

## What determines whether requests are funded?

County Boards of DD will fund family requests if:

- ◇ Family is eligible for services.
- ◇ Family completes all enrollment requirements.
- ◇ County board has funds available— amount **per family** per fiscal year (July 1– June 30).
- ◇ The item or services can not be funded by other sources. See OAC 5123:2-1-09(G)(2) (b).
- ◇ Request is consistent with County Board's plan and Family Support Services philosophy.
- ◇ To be assured of reimbursement, the family shall obtain the estimated cost and **prior approval** of the expenditure from the county board before agreeing to services or signing a contract with a provider (OAC 5123:2-1-09 (€)(3)).

For more information about FSS with the Williams County Board of DD

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Williams County Board  
Of  
Developmental Disabilities

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

A program of supports for families who care for an individual with developmental disabilities at home with their family.



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## WHAT IS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES ?

Family Support Services (FSS) is a program that provides supports, services, and help to:

- ◇ Enable family to care for their family member with disabilities at home.
- ◇ Enhance the quality of life for that family, including the individual with developmental disabilities.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES?

If you have a family member with a developmental disability (DD) living at home, he or she may be able to receive FSS. The family member with disabilities must be ELIGIBLE for County DD services, even if he or she is not receiving other types of County Board assistance.

Contact the Williams County Board of DD to find out about eligibility at 419-485-8331.

## WHO PROVIDES THE SERVICES?

The FSS program is administered through the County Boards of DD. While some funds are provided through the state legislature and distributed by the Ohio Department of DD, other funding comes from fund raisers throughout the year.

## WHAT ITEMS AND SERVICES ARE INCLUDED?

Family Support Services funds may fund any of the following options:

- ◇ Respite care by providers or persons chosen by the family.
- ◇ Adaptive equipment Home modifications to accommodate the family member with disabilities
- ◇ Special diets (i.e. scales, special food)
- ◇ Counseling and training (i.e. play therapy, sign language class)
- ◇ Other services individualized to each family's individual needs as specified in the individual's plan. Contact the Williams County Board of DD for consideration of special need.

## HOW MUCH WILL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES COST MY FAMILY?

Families are required to make co-payments based on the sliding scale below:

Annual Taxable*	
Income	Co-payment
\$27,258 or less	0%
\$27,259 to \$37,759	10%
\$37,760 to \$48,260	30%
\$48,261 to \$62,261	50%
\$62,262 to \$79,762	75%
\$79,763 and above	100% of cost

\*You must verify Taxable Income as this will make a difference in your co-pay.

## WHAT IF WE HAVE PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FSS PROGRAM?

We realize there might be times when you have concerns or issues with FSS. When this happens you may contact the FSS Coordinator to address these issues. If you are uncomfortable with discussing the problem with the Coordinator, you may contact the County Board of DD and report your issues to the Superintendent.

Once your complaint is received, the following steps will be taken to resolve your complaint within 30 days:

- ◇ The issue will be investigated by the Superintendent.
- ◇ The report from the investigation will be shared with the family.
- ◇ The family may request further review of the situation by the Superintendent.

A full copy of the Administrative Resolution of Complaints Policy is available upon request by contacting the Williams County Board of DD at:

419-485-8331

Ohio Department of DD Complaint Hotline  
1-800-617-6733

Ohio Legal Rights Services  
1-800-282-9181