



Thurston County Public Health & Social Services

Thurston/Mason Counties Developmental Disabilities Program Qualified Provider Application Information

Purpose

The Application for Contractor Status is available to individuals or organizations interested in becoming a County Contractor to provide Individual Supported Employment, Group Supported Employment, Person To Person, and/or Community Access Services in Thurston and/or Mason Counties for adults with developmental disabilities.

Background

The Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department (County), by means of the Developmental Disabilities Program, provides a variety of services to Thurston and Mason County residents with developmental disabilities through funding from the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

The County contracts with qualified individuals or organizations that offer services to individuals with developmental disabilities in a manner consistent with the Six Benefits of a Valued Life as defined in the [County Guidelines](#).

Services

Individual Employment: Job placement and follow-up services necessary to help individuals with developmental disabilities obtain and continue integrated employment in the community, business, or industry. Services may include creating work opportunities, support to the employee's supervisors and/or peer workers to enable them to support the person on the job, on-the-job training, and modification of the worksite or tasks.

Group Supported Employment: Supervised employment and training in regular business and industry settings for groups of no more than eight workers with disabilities. The workers are individuals who have demonstrated a need for ongoing supervision and support in order to maintain employment.

Person to Person: Services that are time-limited and a part of an individual's pathway to Individual Employment. These may include the development and implementation of self-directed services, a person centered employment plan, preparation of an individualized budget, work or volunteering in the community, and/or obtaining generic community resources to achieve integration and employment.

Community Access: Assisting people with disabilities to gain access to integrated community activities in which people without disabilities also participate. This may include activities leading to a pathway to employment, special assistance to participate in generic community activities, hobbies and clubs, advocacy and education individualized to address growth and interaction needs and desires of individuals with disabilities who are: frail because of their medical condition; unemployed because of the current inability of the system to meet their employment needs, or age 62 and older and are retired by choice.

To receive a Qualified Provider Application packet please contact Kim Jensen by clicking on her name in the contacts box of the Thurston County Developmental Disabilities webpage and filling in the Thurston County E-mail Message Center information or by calling her at 360-786-5585 ext. 7208.