



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Home and Community Supports Waiver for Persons with Autism



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Waiver For Persons With Autism (Lifespan Waiver)

The Department of Social Services' waiver for persons with autism provides home-and community-based services to individuals with autism who do not have an intellectual disability (individuals must have a full IQ score of 70 or higher). Individuals must have substantial limitations in two or more of the following major life activities: (1) self-care, (2) understanding and use of language, (3) learning, (4) mobility, (5) self-direction, or (6) capacity for independent living.

Services provided under the waiver include:

- ❖ Behavioral Services
- ❖ Job Coaching
- ❖ Community Mentor
- ❖ Life Skills Coach
- ❖ Social Skills Group
- ❖ Respite (in-home and out-of-home)
- ❖ Assistive Technology
- ❖ Interpreter
- ❖ Specialized Driving Assessment
- ❖ Personal Emergency Response System
- ❖ Individual Goods and Service
- ❖ Non-Medical Transportation
- ❖ Nutrition



Active Autism Waiver Participants Info

- Maximum Waiver cap per person per year: \$50,000
- The average allotment in CY 2023 was \$25,498
- The waiver added 13 new providers in CY 2023, bringing the total number of providers to 151
- Since the transition of the waiver from DDS to DSS (2016), the waiver has grown from 3 case managers and 120 people receiving waiver services to 11 case managers and 330 people in the process of being determined Medicaid eligible or receiving waiver services
- The number of assigned cases will increase by 120 in July 2024



Autism Waiver Participants

Age Range	Number of Individuals
3 and under	0
4 to 8	0
9 to 17	37
18 to 21	37
22 to 30	120
31 to 40	107
41 to 50	15
51 to 60	2
61 to 70	8
71 and older	0



Autism Waiver Waitlist Info

- 144 individuals with an application year of 2023 were found eligible for the autism waiver and were added to the waitlist
- As of 2/16/2024, there are 2,058 individuals on the waitlist; 101 are ages 5 and under

Age Range	Number of Individuals
3 and under	18
4 to 8	280
9 to 17	664
18 to 21	336
22 to 30	631
31 to 40	103
41 to 50	13
51 to 60	9
61 to 70	2
71 and older	2



Contact Information

To access the Division of Autism website:
www.ct.gov/dss > Click on *Programs and Services* > Click on *Autism Spectrum Disorder-ASD'*

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