

SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

POLICY 5.11 FAMILY DIRECTED SERVICES

I. Introduction

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities will not have a Family Support Services Program (FSS) as described in Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.11.

Instead, the Board will use the annual FSS allocation as match for Medicaid waivers, as permitted by OAC 5123:2-1-02 (J)(2). In lieu of the FSS program, the County Board has established with this policy, the Family Directed Services program or FDS.

II. Family Directed Services Program

- A. This fund will be the payer of last resort.
- B. The funds allocated to this program will be approved annually by a resolution of the Board.
- C. Each year, the Board will also adjust the maximum allocation that can be awarded annually to a family with one, and more than one, eligible family member. If no action is taken, maximum allocations will remain the same as the previous year.
- D. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis without regard to income.
- E. The program will promote the preservation of the family by improving the living environment or facilitating the care of an eligible individual in a family setting. To this end, funds will be used to:
 - a. Ensure health and welfare
 - b. Assist individuals toward greater levels of self-sufficiency and independence; and/or
 - c. Allowing for more community integration
- F. Individuals living independently in the community, individuals receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) and/or individuals living in congregate settings are not eligible for FDS.
- G. The Superintendent, or designee, shall develop procedures for the efficient and effective administration of this program.

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- H. Individuals with complaints or disagreements regarding the disbursement of these funds will be referred to the administrative resolution of complaints procedure, which is Policy 2.01 of this Manual.