



Milestone, Supported Employment, and Title XX referrals are made directly to the Employment First Coordinator by the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS).

Home Based referrals are made directly to the Director of Home Based Services from Independent Service Coordination / Pre-Admission Screening agencies (ISC/PAS).

Respite referrals are made directly to the Respite Coordinator from interested families, school social workers and PAS Agencies / ISSAs.

General Admission Criteria for any of the LifePath programs:

1. Be at least 18 years of age. (With the exception of the Respite and Home-Based Programs).
2. Have an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability diagnosed prior to the age of 22 except for the Employment First Program
3. Be free of behavioral challenges that would cause serious harm to self or others Is free of communicable disease, including active tuberculosis.
4. Has limited or intermittent medical support needs as evidences by a score of Level 3 or greater on the Physical Status Review (PSR)
5. Can reasonably be expected to participate in and benefit from services, providing accommodations have been considered.
6. Is eligible for Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver funding. (Note: This is not applicable to the Supported Living Arrangement program or for individuals who are private pay.)
7. Meets any additional requirements of the program for which admission is requested.
8. Admission of the individual will not result in exceeding the licensed, physical, or planned capacity of the program.
9. Admission of the individual is not in conflict with applicable governmental statues and regulations.

Admissions Criteria for Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA)

As defined by Illinois Administrative Code, Title 59, Part 115 Standards and Licensure Requirements for Community Integrated Living Arrangements

1. Be at least 18 years of age, have a developmental disability and need an array of services and a supervised living arrangement. If an agency does not have the capacity to accommodate the individual's type or level of disability, this does not render the individual ineligible for services.
2. The individual or guardian shall give informed consent to participate in a CILA, which shall be documented in the individual's record
3. The individual or guardian shall agree to participate in the development and implementation of the individual integrated services plan which shall be indicated by the individual's or guardian's signature on the plan or a note describing why there is no such signature.



Admissions Criteria for Community Living Facility (CLF)

As defined by Illinois Administrative Code, Title 77, Part 370 Community Living Facilities

1. Must be determined, by an appropriate evaluation, to have a reasonable potential for returning to his/her own home or leading an independent life.
2. Must not require prenatal or maternity care unless adequate prenatal and other medical services from community sources are available to her.
3. No person shall be denied admission solely on the basis of mobility limitations.
4. Must not require mental treatment as defined in Section 370.240, see definition "Person in Need of Mental Treatment."
5. Is not destructive of property or himself/herself.
6. Must be at least 18 years of age.
7. Must not require more nursing or personal care than oversight or supervision.
8. Must be free of communicable disease, including active tuberculosis.
9. Must be able to complete their own ADL's.
10. Nothing in this Part shall excuse compliance with accessibility or reasonable accommodation requirements of State or Federal law.

Admissions Criteria for Home Based Waiver Services

Eligibility for Waiver Services is as follows (as stated in the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Provider Manual September 2007):

For Children, the individual must:

1. Be between the ages of 3 and 21
2. Reside at home with his/her family or guardian.
3. Be a resident of Illinois living in Illinois
4. Be enrolled in Medicaid in Illinois
5. Be assessed as eligible:
 - a. Have been determined to need active treatment for the developmental disability; or
 - b. if a related condition, have substantial functional deficits in three out of six major life areas
6. Not be a ward of the state
7. Not be in need of nursing assessment, monitoring, intervention, and supervision of their condition or needs on a 24-hour basis
8. Not be receiving services in a long-term care facility or hospital; or if receiving services in a long-term care facility or hospital, prepared to move to an appropriate setting prior to receiving Waiver services
9. Not be receiving services funded through another Medicaid Waiver Program at the time Developmental Disability Waiver-funded services are authorized.

For Adults, the individual must:

1. Be aged eighteen or older receiving the Adult Home-Based Waiver
2. Be a resident of Illinois living in Illinois
3. Reside at home with his/her family or guardian or live independently on their own.
4. Be enrolled in Medicaid in Illinois
5. Have a developmental disability, either cognitive delay or a related condition



6. Be assessed as eligible:
 - a. Manifested cognitive and/or developmental delay on before the age of 18;
 - b. if a related condition, have substantial functional deficits in three out of six major life areas; or
 - c. Have been determined to need active treatment for the developmental disability
7. Not need nursing assessment, monitoring, intervention, and supervision of their condition or needs on a 24-hour basis
8. Not be receiving services in a nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, ICF/DD, state operated facility, assisted living facility or hospital. long-term care facility or; if receiving services in a long-term care facility or hospital, prepared to move to an appropriate setting prior to receiving Waiver services
9. Not be receiving services funded through another Medicaid Waiver Program at the time Developmental Disability Waiver-funded services are authorized.

Admission Requirements for Supported Living Arrangement

As defined in the LifePath Supported Living Arrangement Program Description

1. Must be 18 years of age or older
2. Must have a developmental disability, autism or a related condition
3. Individuals must have an ICAP score of 70 or above
4. Have a current physical within the last 12 months
5. Demonstrate ability to self-administer medication as verified by a physician
6. Demonstrate competence of basic self-help skills
7. Demonstrate competence and safety with cooking skills
8. Demonstrate an ability to maintain a clean and safe living environment
9. Demonstrate ability to maintain employment in the community or participate in a day program setting.
10. Demonstrate socially appropriate behaviors
11. Ability to use community resources independently or with minimal staff supports
12. Demonstrate a commitment toward living independently
13. Ability to adequately cover one's cost of care expenses to Little City Foundation.
14. Ability to access transportation for employment.

Admissions Criteria for the Day Supports Programs:

As defined by Illinois Administrative Code, Title 59, Part 119 Minimum Standards for Certification of Developmental Training Programs

1. A minimum level of skill development shall not be required for entry into this program.
2. Be at least 18 years of age
3. Have a developmental disability prior to the age of 22, with major functional skill deficits.
4. The individual or guardian must agree to participate in the development and implementation of an individual integrated services plan.

Admission Criteria for the Employment First Program:

1. Must meet DHS-DRS eligibility requirements which include:
 - Have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment;
 - Require vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment consistent with the customer's goals; and



- Will benefit from VR services in terms of employment outcome.
- 2. Must be free of communicable diseases, including active tuberculosis.
- 3. Must have appropriate funding resources.
- 4. Must be able to access transportation to and from the appropriate employment site.

Admission Criteria for the Respite Program:

1. Be a resident of Illinois living in Illinois.
2. Have an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability diagnosed prior to the age of 22.
3. If a related condition, have substantial functional deficits in three out of six major life areas.
4. Be able to benefit from the service.
5. Be at risk for out-of-home placement.
6. Be medically stable; and not in need of nursing assessment, monitoring, intervention and supervision of their condition or needs on a 24-hour basis.
7. Must not be harmful to self or others.
8. Must not be receiving services funded through another Medicaid Waiver Program, e.g. Home-Based Support Services, CILA or other Medicaid Waiver funded programs except for Day Programming.

Admission Criteria for Children's Group Homes:

1. Be enrolled in Medicaid
2. Be between the ages of 6 and 20 years
3. Have Autism Spectrum Disorder, and/or an intellectual/developmental disability or related condition
4. Be assessed as eligible and have funding (e.g., DCFS/ISBE/DHS)
5. Have been determined to need active treatment for the developmental disability; or if a related condition, have substantial functional skill deficits \
6. Not be in need of nursing assessment, monitoring, intervention, and supervision of their condition or needs on a 24-hour basis
7. Not be receiving services in a nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, ICF/DD, state operated facility, assisted living facility, hospital, long-term care facility or; if receiving services in a long-term care facility or hospital, prepared to move to an appropriate setting prior to receiving Waiver services
8. Not be receiving services funded through another Medicaid Waiver Program at the time Developmental Disability Waiver-funded services are authorized.
9. Not possess significant support needs or pose extensive risk in the areas of extreme physical or sexual aggression, suicidal or homicidal ideation, fire setting and elopement.
10. Not have a primary diagnosis of mental health and/or conduct disorder.
11. Teen Parents are ineligible for services

Admissions Criteria for Foster Care/Adoption Program

Specialized Foster Care and Adoption Program

1. Child must be between the ages of birth to 21 years of age.



2. Child must be in DCFS custody or guardianship.
3. Child must be approved by DCFS gatekeeper for specialized foster care.
4. Child must have an Autism Spectrum Disorder, intellectual disability, developmental disability, and/or emotional and behavioral challenges

Traditional Foster Care and Adoption Program (all the criteria must be met)

1. Child must have sibling in the specialized or adolescent foster care program.
2. Child must be between the ages of birth to 21 years of age.
3. Child must be in DCFS custody or guardianship.

Children Who Are Youth in Care of States Other Than Illinois (Adoption Program)

1. Child must be between the ages of birth and 21 years of age.
2. Child must be legally free for adoption.
3. The guardian and referring state of the child must give consent for the placement.
4. An interagency agreement between the placing state and Little City Foundation must be made in accordance with the American Safe Families Act that will ensure that all needs of the child are met in the placement.
5. An agreement between the pre-adoptive parent(s) and Little City Foundation must be made to cover costs of the Home Study/Licensing process, home visits and finalization costs.

Admissions Criteria for The Center for Education

1. Child must be between the ages of 3 to 20 years old.
2. Child must be diagnosed with a developmental delay ideally within an IQ range between 25 and 50.
3. Child must be a resident and living in Illinois.
4. Child must have funding through ISBE or pay privately.
5. Child must have been determined to need educational programming for their developmental delay; and other related condition.
6. Child cannot need nursing assistance/monitoring, intervention, and supervision of their condition or needs on a 24-hour basis.
7. Child cannot possess significant support needs or pose extensive risk in the areas of extreme physical and sexual aggression, suicide and elopement.

This policy replaces:

CB01 Admissions

LP00 Admissions

Also see:

Admission's Manual