

COGNITIVE DISABILITY STRATEGY

South Central Region

The COGNITIVE DISABILITY STRATEGY is a framework for supporting individuals with cognitive disabilities who have significant behavioural and developmental challenges.

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Cognitive Disability Strategy

Target age for the Cognitive Disability Strategy is 6 to 24 years.

*requests outside of target age will be considered

Who qualifies for the Cognitive Disability Strategy?

5 criteria that a person must meet:

1. Significant limitations in learning and processing information. Persons are limited in retaining knowledge, learning skills, making decisions, communicating with others and,
2. Behavioural challenges which result in limited interpersonal, social, and emotional functioning and,
3. Developmental challenges which limit capacity to adapt to daily living in areas such as self-care, independence at home, in the community at work or leisure and,
4. Limitations and impairments that are persistent and long term and,
5. Have unmet needs.

How does a person apply for help from the Cognitive Disability Strategy?

Requests for support are reviewed by an intake committee once a month. There are 3 ways to apply for help:

1. An individual or family member can fill out the request for support form and the consent form.
2. An individual or family member can ask a system representative they presently work with to help them complete the forms.
3. If an individual or a family does not have anyone to help them with the form or are unable to complete the forms themselves, the RIC Coordinator can assist them.

What can the Cognitive Disability Strategy do to help?

If a request for support is approved by the intake committee they will recommend a Case Lead. The focus of the Cognitive Disability Strategy is for people in the community to come together and work towards creating a plan to successfully meet unmet needs. The Case lead will coordinate a support team and work with the team to develop the plan. There is also a Cognitive Disability Consultant who may be part of the team.

What does the Cognitive Disability Consultant do?

The Consultant can work with the team to provide suggestions and training on how to best support someone to be successful in the plan that has been developed. The focus of the Consultant will be to enhance the knowledge and skills of families and service providers in meeting the needs of persons with cognitive disabilities who have significant behavioural and developmental challenges.

How can I get the Cognitive Disability Consultant involved on my team?

A request for the consultant's involvement needs to be approved by the intake committee. The intake committee may recommend the consultant be involved right away or a team may request the consultant's involvement at any time by putting a request forth to the intake committee.

What is the process to access funds from the Cognitive Disability Strategy?

You first must have had your request for support accepted by the intake committee and be working with a support team. The goal of the team will first be to see if unmet needs can be met through existing agencies in the community. If all community resources have been exhausted and the team feels the only option is to put forth a funding request to support the unmet need, the team can bring a proposal forward for funding. This request comes back to the intake committee for recommendations to a provincial committee. Funds available are correlated to the level of support needed and family income. To obtain further information, contact the person below:

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