



Developmental Disabilities Ministries

Application Process

When an opening in a group home becomes available, the waiting list is reviewed in order to find the applicant for whom the placement is best suited. First, basic requirements are considered. The applicant must have a primary diagnosis of a developmental disability, be 18 years old or older, and be a resident of Georgia. From there, we look for a closer match. For example, if the opening is in a men's DDM home, all the female applicants are removed from consideration. Also, there are certain behavioral and medical needs which DDM is not yet equipped to serve.

Geographic location is important since the man or woman chosen for placement is usually from the area in which the opening is located. Relocation to another section of the state often creates a burden either for the family and friends who wish to visit or the DDM resident who would like to go home for an occasional long weekend.

When the number of applicants has been narrowed down to those who would benefit most from the placement, interviews and visits to the DDM home are arranged. This helps everyone get acquainted with the various people involved. Finally, an applicant is invited to move into the DDM home. When everyone is in agreement, placement occurs.

Remember, the application process is not on a first-come, first-serve basis. The match of needs to resources is the most vital element. No one can predict how long one may have to wait or how soon the move-in day may come. In any event, the process cannot start until the complete application gets to us.

For more information or to receive an application in the mail, call our Program Office at—

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