

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waivers

Fact Sheet for Teachers

What is CLTS?

The Children's Long Term Support Waivers make Medicaid funding available to support children who are living at home or in the community and who have substantial limitations due to developmental, emotional, and/or physical disabilities. A range of different services and supports are identified based on an assessment of the child's specific needs and identified goals or outcomes.

A Support and Service Coordinator (SSC) works with families to identify goals or outcomes and develop a long-term support plan called an Individual Service Plan (ISP).

Who is eligible?

A child must:

- be under 22 years of age;
- be eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid, including:
 - be a United States citizen or have acceptable immigration status;
 - be a Wisconsin resident;
 - not have income in their name in excess of the current Medicaid standards;
- live at home or in a foster care setting;
- have a level of care need that is typically provided in an institutional setting such as a hospital or nursing home; and
- be able to receive safe and appropriate care at home and/or in the community;



All children or young adults must meet these basic requirements for CLTS Waivers eligibility. To qualify for certain types of funding, there may be additional requirements (example: Autism Treatment Services).

How does a family apply?

The parent or guardian should contact the County Human Services Department where they live and let them know they are interested in long-term support services for their child. Someone will discuss the various programs and resources that may be available in the county for the child based on their needs and the services available.

To apply, the county agency worker will assist the family with some or all of the following:

- Completing an application packet;
- Scheduling a home-visit for the county service coordinator to meet with the family in the home to help complete the assessment of the child's needs;
- Determining the child's "Level of Care" need using an online functional screening tool that the county service coordinator will complete;
- Determining the child's disability status
- Coordinating Wisconsin Medicaid eligibility (some counties have waiting lists so it's best to contact the county as soon as possible to find out about eligibility).

What are some examples of services the CLTS Waivers could provide?

Care Management/Support & Service Coordination * Communication Aids * Supportive Home Care *
Counseling & Therapeutic Services * Daily Living Skills Training Mentoring * Home Modifications * Adaptive
Aids * Respite Care * Specialized Medical & Therapeutic Supplies * Supported Employment

This is not an inclusive list of services. For more information including descriptions of each service, please visit the Children's Services website below.

Collaboration between school team and CLTS team members can facilitate progress toward goals for students with disabilities. If you're not sure whether a student has CLTS, you can ask the family.

For More Information on CLTS...

Families can contact the Children's Services Division of the county that makes eligibility determinations. For a list of county agencies and contacts, please visit: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/HSDListing.asp

For more information on the CLTS Waivers, please visit:
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/clts/waiver/family/index.htm or email DHSCCLTS@wisconsin.gov

CompassWisconsin: Threshold provides eligibility determinations for some counties:
<http://compasswisconsin.org/>

Additional Resources

Aging and Disability Resource Centers
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm>

You Can Work brochure
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/PO/p00516.pdf

Statewide Transition Information
www.witig.org

Department of Health Services Employment Initiatives Section
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/waiver/transition/youcanwork.htm>

