reached the age of 18.

**Acquired Brain Disorder (He – M 522.02)**

The term Acquired Brain Disorder means a disruption in brain functioning or the nervous system that is not congenital or caused by birth trauma. An Acquired Brain Disorder presents a severe and lifelong disabling condition which significantly impairs an individual's ability to function in society, occurs prior to age 60, and is due to one or more of the following:

- External trauma to the brain as a result of a motor vehicle accident; a fall; an assault; or another related traumatic incident or occurrence;
- Infectious disease such as encephalitis or meningitis;
- Anoxic Hypoxic injury to the brain from cardiopulmonary arrest; carbon monoxide poisoning; airway obstruction; hemorrhage or near drowning;
- Brain tumor;
- Intercranial surgery;
- Cerebrovascular disruption, such as a stroke;
- Toxic exposure; or
- Another neurological disorder such as Huntington's disease or multiple sclerosis, which predominantly affects the central nervous system resulting in diminished cognitive functioning and ability.

**In addition,** an Acquired Brain Disorder is manifested by:

- Significant decline in cognitive functioning and ability; and/ or
- Deterioration in: personality; impulse control; judgement; modulation of mood; or awareness of deficits.