

Developmental Disabilities

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Learning Outcomes:

- **Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) and Toronto Region**
- **Recognize the signs of someone who has a developmental disability**
- **Overview of Community Network of Specialized Care**
- **Role of the Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager**
- **Be aware of the crisis services in Toronto for those with a developmental disability**

Developmental Services Ontario – Toronto Region (DSO-TR)

DSO began in 2012 with hopes of streamlining funded services.

Funded Services include: Case Management; Residential Options – Group Home and Supported Independent Living (SIL); Person Directed Planning; Community Participation Support (Day Programs), and Passport Funding.

Process for accessing the DSO is: Connect by phone with local office; send in Proof of disability (Psychological Assessment) Proof of age (18 or older), proof of residence.

Once deemed eligible individuals receive a letter and are placed in line to complete the application package.

Functioning Levels with Age Equivalents

Mild Disability

The majority of people with developmental disabilities fall within the mild range. A person with a mild developmental disability's age equivalent intellectual functioning is approximately between 9 and 12 years of age (up to Grade 6).

Communication Skills:

Uses a variety of sentence types (simple to complex) to communicate opinions, ideas, news, events, aspirations.

Can usually follow meaningful, simple, three-step commands.

Uses language to initiate and interact but conversational difficulties may exist. Uses the phone and communicates in writing.

Able to understand and use abstract language but may have difficulty expressing ideas in sequence.

The following list is adapted from *Tools for the Primary Care of People with Developmental Disabilities (2011)*.

Moderate Disability

A person with a moderate developmental disability's age equivalent intellectual functioning is approximately between 6 and 9 years of age (up to Grade 2).

Communication Skills:

Uses phrases and simple sentences to communicate for various purposes, including expression of preference, emotion, interests and experiences.

Vocabulary adequate for daily functioning.

Asks and responds to questions about concrete information.

Some abstract language use in talking about past events.

Follows meaningful two-step commands without support.

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Severe Disability

A person with a severe developmental disability's age equivalent intellectual functioning is approximately between 3 and 6 years of age (up to Grade 1).

Profound Disability

A person with a profound developmental disability's age equivalent intellectual functioning is approximately between 0-3 years of age. These individuals are unlikely to be involved in the justice system, but if at all, would be as a victim of crime.

The following list is adapted from *Tools for the Primary Care of People with Developmental Disabilities (2011)*.

Community Networks of Specialized Care

Refreshed Mandate

Mandate

To serve adults with developmental disabilities with complex and multiple needs by:

- ▶ Coordinating support and service within and across sectors, by providing complex support coordination for individuals;
- ▶ Acting as a resource to service agencies, Developmental Services Ontario and local planning tables (including urgent response and service solutions / case resolution);
- ▶ Building system capacity to better support individuals with complex needs through education, mentorship and support to other case managers and service agencies; and
- ▶ Providing provincial coordination of videoconferencing and French Language specialized resources.

Key Functions & Roles



Complex Support Coordinator

Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager

Health Care and Behavioural Facilitator

Service System Resources

**DDJCM-Dual Diagnosis and
Justice Case Manager**

Community Meetings

**CSC-Complex Support
Coordinator**

ESR
(Effective Specialized
Response)

Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region

Clinical Conference

Care and Treatment Guidelines

HCF-Healthcare Facilitator

Provincial Consistency

Community Capacity
Building

Clinical Plan

BF-Behaviour Facilitator

Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager

Work collaboratively and support court diversion for people with developmental disabilities and/or dual diagnosis:

With DS agencies and community partners

With court support workers, discharge planners, mental health services, local correctional and custody facilities

- Be a central point of contact
- Coordinate a continuum of services to plan appropriate discharges and maintain community engagement
- Refer to mental health services and other supports

When to refer: Justice or risk of Justice involvement-incarcerated, probation, bail, police involvement, etc. Does not have to be eligible but must be found eligible within 6 months. Does not need to meet the complex criteria so can be referred directly.

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Griffin Community Support Network (GCSN)

GCSN provides time-limited crisis and transitional supports to individuals with a developmental disability and/or a dual diagnosis (including mental health needs) registered in the Toronto Region of the Developmental Services Ontario (DSO).

Adults who are 16 years and older.

Have a developmental disability or a dual diagnosis (developmental disability and serious mental health challenges) and a range of other issues or challenges (i.e., in conflict with the law, immigration, housing, etc.).

Live in the City of Toronto.

Helpful links:

[DSO - TR](#)

<http://www.dsontario.ca/agencies/dso-toronto>

<http://www.community-networks.ca>

<http://www.surreyplace.on.ca/primary-care>

<https://www.porticonetwork.ca/web/hcardd>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/dll31zd2hlvwkw9/DD_Jun_e5-1-Identification.mp4?dl=0

