

Board Eligibility Process

Board MR/DD eligibility requirements change at ages 3, 6, and 16. This means your family member may not always be eligible for services if an age appropriate assessment has not been completed.

The first step to receive Board services is to complete the Board Eligibility Process. This is begun by contacting Fran Ewing at Hocking County Board of MR/DD Service and Support Department (740) 385-6805 or fewing@hockingdd.org.

Individuals 6-15 must have an assessment completed called the COEDI (Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument)

Individuals 16 and older must have an assessment completed called the OEDI (Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument)

These assessments evaluate how children and adults function in life skill areas such as:

- * Self Care * Capacity Independent Living
- * Economic Self-Sufficiency * Mobility
- * Learning * Expressive/Receptive Language
- * Self Direction

Information needed prior to COEDI/OEDI Assessment:

Proof of disability - most recent school, medical and psychological reports are needed to establish the qualifying diagnosis prior to age 22.

Other paperwork needed to complete the assessment is the Board application and release of information.

When the qualifying diagnosis and other paperwork is reviewed and accepted, the Board will send a staff person to complete the COEDI/OEDI assessment.

How long does the eligibility process take?

That depends on how quickly the records and interview results can be scored and collected. In some situations, qualifying diagnosis verifications may be problematic and time consuming.

Eligible/Not Eligible

You will receive a letter that confirms if your family member is eligible or not. If eligible, Board services will be explained. If not, staff will try to help you find other resources.

What if you do not agree with a decision?

You have the right to disagree with the decision made by the Hocking County Board of MR/DD. Part of the paperwork you will complete during the eligibility process will explain the process:

- * DD Bill of Rights for individuals with disabilities
- * Your rights and due process