

What is the Front Door?

OPWDD's Front Door is:

- The way OPWDD connects people to the services they want and need.
- Based on the idea that people with developmental disabilities have the right to:
 - ✓ Enjoy meaningful relationships,
 - ✓ Experience personal growth,
 - ✓ Participate in their community, and
 - ✓ Live as independently as possible with supportive services.
- A way to help people make choices about their services and how they are provided.



The Front Door Process Helps You With Many Choices You Will Need to Make

Choices about:

- The care coordination organization you will work with, and
- The type of care coordination you want,
- The types of services you need,
- Whether to self-direct your services, or not, and
- Which available agencies you would like to deliver your services.



Front Door – Identifying Supports and Services

Once your eligibility to receive OPWDD services has been determined:

1. Front Door staff will talk with you about your current needs, strengths, and the natural and community supports available to you.
2. You will participate in two assessments, the Developmental Disability Profile 2 (DDP2) and, if you are 18 years of age or older, the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS).
3. OPWDD will also consider your culture, language and life experiences to ensure that you have the help you need to identify your service needs and the right assistance to develop a person-centered plan that meets your needs and interests.



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As you are going through the Front Door process, you should think about:

1. Your strengths,
2. Goals you want to achieve,
3. Changes you would like to make in your life,
4. Areas where you need help to complete everyday activities,
5. Your medical history,
6. How often you see medical and behavioral health professionals, and
7. Your current supports.

Supports and Services

OPWDD supports can help you learn how to:

1. Get along with other people,
2. Manage different situations,
3. Be a self-advocate,
4. Find ways to get places in the community,
5. Go places with less help,
6. Take part in activities you are interested in,
and
7. Enjoy your free time doing activities you
choose.



Supports and Services

As you hear about supports and services:

1. Remember that supports and services include help from family, friends, neighbors and the community – referred to as natural and community supports.
2. Think about the choices you or your family member need to make about:
 - Where you want to live, and
 - What you want to do with your day.

