



An Overview of Developmental Services Ontario  
Central West Region



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**Context**

- Transformation of Developmental Services
- *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act*

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**The Legislation**

- Governs MCSS-funded Developmental Services
- Access and Eligibility
- Services and Supports
- Application and Funding Entities

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**DSO's Will.....**

- **Provide information about**
  - Developmental services and supports
  - Community services and programs
  - Crisis or emergency services in someone's community

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**DSO's Will...**

- **Confirm Eligibility for Services and Supports**

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**Eligibility for Developmental Services...**

- **Before July 1/11**
  - Differing Definitions, Differing Requirements
- **Now**
  - A Provincial Definition, Criteria, and Tools
  - One Agency Confirming Eligibility

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**Eligibility for Developmental Services...**

- **Criteria Based on**
  - Legislation
  - Regulations
  - Policy Directives
  - Posted on MCSS Website

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**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Confirming Age**
- **Confirmation of Ontario Residency/Proof of Citizenship Status/**

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**Confirming Developmental Disability...**

- **Cognitive Criteria**
- **Adaptive Criteria**
- **Age of Onset**
  - Must Meet All Three Criteria
- **Psychological Documentation: Mandatory**
  - Registered Psychologist or Psychological Associate

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**Cognitive Criteria...**

- **Option #1**
  - Full-Scale IQ at 75 or Below
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Percentile or Below
  - Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability or Results that Correspond to Intellectual Disability

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**Cognitive Criteria...**

- **Option #2**
  - Specific Indices from the Tests
    - Wechsler: Standard Score of 70 or below on Two of the Indices
    - Stanford-Binet: Verbal or Non-verbal IQ
    - MUST BE BELOW 70: No Range of Error

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**Cognitive Criteria...**

- **Option #3: Psychological Review**
  - Testing Not Possible due to Cognitive Impairments
  - Testing Not Completed: ESL, Non-verbal
  - Psych Assessment Done: Results Unclear
- **Must Obtain Psychologist/Psych Associate Confirmation**

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**If Meets Cognitive Criterion.....**

- **On to Adaptive Criterion**
  - Conceptual, Practical, or Social Skills
- **Historically...**
  - Not Unusual for Poor Adaptive, Stronger Cognitive
  - **STILL... Real Challenges in Supporting Person**

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**Adaptive Criterion...**

- **Standard Score Below 75, or...**
- **Below 5<sup>th</sup> Percentile, or...**
- **Clinically Significant Terminology**
- **If Meet this Standard on any One Scale:  
You Meet Adaptive Criterion**

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**Age of Onset Criterion.....**

- **Person Meets Cognitive and Adaptive Criterion**
  - Proceed to Age of Onset Criterion (Before Age 18)
- **Age at Which Assessment was Completed**
- **School Reports**

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**Confirmation Process...**

- Obtains and Reviews Documentation
- Completes Provincial Eligibility Checklist
- Eligibility Confirmation Checklist, if Needed
- Supervisor Approves
- Multi-stage Review Process

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**Eligibility Through the DSO...**

- Eligibility for All MCSS-funded Developmental Services and Supports
- "Transferable" Between Regions

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**DSO's Will.....**

- Determine Service and Support Needs
  - Meeting with Respondents: the interviews
  - Completion of the application
  - Completion of the Supports Intensity Scale
  - Prepare a profile, based upon the information that has been shared

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**The Application Form.....**

- Background Information
- Getting to Know You
- Current Services and Supports
- Requested Services
- Care and Caregiver Concerns

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**The Supports Intensity Scale.....**

- About the Support a Person Needs...
  - To be successful
  - With different everyday items
  - That support a positive quality of life
- Talking About Support at...
  - Home, Community, Workplace, and in Personal Relationships

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**Questions?**

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