

# Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## Administrative Policy Manual

**Policy: Supported Living and Home and  
Community Based Waivers**

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### Policy

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities shall plan and develop Supported Living for persons eligible for Board services to the extent that resources are available. Supported Living is a method of providing the supports necessary to enable persons to live where and with whom they choose. As defined in 5126.01, Supported Living includes services and supports provided to a person with developmental disabilities using public and/or private resources that enhance the individual's reputation in community life and advance his or her quality of life by:

1. Providing the support necessary to enable an individual to live in a residence of his or her choice, with any number of persons who are not disabled, or with no more than three (3) persons with developmental disabilities, unless they are related by blood or marriage.
2. Encouraging the person's participation in the community.
3. Promoting the person's rights and autonomy.
4. Assisting the person in acquiring, retaining, and improving the skills and competence necessary to live successfully in their home.
5. "Supported Living" includes the provision of all of the following:
  - A. Housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, professional services, and any related support services necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the person receiving the services.
  - B. A combination of life-long or extended-duration supervision, training, and other services essential to daily living, including assessment and evaluation and assistance with the cost of training materials, transportation, fees, and supplies.
  - C. Personal care and homemaker services.
  - D. Household maintenance that does not include modifications to the physical structure of the residence.
  - E. Respite care services.
  - F. Program management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.

The Board utilizes Medicaid home and community based waivers and other resources available to people with disabilities to achieve the goals of supported living.

The number of persons with developmental disabilities for whom the Board can arrange supported living services is always subject to the availability of resources.

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The Board may arrange for supported living in one or more of the following ways:

1. By contracting with providers; and
2. By entering into shared funding agreements with state agencies, local public agencies, or political subdivisions; and
3. By providing direct payments to eligible persons.

Supported living services are provided by individuals and agencies that are certified by the Department of Developmental Disabilities consistent with the provisions of ORC Section 5126.431. Providers of Medicaid waiver services must also have a current Medicaid Provider Agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid.