

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS WAIVER - **NEW**

Service Type: Other

Service (Name): **PARTICIPANT EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ADVOCACY SUPPORTS**

Service Definition:

- A. Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports provides training programs, workshops and conferences that help the participant develop self-advocacy skills, exercise civil rights, and acquire skills needed to exercise control and responsibility over other support services.
- B. Covered expenses including but not limited to:
 - 1. Enrollment fees,
 - 2. Books and other educational materials,
 - 3. Lodging and meals, and
 - 4. Transportation related to participation in training courses, conferences and other similar events.

Service Requirements:

- A. Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports may include education and training for participants directly related to building or acquiring such skills.
- B. Support needs for education and training are identified in the participant's Person-Centered Plan.
- C. Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports do not include tuition or air fare.
- D. Prior to accessing DDA funding for this service, all other available and appropriate funding sources, including but not limited to those offered by Maryland's Medicaid State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services ("DORS"), State Department of Education, and Department of Human Services, must be explored and exhausted. These efforts must be documented in the individual's file.
- E. To the extent that any listed services are covered under the State plan, the services under the waiver would be limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the State plan, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Individual	Individual for People Self-Directing Services
Agency	DDA Approved Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports Agency

Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Individual for people self-directing services

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

DDA Approved Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports agency with demonstrated experience with delivering similar services.

The following minimum staff standards are required for one-to-one interactions with children under the age of 18:

1. Be at least 18 years old;
2. Pass a criminal background investigation and any other required background checks and credentials verifications as provided in Appendix C-2-a;
3. Possess a valid driver’s license, if the operation of a vehicle is necessary to provide services; and
4. Have automobile insurance for all automobiles that are owned, leased, or hired and used in the provision of care.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service

Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services - prior to service delivery

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type:

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

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Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for approval of Family and Peer Mentoring
- Provider for staff standards

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA: Annually
- Provider: Prior to service delivery