

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.30

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

PURPOSE:

This policy outlines the requirements regarding the implementation of a family support services program by the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This program is designed to promote the unity of the family, maximize self-sufficiency and minimize out of home placement of the eligible individual.

POLICY:

The Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) will provide funding through the family support services program to individuals who meet the following criteria:

1. The individual is determined eligible for TCBDD services through the intake process.
2. The eligible child or adult must be in a "family setting" which includes a typical parental setting, residing with a sibling or grandparents, or other relative caring for an eligible individual.
3. The individual does not currently receive funding through the Medicaid waiver program.

TCBDD provides the following goods and services to be purchased with family support services funds;

1. Respite care (to be paid an invoice must be filled out, submitted, and the provider of the respite care will be paid – parents do not get paid)
2. Adaptive items – could be a weighted blanket, clothes made to help prevent scratching, digging, etc., sensory toys (recommended by a therapist), orthotics not paid through Medicaid or other insurance.
3. Sport activity fees to promote community inclusion. (reimbursed with receipt.)
4. Hippo Therapy – therapeutic horseback riding lessons
5. Smart technology devices such as iPads, tablets, and or applications to be used on the device.
6. Summer Camp/Activities
7. Personal Care Items such as diapers
8. Groceries
9. Community activities with friends and/or peers

TCBDD uses an income-based fee schedule to determine eligibility for family support services funds. Individuals and/or families are required to submit an Annual Income Update form by July 1st of every year.

When a new application is received either an acceptance or denial letter is sent out.

The Family Support Services program is discussed during the eligibility intake process, at early intervention home visits, during Individual Education Planning Meetings (IEP) and at annual Individual Service Planning meetings (ISP), or when an individual or family member contacts the Family Support Services Director. Once received and analyzed, a welcome letter or a denial will be sent out. If the application is approved, supporting information about the program is provided to the family with the welcome letter.

The Family Support Services program does not provide any payment in advance of a quarter nor is any check written without a completed invoice. Payment is made by check after a supporting invoice is submitted. The invoice must be signed and dated and include a receipt when applicable. If the invoice is not filled out completely, it is returned requesting the needed information.



Board President



Superintendent

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References:
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