



The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services without regard to age, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Definitions of Developmental Disability

A developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

- Is likely to continue indefinitely
- Is manifested before the person attains age 22
- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness
 - In the case of a person under age three, at least one developmental delay
 - In the case of a person at least age three, but under age six, at least two developmental delays
 - In the case of a person age six or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for one's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is age 16 or older, capacity for economic self-sufficiency
- Causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person

There are a number of conditions that could cause a developmental disabilities, including: an intellectual disability, head injury, epilepsy, autism or cerebral palsy. Eligibility for services may require the use of the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument.