

## Community Support Advocates Eligibility/Admissions

### Eligibility

- All services are voluntary. An individual must want to actively participate in the service.
- Persons must meet diagnostic eligibility criterion.

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria vary depending on the program. Program eligibility will be determined upon referral.

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY:** Requires significantly sub average intellectual functioning (usually an IQ 70 or lower), multiple deficits in adaptive behavior, and evidence of onset prior to age 18.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY:** Requires a physical or mental impairment (which can include a Brain Injury) for which there is evidence of onset prior to age 22, and is likely to continue indefinitely so that the individual will need services for an extended period of time. Also requires a functional limitation in three or more of the following areas: Self Care, Language, Learning, Mobility, Self-Direction, Independent Living, and Economic self-sufficiency.

**MENTAL ILLNESS:** Requires that the person has persistent mental or emotional disorder (DSM IV diagnosis) that results in significant impairment in functioning. Some programs may also require that the person must also meet one of the following criteria:

- Received psychiatric treatment more intensive than outpatient care more than once in a lifetime.
- Experienced at least one episode of continuous, structured supportive residential care, other than hospitalization.

In addition, the person must also have at least two of the following:

- Poor work history or limited skills
- Requires financial assistance
- No stable social support network
- Needs help with Basic Living skills
- Inappropriate social behavior

**BRAIN INJURY:** Requires a brain injury diagnosis that meets the Medicaid eligibility criteria for the Brain Injury Waiver. The individual must have functional limitations that meet the State Criteria for a nursing level of care and have a state issued Brain Injury Waiver slot.

For more information, contact CSA's Referral Coordinator at: 515-883-1776 ext. 252