

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) provides services to people with Developmental Disabilities. Currently we serve individuals with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Prader-Willie Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome and Phelan McDermid Syndrome.

In order for Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to determine your eligibility, please submit the following information.

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1. **Autistic Disorder:** Autistic testing by a Psychologist or Medical Doctor identifying a minimum of six characteristics associated with Autism.
2. **Intellectual Disability:** A psychological evaluation with an IQ and Adaptive Testing. You may obtain this information from a school or private psychologist. The IQ must be below 69 and have a significant deficit in adaptive functioning.
3. **Down Syndrome:** A lab report showing the individual tested positive for the chromosome Trisomy 21 and a diagnosis of Down Syndrome or a letter from a medical doctor stating that the individual has the chromosome Trisomy 21 and Down Syndrome.
4. **Phelan McDermid Syndrome:** Means a disorder caused by the loss of the terminal segment of the long arm of chromosome 22, which occurs near the end of the chromosome at a location designated q13.3. To determine eligibility, we need a letter from the doctor stating a diagnosis of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome as derived from genetic testing code 22,q13.3 deletion.
5. **Cerebral Palsy, and Spina Bifida.** Medical records that document a diagnosis of the disability.

According to Section 393.063(9), Florida Statutes, an individual must have manifested a developmental disability before the age of 18.

Supporting documentation below should be submitted so that we can determine your eligibility as quickly as possible.

- **School reports (IEP)**
- **Social Security Card (or copy)**
- **Medicare Card (or copy)**
- **Copy of original Birth Certificate**
- **Proof of domicile in the state of Florida**
- **Guardianship papers (if applicable)**



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Applying for Services: A Quick Reference Guide

Question	Response
What are the developmental disabilities for which there must be diagnosis to receive services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities?	There are 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spina Bifida• Autism (excluding Asperger Syndrome)• Cerebral Palsy• Intellectual Disability (Intelligence Quotient of 69 or less)• Prader-Willi Syndrome• Down Syndrome• High Risk of developing a DD for children between the ages of 3-5• Phelan McDermid Syndrome
What services might I receive?	There are 20 services an individual may be eligible to receive. Examples of these services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Care Assistance• Respite• Behavioral Services• Supported Employment• Supported Living
How does a person apply for services? <i>Online Application ></i> <i>Where to send the application ></i> <i>Call for an application ></i>	Applications can be completed on line at: www.apd.myflorida.com – (click on Customers then <i>Application for Services</i>). The application must be sent via the postal system to: Agency for Persons with Disabilities Eligibility Unit 111 S. Sapodilla Ave. Suite 207 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 Or Call: 837-5508 or 837-5564 (Request an application packet be sent to your home)
What are some of the key pieces of information needed to establish eligibility to receive services from APD?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth Certificate• Social Security Number• Proof of Florida residency• Documents verifying a diagnosis of a Developmental Disability
What happens after an application is submitted?	The application will be assigned to a Support Coordinator who will determine if you qualify for services from APD.
Are there income and asset limits to determine eligibility for services from APD?	Only for the individual applying for services. The income and assets of the parent is not considered for eligibility.
Must I have Medicaid to receive Waiver services from APD?	Yes. APD staff will assist you with the Medicaid application process.
Where can additional information be found about APD?	APD website at: www.apd.myflorida.com Family Care Council's website at: www.fccflorida.org (click on Area 9 for information specific to Palm Beach County).

Do you have further questions? Please call:
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The Primary Mission of the Agency is to Support Persons with Developmental Disabilities in Living, Learning and