

Your Benefits and Cuyahoga DD

Are you unsure about applying for Cuyahoga DD Services because you have other benefits?



Here is something important to know!

Receiving supports from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Cuyahoga DD) **will not** change or affect your Medicaid or Social Security benefits.

Benefits you may already be receiving:

Department of Jobs and Family Services

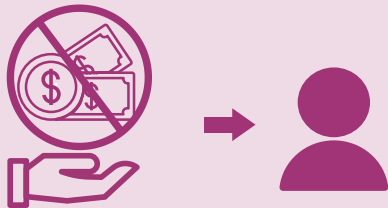
- Medicaid (Health Insurance)
- CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Social Security Administration

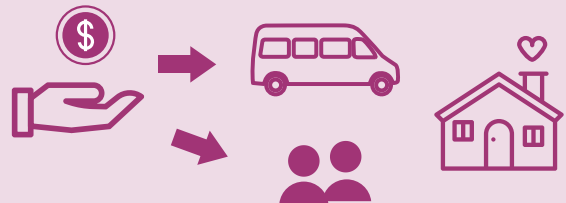
Supplemental Security Income for children and adults (SSI)

- SSI
- SSDI Disability

These benefits are provided to you by other Government agencies, NOT the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



Cuyahoga DD **does not** give funds directly to an individual/family for health and welfare needs. This means we do not provide additional monthly income that could impact your current benefits.



Cuyahoga DD **does** give funds to service providers and vendors who directly support individuals with developmental disabilities who are eligible for County Board services.

People who are eligible for Cuyahoga DD services can get help with their Medicaid & Social Security benefits.

- Children who are preparing to transition out of high school **must reapply for Social Security benefits** as an adult because access to these benefits will change. When your child turns 18, we can help you complete an application to keep your benefits.
- Your assigned Support Administrator can work with other Cuyahoga DD staff to help you understand the letters you get about your Medicaid and Social Security benefits AND we can help you find the right person to talk to at the Medicaid and Social Security offices.
- In some cases, we may be able to become your Authorized Representative for Medicaid benefits. An Authorized Representative can act on your behalf and help you apply for and/or keep Medicaid coverage.
- Adults who want to work may need more information about how a job can affect their benefits. We can help you learn about earning a paycheck and collecting benefits before you start working.

Contact Eligibility at 216-736-2673 or complete an online application at CuyahogaBDD.org.

If you are already eligible for services and need help, contact your Support Administrator or call 216-241-8230.