

Intensive Habilitation Services for Children

Overview

The DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration's Intensive Habilitation Services for Children service provides short-term stabilization for children and youth between the ages of 8 to 20. This program provides habilitative goal development, instruction and support for up to 90 days. The client's family, DDA staff and the IHS provider work together to identify client goals. Currently, we have a state-operated provider in Lakewood and one in Spokane. We have funding to develop a third in 2024.

Quality Assurance Oversight

External

- Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Internal

- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring and Training.

Stakeholders

- Local school districts.
- Individuals receiving services.
- Families of program participants.
- Washington State Health Care Authority.



Eligibility

DDA clients who are:

- Eight to 17 years of age or between age 18 and 20 and enrolled in school.
- Approved for waiver stabilization services.
- Assessed to need inpatient treatment for conditions related to behavioral health or autism as recommended by the client's treating professional.
- Not assessed to need a locked or secure facility and does not require an intervention that is prohibited in a community setting.
- Not a risk to the health or safety of IHS staff or other clients supported by the program.
- Able to have their medication needs met through nurse delegation.

Contact: Kaitlyn Collins, *Intensive Habilitation Services Program Manager* • Kaitlyn.Collins@dshs.wa.gov • 360-764-6936
Kacie Smarjesse, *Children's Residential Services Unit Manager* • Kacie.Smarjesse@dshs.wa.gov • 360-764-3229