

## What is the HCBS Waiver Program?

“The HCBS Waiver is approved by the Federal Government for providing innovative service alternatives to traditional costly programs. The Primary objective of Service Coordination is to work in partnership with consumers to enable them to live and participate in the community according to their personal goals, preferences and needs.”<sup>1</sup>

Service Coordination is a required service when enrolling in the HCBS Waiver program.

<sup>1</sup>NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). May 1993.

## How do I find out more?

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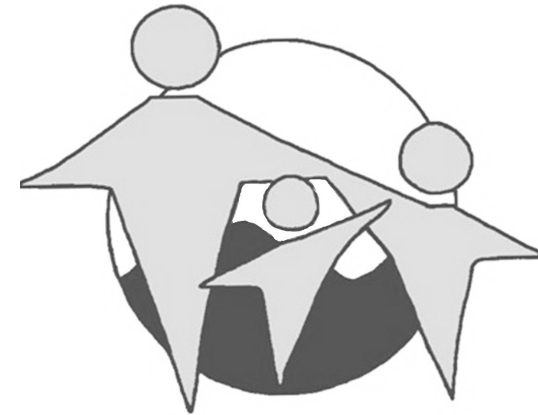
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## *Home and Community Based Services*

### **HCBS WAIVER**

A Part of the Individual Service Environment



*Sharing Visions...  
Building Futures*

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## Who is eligible?

- Consumers must have a developmental disability diagnosed prior to age 22. Developmental Disabilities can include:
  - Mental Retardation
  - Cerebral Palsy
  - Autism
  - Epilepsy
  - Neurological Impairment
  - Dyslexia resulting from any of these
- Consumer must have appropriate living arrangements, such as:
  - Community Residence
  - With Family Members
  - Individual Residential Alternative (IRA)
  - Own Home
- Consumer must have needs in one or more of the following:
  - Health Care
  - Community
  - Learning
  - Mobility
  - Capacity for Independent Living
  - Self-direction
  - Severe Behavior
- Consumer must be enrolled in Medicaid. For this program, consideration of income and assets of other family members is waived.

Approval of any Waiver Service will be based on a justifiable need, the availability of state/federal dollars to pay for those services, and proof that Waiver is the funding of last resort.

## What can HCBS Waiver offer?

### Individualized Service Plan

The Services included in an Individualized Service plan will be expected to enhance a consumer's *Independence, Integration, Individualization and Productivity*. These services may include:

- Adaptive Technologies  
Mechanical or electronic adaptations necessary for safety and access.
- Community Habilitation  
Training and skills acquisition in and around the individual's home to enhance self sufficiency (direct service to the developmentally disabled consumer).
- Environmental Modifications  
Structural changes to a consumer's home that are necessary for safety or access.
- Family Education and Training  
Individual or group workshop/in-service that meets the consumer and/or family educational needs.
- Respite  
*In Center*-After school supervision to assist working parents.  
*In Home*-Short term relief for the primary caregiver.  
One of the realities for many families is that parents need to work, and we acknowledge that finding child care that is affordable and accessible is a major stressor for family systems and for employment. This program has a dual function: respite for working families and care serving individuals for whom "typical" child and daycare are not available due to the individual's developmental disability