

Services in Oakland County

If you have a family member with a developmental disability he/she may be eligible for a variety of services, some at no cost to you. Common Ground is the point of entry in Oakland Co. to access those services. Their staff will determine eligibility based on guidelines as defined by the Michigan Mental Health Code.

See page 2 for more information on the Michigan Mental Health Code

- * Call Common Ground at 800.231.1127 and ask for Access Screening. Tell the person that your child has a developmental disability and you would like to be screened for services. This will likely be a face-to-face meeting with you and your child.
- * When meeting with the screener, she will focus on how your child performs in the following areas: (substantial limitations need to be found in 3 of the 7 areas to be found eligible for services)
 - * **self-care** (can your child dress, feed, groom, toilet him or herself?)
 - * **self-direction** (does your child need redirection/supervision, attend to a task, need to be motivated?)
 - * **receptive & expressive language** (can your child communicate his/her needs, follow directions?)
 - * **capacity for independent living** (is your child safe in the community/home, participate in chores?)
 - * **learning** (can your child learn new skills/concepts, generalize and retain learned information?)
 - * **economic self-sufficiency** (does your child understand the concept of money, manage it and pay bills?)
 - * **mobility** (can your child move safely through an environment and get around?)
- * Note: all areas of performance are as compared to what would be typical of others the same age.
- * Have the following information readily available: IEP's, school classification, psychological testing including IQ score and documentation from a doctor that substantiates the developmental disability

* If your child is found eligible for services, the intake worker will set up an intake appointment for you at either Macomb Oakland Regional Center (MORC) or Community Living Services of Oakland County (CLS/OC). Both are contracted service providers through Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (OCCMHA). Based on your child/family's need, services may include:

- * supports coordination/case management
- * family supports/services and respite services
- * support to live independently
- * in-home and community supports
- * school to work transition supports and services and skill building

* *If you are receiving Medicaid, there is no cost for the above services. If your child is 18 or older and receiving SSI (and Medicaid) there is no charge. If your child is under the age of 18, an ability to pay will be assessed.*

MORC is a private, non-profit, human service agency that provides direct services to people with disabilities so that they may celebrate life, freedom and independence in the community.

(866) 754-3398 www.morcinc.org

CLS/OC is a private not for profit organization that promotes and facilitates inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities.

(248) 547-2668 www.comlivserv.com

If you have any questions, contact Randee Black, LMSW at JARC at (248) 488-7531 or randeeblack@jarc.org.

Developmental disability" means either of the following:

(a) If applied to an individual older than 5 years of age, a severe, chronic condition that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments.

(ii) Is manifested before the individual is 22 years old.

(iii) Is likely to continue indefinitely.

(iv) Results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

(A) Self-care.

(B) Receptive and expressive language.

(C) Learning.

(D) Mobility.

(E) Self-direction.

(F) Capacity for independent living.

(G) Economic self-sufficiency.

(v) Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

(b) If applied to a minor from birth to 5 years of age, a substantial developmental delay or a specific congenital or acquired condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental disability as defined in subdivision (a) if services are not provided.