

Developmental Disabilities
Program Locations

Copiah County
1019 Carroll Drive
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
(601) 894-2018

Madison County
103 South Lake Circle
Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-8371

Rankin County
613 Marquette Road
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-8800
(601) 824-0342—Administration

Simpson County
3100 Simpson Highway 13
Mendenhall, MS 39114
(601) 847-4410

Region 8 accepts Mississippi Medicaid as payment in full for most services and provides developmental disabilities services on a sliding scale fee. Region 8 is funded in part by the MS Department of Mental Health.



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES



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Region 8 Developmental Disabilities Services is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by enhancing their independence, productivity, and full integration into their communities.

Through Developmental Disabilities Services, individuals, families, and caregivers are given access to services needed for independent, inclusive functioning.

The four primary areas of focus under the auspices of Region 8's Developmental Disabilities Program are Case Management Services, Prevocational & Work Activity Services, Supported Employment, and Transitional Services.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Case Management Services provides individual and family assistance as needed by a professional case manager who specializes in developmental disabilities. The case manager advises individuals and their families of available services and programs and assists with all aspects of the application and admission process when needed. Ensuring that the changing needs of the individual are recognized and met is a major focus of the case manager. Case Management Services are available in all four counties that make up Region 8 and, if necessary, can provide services to individuals for a lifetime.

PREVOCATIONAL & WORK ACTIVITY SERVICES

Prevocational & Work Activity Services provides training in areas necessary for independent vocational functioning. Individuals receive training in a realistic work environment and receive pay based on their production. Additional training includes appropriate work behavior, grooming skills, and other self-help skills necessary for a work setting. The Prevocational & Work Activity Services program provides individualized plans designed to keep individuals functioning in his/her community and to foster greater independence in vocational skills.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

The Supported Employment Program provides vocational assessment to determine an individual's skills, abilities, and work interests. Individuals are assisted with job search, placement, training, and retention, and are provided the necessary support to enable them to work as independently as possible within their communities. Supported Employment works collaboratively with local businesses to develop positions and enable successful job placement.

TRANSITIONAL SERVICES

Transitional Services provides assistance to students aged 16+ who are currently attending high school to facilitate a successful transition from school to work. We coordinate services with all school personnel including a collaborative IEP (Individualized Education Program) development. Transitional Services includes vocational assessment, job search, placement, training, and a half day school/half day work experience at the Prevocational Work Program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- All participants must be eligible for a Developmental Disabilities Certification based on a current evaluation by a licensed physician or psychologist.
- Prevocational & Work Activity Services are available to individuals aged 16+ who are residents of the Region 8 area.
- A current medical evaluation is required for admittance into the Prevocational & Work Activity Services program.
- All participants must be residents of Copiah, Madison, Rankin, or Simpson counties.

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