

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR OUR SERVICES?

Richland Newhope supports eligible children and adults who reside in Richland County and have an eligible developmental delay or disability according to guidelines for each age group.

Children Birth through 2:

Richland Newhope is a provider of Early Intervention services supporting children birth through 2 years of age as part of a comprehensive and collaborative approach. If you have questions or a referral, contact Central Coordination at 419-524-2660.

Children 3 through 5:

The local school district authorizes the placement of their students in the special needs preschool classes operated by Richland Newhope. Eligibility is determined through a play-based assessment process. Please contact your school district for assistance. For services other than preschool, contact our Service & Support Administration Department at 419-774-4201.

Individuals 6 and older:

Services can be provided to any Richland County resident over the age of 6 who has a disability that occurs before the age of 22, is likely to continue throughout his or her life, and impacts three or more major life areas. For assistance to determine eligibility, contact our Service & Support Administration Intake Office at 419-774-4201.



Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities is funded through a combination of local (levy) dollars, state funds, and federal dollars. In addition to our direct services, we fund the local match for all Medicaid waiver services regardless of the provider. The agency is overseen by a volunteer, seven-member board appointed by the Richland County commissioners and the Richland County Probate Court judge.

Accreditations, Certifications, and Licenses:

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

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Supporting children and adults with disabilities throughout their lifetime.



Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Our Mission: Richland Newhope is committed to supporting people with developmental disabilities to live, work, and be a part of the community, making individual choices within their circle of support.

Our Vision: All individuals and their families are exploring unlimited possibilities and discovering opportunities in their community.



The Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities is committed to Person-Centered Excellence and providing quality supports that are focused on what is important to the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Richland County.

OUR SERVICES

- **Early Intervention:** Service coordinators and developmental specialists assist parents of infants and toddlers in their homes from the initial contact through transition to preschool. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy services may be needed; this may include assessment for adaptive equipment and assistive technology. Children suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder receive a developmental assessment and specific diagnostic evaluations (ADOS).
- **Preschool:** Children with developmental delays as well as typically-developing children are supported in small classrooms or community-based settings. Services include: physical, occupational, and speech therapy, experienced special education instruction, and on-going assessments, following the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards and using a state approved curriculum.
- **Transition Services:** A variety of services are available for school-age youth that can help to remove barriers in the home and school, to develop plans and skills for independent living, employment, and community access.
- **Family Support:** Families who have loved ones with disabilities residing at home can receive support services through the Family Support program. Supports may include respite care, equipment, home modifications, trainings, etc. These services are provided on a sliding scale based upon the family's income.
- **Day Services:** Adult day service programs offer an environment for individuals to work on skill development, enjoy recreational activities, self-advocacy, and vocational real work opportunities. We assist individuals in choosing the day service program that best meets their needs and interests.
- **Supported Employment:** We support adults to develop skills and opportunities that will help them obtain and keep a job of their choosing. This includes skill development, transportation, and vocational training. Individuals can choose a provider that can assist with community-based employment opportunities. For individuals not ready to enter the work force, a sheltered workshop might be an option.
- **Service & Support Administration (SSA):** All individuals age 3 and older can select an individual consultant (IC) who assists them in developing and coordinating a person-centered plan. The IC works with individuals/families to help identify supports, select providers of services, and/or pursue available resources. Periodic reviews will be conducted to assure the individual is satisfied with supports/services in accordance with his or her plan. We also assist with recruiting, training, and monitoring service providers. Our Major Unusual Incident (MUI) unit helps ensure health and safety by investigating and tracking significant incidents, such as abuse and neglect, involving individuals with developmental disabilities in Richland County.
- **Residential Supports:** Richland Newhope provides a full range of services, including respite, at Raintree and several smaller group home settings. We can also help individuals and families find other certified or licensed providers that can best meet their needs while providing increased independence and integration in the community.