



# Developmental Disabilities Community Services Residential Habilitation for Dependent Youth

## Overview

The Residential Habilitation for Dependent Youth program provides residential habilitation to eligible children and youth who are subject to a dependency action and court ordered to be placed in out-of-home care. The service is available to dependent youth when requested by the legal representative or parent. RHDY services take place in licensed or certified community-based settings including State-Operated Living Alternatives homes. Providers partner with Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families through a RHDY engagement plan that supports the child and their individual support needs. The RHDY program engages local communities, licensed providers, schools, DCYF, families and other system partners to coordinate services that wrap around the person.

## Funding

RHDY program participation is funded through both the HCBS Core waiver and Washington State DCYF. Agency responsibility is outlined in an agreement between DSHS/DDCS and DCYF.

## Oversight

- DDCS Office of Strategic Planning and Quality Compliance
- Systems Integration and Children's Continuum of Care
- Home and Community Living Administration

## Community Partners

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Advocacy organizations
- Children's residential service providers
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- Washington State Health Care Authority
- Behavioral Health and Habilitation Administration



## Eligibility

A person is eligible for the RHDY program if the person's legal representative asks for residential habilitation services and the person:

- Is eligible for DSHS/DDCS services, including the Home and Community Based Services Core waiver.
- Is between the ages 8-17 when they enter RHDY service.
- Has habilitative needs that cannot be met through appropriate in-home supports.
- Has accessed available services through private insurance, Medicare or their Apple Health Medicaid.
- Is placed out-of-home through a dependency action and in the custody of DCYF/tribal child welfare and is either in shelter care status, dependent or in the custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

## Authority

[Chapter 388-823 WAC](#), DDA Intake and Eligibility

[Chapter 388-842 WAC](#), Residential Habilitation for Dependent Youth Program

[Chapter 388-825 WAC](#)

[Chapter 388-825A WAC](#)

[Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers

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