



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

Introduction and Overview

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The Agency's Mission



The Agency Supports Persons with Developmental Disabilities in Living, Learning, and Working in their Communities.



Agency Priorities

APD is focused on five priorities and works to meet and exceed these priorities every day:

- ❖ **Fiscal Accountability** - APD operates within the limits set forth in the General Appropriations Act.
- ❖ **Quality Services** - Ability to measure and track performance to ensure the highest quality care.
- ❖ **Employment** - People with developmental disabilities who desire work are competitively employed.
- ❖ **Waiting List** - APD adopts national and local best practices to serve people on the waiting list efficiently and effectively.
- ❖ **Thriving Providers/Businesses** - Review rates, evaluate, and reduce regulatory hurdles to enable providers to serve customers with the highest standards of health and safety.



Who Do We Serve?

To be eligible for Agency services, a person must have one or more of the following diagnoses:

- ❖ Autism
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Down Syndrome
- ❖ Intellectual Disability
- ❖ Prader-Willi Syndrome
- ❖ Spina Bifida

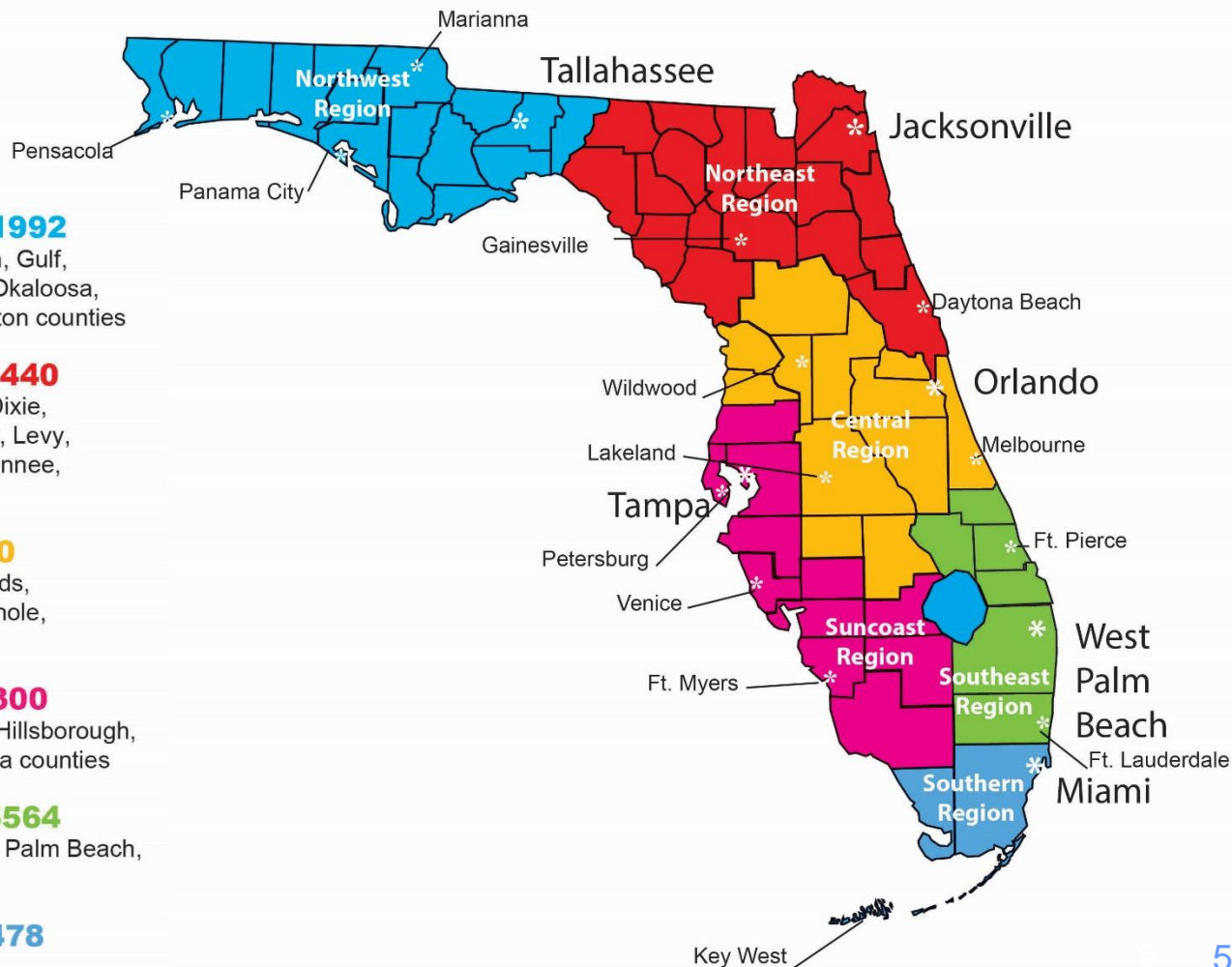




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APD Regional Map



Northwest Region (850) 487-1992

Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties

Northeast Region (904) 992-2440

Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties

Central Region (407) 245-0440

Brevard, Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Sumter counties

Suncoast Region (813) 233-4300

Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties

Southeast Region (561) 837-5564

Broward, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties

Southern Region (305) 349-1478

Dade and Monroe counties



How Do We Carry Out The Agency's Mission?





Life Skills Development

Level 1 – Companion Services:

- ❖ Nonmedical Care
- ❖ Supervision
- ❖ Socialization Activities

Level 2 – Supported Employment:

- ❖ Job Search Assistance
- ❖ Develop or Operate Small Business

Level 3 – Adult Day Training:

- ❖ Community Participation
- ❖ Volunteer
- ❖ Access Community Resources
- ❖ Self-Advocacy





Supplies and Equipment

Consumable Medical Supplies:

- ❖ Nonmedical Supplies and Items to assist people with daily living activities
- ❖ For people 21 and older
- ❖ Unavailable through State Medicaid Plan

Durable Medical Equipment / Supplies:

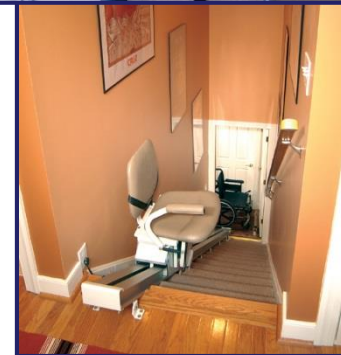
- ❖ Must Have a Prescription
- ❖ Examples are lap trays, grab bars, adaptive switches, door openers
- ❖ Unavailable through State Medicaid Plan

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations:

- ❖ Physical Adaptations to the Home
- ❖ Medically Necessary
- ❖ Enable Greater Independence in their Home

Personal Emergency Response System:

- ❖ Enable Greater Independence in their Home





Residential Services

Residential Habilitation:

- ❖ Daily living skills training and supervision
- ❖ Personal Hygiene Skills
- ❖ Homemaking Skills
- ❖ Social and Adaptive Skills

Standard Residential Habilitation:

- ❖ Assist people to acquire, maintain, or improve daily living skills

Behavior-Focused Residential Habilitation:

- ❖ More Intense Level of Service
- ❖ Impacts safety, health, progress, and quality of life

Intense Behavior Residential Habilitation:

- ❖ Behavior that is exceptional in intensity, duration, and frequency
- ❖ Needs cannot be met in a Standard or Behavior-Focused setting





Residential Services

Specialized Medical Home Care:

- ❖ 24-Hour Nursing and Medical Supervision
- ❖ Licensed Group Home
- ❖ For People with Complex Medical Needs

Supported Living Coaching:

- ❖ Wide Variety of Training and Assistance
- ❖ Support People Who Live and Maintain Own Homes or Apartments





Support Coordination

Limited Support Coordination

- ❖ Basic supports that are less intense

Full Support Coordination:

- ❖ Significant Support to Ensure Peoples Health, Safety and Well-Being
- ❖ WSC Can Share Tasks with Individual, Family or Other Support People
- ❖ Age 21 and Older
- ❖ Children in Foster Care

Enhanced Support Coordination:

- ❖ Transition from Nursing Facility or ICF/DD to Community
- ❖ Assists People Who Need a More Intensive Level of Support



Therapeutic Supports & Wellness

Behavior Analysis Services:

- ❖ Goal to Change Behavior
- ❖ Analysis
- ❖ Development
- ❖ Modification
- ❖ Monitoring



Behavior Assistant Services:

- ❖ Provided for Limited Time
- ❖ Supervised by a Behavior Analyst
- ❖ Goal to Train Paid / Unpaid Support People to Assist Individual to Function More Independently



Specialized Mental Health Counseling:

- ❖ For People with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Diagnosis
- ❖ Restore to Highest Functional Level



Prescribed Services

The following services require a prescription and are for people 21 and older:

- ❖ Private Duty Nurse
- ❖ Residential Nursing
- ❖ Skilled Nursing
- ❖ Dietician Services
- ❖ Respiratory Therapy
- ❖ Speech Therapy
- ❖ Occupational Therapy
- ❖ Physical Therapy
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Adult Dental Services





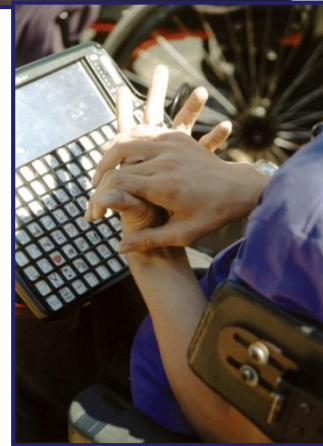
Waiting List Funding

- ❖ APD currently serves about 30,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities via the Medicaid waiver
- ❖ APD received \$36 million for FY 13/14 to reduce the number of people on the waiting list
- ❖ About 1,600 people were offered enrollment in the APD home and Community-Based Services Medicaid waiver because of the \$36 million
- ❖ More than 20,000 people are on the waiting list for the waiver
 - ❑ Some receive a limited amount of services
- ❖ Governor Scott has proposed \$20 million for FY 14/15 to enroll about 1,000 people into the local communities
- ❖ New referrals for services go onto the waiting list as they are presumed to be eligible



iBudget Florida

- ❖ 30,000 Floridians are currently enrolled in iBudget Florida.
- ❖ iBudget Florida is a simpler and more equitable, self-directed, and sustainable system.
- ❖ iBudget Florida gives customers wider choices, greater flexibility and more control over their services
- ❖ Customers choose, with assistance from their waiver support coordinator, how they want to spend their budget.
- ❖ iBudget Florida is a better way for APD to manage the Home and Community-Based Medicaid waiver.





Northeast Region Updates

❖ Employment Enhancement Project Outcomes

- ❖ FY 13/14 \$500,000 statewide funding; \$70, 000 NE region allocation
 - ❖ Region – Target was 28 employed, reached 22 employed (20 are still employed)
- ❖ FY 14/15 \$500,000 statewide funding; \$70,000 NE Region allocation
 - ❖ Region – Target was 28 employed, reached 38 Employed (34 are still employed)
- ❖ FY 15/16 \$1,000,000 statewide funding; \$140,000 NE Region allocation
 - ❖ Region – Target is 56 - 27 Employed as of Jan 15th

❖ State Funding for Waitlist to Waiver

- ❖ FY 13/14- 1600 individuals were able to move from waitlist to waiver
- ❖ FY 14/15- 1000 individuals were able to move from waitlist to waiver
- ❖ FY 15/16- ~~1000-2499~~ individuals are in process of moving from waitlist to waiver (300 regionally, majority are young adults transitioning from school to post school life)



Thank you:

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