Nearly all services delivered through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are through a federal Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. They’re called waivers because they waive the option to receive services in an institutional setting in order to receive similar services in their home and community. DDA has five different waivers, each with their own set of services and funding limits.

**For children and adults living in the family home.** Services include: Specialized Habilitation, Community Engagement, Assistive Technology, Respite, Skilled Nursing (age 21+), Risk Assessment, Stabilization Services, Therapeutic Adaptations, Environmental Adaptations, Vehicle Modifications, Specialized Equipment/Supplies, OT/PT/Speech/Hearing & Language (age 21+), Staff/Family Consultation, Positive Behavior Support (under age 21), Peer Mentoring, and Person-Centered Planning Facilitation. Annual funding levels are based on assessed need: $1,200, $1,800, $2,400, $3,600.

**For children and adults living in the family home or other community-based setting** whose ability to continue being supported in that setting is at risk without additional services. Services include: Specialized Habilitation, Community Engagement, Community Inclusion, Respite, Skilled Nursing (age 21+), Risk Assessment, Stabilization Services, Therapeutic Adaptations, Environmental Adaptations, Vehicle Modifications, Specialized Equipment/Supplies, OT/PT/Speech/Hearing & Language Services (age 21+), Staff/Family Consultation, Positive Behavior Support (under age 21), Supported Employment.

**For children and adults at immediate risk of out-of-home placement** who have a need that cannot be met by the Basic Plus waiver, and who may need up to 24-hour residential services that include training and education; or, who may require daily to weekly one-on-one support for physical or health needs. Services include most services under Basic Plus*, as well as supported living and community transition services. (*CORE waiver services provide more funding for services than Basic Plus, based on assessed need.)

**For children (ages 8-20) living in the family home who are at risk of out-of-home placement** due to the intensity of their behavioral challenges. Services are based on positive behavior support and team based planning that builds upon strengths and works toward outcomes driven by the family. Each child’s team includes family, friends, providers, school staff, and others. Services include: Specialized Habilitation, Respite, Assistive Technology, Risk Assessment, Stabilization Services, Specialized Clothing, Music & Equine Therapies, Therapeutic Adaptations, Environmental Adaptations, Vehicle Modifications, Specialized Equipment & Supplies.

**For adults who need 24-hour on-site awake staff supervision and therapies** to maintain their own and community safety. The goal of the Community Protection program is to provide a structured, therapeutic environment for persons with community protection issues in order for them to live safely and successfully in the community while minimizing the risk to public safety. Community Protection services include all services under the CORE waiver, except: Community Engagement, Respite, Wellness Education, Community Inclusion.