

OPWDD Data: Service Provider Agency Directory

The New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is responsible for coordinating services for more than 130,000 New Yorkers with developmental disabilities. It provides services directly and through a network of approximately 650 nonprofit service providing agencies, also referred to as “voluntary” provider agencies. The dataset also includes records of the 13 developmental disabilities service offices (DDSOs) within OPWDD that often serve as the regional contacts for individuals and families seeking services. The State sector district offices (DDSOs) have remained in the Developmental Disabilities Service Provider Agencies data because they too are identified by a provider agency code that identify the voluntary providers. A DDSO is a sub-unit of an OPWDD regional/state operations office. The county information provided is that of the physical location of the service provider agency, not that of the DDSO which oversees service provision.

The service provider agency directory dataset contains the address and phone number information for voluntary and State sector provider agencies of sixteen different OPWDD supports and services. Service provider agency addresses are recorded and stored in the OPWDD Tracking and Billing System (TABS). In the dataset, a “Y” is indicated if the service provider agency does offer a service, and “N” is indicated if they do not.

Below are descriptions of the services offered by OPWDD service provider agencies, which are reflected in this dataset:

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES (ICF):

ICFs are designed for those individuals whose disabilities limit them from living independently. For the most part, ICFs serve individuals who are unable to care for their own basic needs, require heightened supervision and the structure, support and resources that define this program type. ICFs provide 24-hour staffing supports for individuals with specific adaptive, medical and/or behavioral needs and includes intensive clinical and direct-care services, professionally developed and supervised activities (day services) and a variety of therapies (e.g., physical, occupational or speech) as required by the individual’s needs. OPWDD certifies ICFs. This dataset contains data on OPWDD Intermediate Care Facility residential opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. In an effort to transition individuals to the most integrated living situation possible, individuals living in ICFs will be provided greater opportunities for moving to less intensive community options appropriate for their level of need and desires for community inclusion and acceptance.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA)

An IRA is a type of community residence that provides room, board and individualized service options. *Supervised* IRAs provide 24-hour staff support and supervision for up to 14 residents, whereas *Supportive* IRAs are limited to 3 or fewer individuals and provide need-based supports and services for those who are living in their own homes or apartments, but don’t require 24-hour staff support and supervision. OPWDD certifies IRAs. This dataset

contains data on OPWDD Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) residential opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. IRAs are developed in accordance with individual need, however, the OPWDD system is broadening its provision of supports from traditional group home options to include more individualized community-centered options. To accommodate this shift, IRA development has slowed in recent years.

FAMILY CARE (FC)

Family Care provides community-based residential housing in certified private homes for individuals with developmental disabilities. By providing the support, guidance and companionship of a family, the Family Care program fosters a caring and stable home environment for children, adolescents and adults. Family Care uses certified private homes to provide residential services to individuals of all ages who are developmentally disabled and unable to live independently in the community. Family care residents come from all social, ethnic and religious backgrounds. This dataset contains data on OPWDD certified family care residential opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. An effort is underway to put in place new policies and procedures to increase the number of Family Care homes.

SELF-DIRECTION SERVICES

Self-Direction is the practice in which the individual with developmental disabilities is empowered to create a plan of supports and services that work best for him and best meet his/her needs including the use of natural and generic community supports as well as paid supports; chooses how and when supports and services are provided including the degree to which he/she wants to direct the services; chooses the staff and/or organizations who provide supports and services; may choose to exercise Budget Authority (control and responsibility over her budget); may choose to exercise Employer Authority (hire, schedule and supervise the people who support her and determine the activities that will be supported and the way that support will be provided); and may choose HCBS waiver supports, NYS funded supports, and/or natural and generic community supports.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES (ISS)

ISS assists adults with developmental disabilities who wish to live independently by providing funds to pay for housing costs, and on a limited basis, for such things as food, transportation and clothing. This dataset contains data on OPWDD Individual Support Services opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. Recent growth in the ISS service has been supportive of OPWDD's goal of transitioning individuals to most integrated community settings, in accordance with their desire to live in a community of their choice.

DAY TRAINING	Day Training provides meaningful activities during the day for individuals with more significant challenges.
DAY TREATMENT	Day Treatment is a day service provided to individuals whose disabilities preclude them from a great deal of independent activity. This dataset contains data on OPWDD day treatment opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. The day treatment service is being transitioned to a day habilitation model, and so counts have been decreasing.
SENIOR/GERIATRIC SERVICES	Senior/Geriatric Services are provided to support individuals with developmental disabilities who are also aging.
DAY HABILITATION	Day Habilitation services may be provided to an individual regardless of his or her living environment, and regularly take place in a non-residential setting, separate from the individual's private residence or other home. Day Habilitation services can assist individuals to acquire, retain or improve self-help, socialization and adaptive skills, including communication, travel and other areas in adult education. Activities and environments are designed to foster the development of skills and appropriate behavior, greater independence, community inclusion, relationship building, self-advocacy and informed choice. Additionally, individuals accessing day habilitation often contribute to their communities through volunteer work. This dataset contains data on OPWDD certified day habilitation opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. Day habilitation has seen growth in recent years as demand for the service has grown, however OPWDD anticipates a shift away from Day Habilitation to more integrated models of support such as competitive employment.
WORK SHOP	A Workshop is a day program where a person with developmental disabilities works in a sheltered environment, typically for sub-minimum wage. **There are no longer new admissions for workshops.
PREVOCATIONAL	Prevocational services assist individuals who are interested in employment but whose skills are such that they may not expect to obtain competitive employment within the next year. The individual may or may not perform work for which he or she is paid while receiving prevocational services. Prevocational services include support and training related to the ability to obtain and retain employment, excluding training on job tasks. This dataset contains data on OPWDD certified prevocational program opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. Prevocational services help individuals attain competitive employment, a major transformational goal of OPWDD. Employment supports are also provided via the NYS Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational

Rehabilitation office.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT (SEMP)	SEMP offers supports for individuals who are seeking competitive employment. This dataset contains data on OPWDD supported employment opportunities accessed by individuals with developmental disabilities. OPWDD supports the individual attainment of competitive employment, and SEMP is one method through which individuals are supported to that end. Employment supports are also provided via the NYS Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation office.
COMMUNITY HABILITATION	Community Habilitation helps individuals with developmental disabilities that live independently or at home with family (i.e. non-certified settings) to learn and experience community based activities and promotes independence and community integration.
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	Family support services help an individual with developmental disabilities by supporting his or her family to care for him or her in the family home.
CARE AT HOME WAIVER SERVICES	The Care At Home Waiver program allows Medicaid to pay for some services not provided through "regular" Medicaid, such as case management, respite, home adaptations and vehicle modification.
DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS (DC)	Campus-Based, Developmental Treatment Services (ICF/DC) settings are intended primarily for short-term interventions prior to returning to the community. They house individuals with major behavioral challenges and other highly intensive needs. Service provider offers services of this type (Y if yes, N if no) based on current enrollments.