



Stark County
Board of
Developmental
Disabilities

Stark County Board of DD Children's Services

How do I receive these services?

The first step is to find out if the child is eligible for County Board services. Eligibility is defined by State law and all seeking eligibility must provide supporting documentation and go through a comprehensive assessment.

Who is eligible? How do we find out?

1. Proof the child is a resident of Stark County.
2. Documents from a qualified professional show a qualifying diagnosis that began before the age of 22.
3. Have a current physical or cognitive impairment, not caused solely by mental health condition.
4. Disability must be likely to continue for a lifetime.

Once the above has been confirmed...

5. County Board staff will use one of two tools to conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine the child's functional abilities, as appropriate for their age, in life skill areas.

Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI) is used to assess children 6 - 15 years of age

Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) is needed to establish eligibility or for continued eligibility when a child is 16 years or older.

To request eligibility, please contact SSA Intake (330) 479-3582 or email ssaintake@starkdd.org



For more information on Stark County
Board of Developmental Disabilities
Children's Services
please contact:

Service and Support
Administration
2950 Whipple Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44708
(330) 477-5200

Children and Transition SSA Services

Serving families with
youth ages 3 - 22
with developmental
disabilities

Support in the moment
to last a lifetime.

Monitoring and Linkage to Services and Supports

- Helping family to understand the child's disability and how to cope.
- Collaborate with school and attend meetings as family needs.
- Referral and connection to mental health and behavioral resources.
- Helping family through the process of obtaining benefits.
- Connecting family with other resources in the community as needed and available.
- Referral to assess risk and needs as it relates to waiver request.



How We Support You Through the Earlier Years

Children's SSA Services (3-13 years of age)

- Attend IEP and ETR meetings
- Be a resource for local schools.
- Information and referral for families of children with disabilities.
- Information regarding Family Supports, local agencies, and funding sources.
- Bridge the process from Early Intervention (age 3) until transitional youth (age 14)
- Monitoring of services provided and services needed.

How We Support You Through Developing Your Transition Plan

Transition SSA Services (Age 14 until HS Graduation)

- Attend IEP and ETR meetings
- Help you build a team to assist you to meet your goals.
- Help you evaluate your strengths and weaknesses in transition area.
- Help you to understand post-secondary services.
- Facilitate discussion about college, or other training, employment and community living.
- Be available to act as a resources and partner.
- Bridge the transition process from high school to adulthood.
- Help families to prepare for life after graduation by focusing on employment, benefits, and guardianship as needed.