

FINAL DECISION

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3/24/2026



RE: Final Decision

Dear [REDACTED]

On 1/28/2026 the proposed decision of the hearing officer regarding the eligibility of [REDACTED] to receive services of the Department of Developmental Services was sent to you and all parties. Parties had ten (10) business days from receipt of the proposed decision to submit comments in support or opposition. Comments were not submitted by the petitioner. No comments were submitted on behalf of DDS.

After reviewing the proposed decision, the record, including exhibits submitted at the hearing, I agree with the hearing officer, adopt the Proposed Decision as the Final Decision, and find that [REDACTED] is ineligible for services of the Department of Developmental Services pursuant to Connecticut General Statute section 1-1g.

If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right, in accordance with Section 4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to appeal to the Superior Court. Such an appeal must be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the mailing of this final decision.


Jordan A. Scheff
Commissioner

Enclosures

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
ELIGIBILITY HEARING

IN RE: [REDACTED]

December 4, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

On December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. a hearing was held at the Department of Developmental Services, 460 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, to determine the eligibility of [REDACTED] for services from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g. The request for hearing was filed on June 16, 2025 by [REDACTED] who is the Applicant's parents and guardians in this matter.

Name of Attendees:

[REDACTED]	Applicant's Father/ Guardian
Beverly Silliphant	Applicant's Mother/ Guardian
[REDACTED]	Licensed Professional Counselor at [REDACTED] for Applicant
Dr. Margaret Rudin	DDS Psychologist Eligibility Unit

Statement of Issues

Is [REDACTED] eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services?

Exhibits Entered Into Evidence

The following documents were presented by the parties and admitted into evidence as full exhibits by the undersigned hearing officer:

HO-1	Denial of Eligibility 3/25/2025
HO-2	Request for Hearing Dated 6/16/2025
HO-3	Notice of Hearing Dated 7/30/2025
DDS-1	DDS Denial 3/25/2025
DDS-2	Second Review by Dr. Margaret Rudin, Ph.D. 3/25/2025
DDS-3	Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-4	Functional Behavioral Assessment [REDACTED]
DDS-5	Psychological Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-6	Psychological Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-7	Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-8	Multidisciplinary Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-9	Psychological Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-10	Probate [REDACTED]
DDS-11	Probate [REDACTED]

Finding of Facts:

The exhibits entered into evidence, along with sworn testimony at the hearing result in the following findings:

1. [REDACTED] is a resident of the State of Connecticut as she resides in town/city of [REDACTED], Connecticut.
2. At the time of the hearing, [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years [REDACTED] months old.

3. That the Applicant is currently receiving services within the autism division and also with DMHAS, Department of Mental Health and Addiction to substance abuse program (Testimony M. Rudin).
4. That the Applicant underwent a pediatric reevaluation on [REDACTED] when she was [REDACTED] years old. At the time the Applicant was given the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) and she received a full scale IQ score of 63. The report also noted that the Applicant's verbal IQ was 75 and performance IQ was 54..."we have some unevenness as far as the verbal and the performance. . . also there's some issues possible with pervasive developmental disorder, which is also known as autism spectrum disorder, with some overanxious and attention deficit features, some question of intactness of thought with the possibility of some hallucinations being experienced." (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 3)
5. That the Applicant underwent an additional psychological evaluation in [REDACTED] when she was [REDACTED] years [REDACTED] months of age. At that time there was no adaptive functioning tests noted. There was a WISC III administered where the Applicant scored a verbal IQ of 90 and a Performance IQ of 55. No full scale IQ score was given however there "is a significant difference between the performance and the verbal scores which would render the full-scale IQ less meaningful." (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 5)
6. That another psychological evaluation was administered when the Applicant was [REDACTED] years, [REDACTED] months which is beyond the developmental period. That at that time she scored a verbal IQ of 90 and a performance IQ of 56. They also noted a Full Scale IQ score of 72. While this was beyond the developmental period it was noted that these score on the third edition of the Wechsler was comparable with her performance on the third edition of WISC in [REDACTED] when there was no Full Scale IQ score given. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 9)

Definition of Intellectual Disability:

According to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1g, in order to be eligible for supports or services from the Department of Developmental Services for an intellectual disability, an individual must demonstrate significant limitations in intellectual functioning **and** deficits in adaptive behavior that originated **during** the developmental period before eighteen years of age (emphasis added).

Discussion:

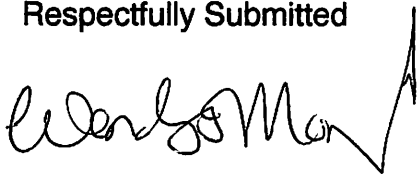
While the Applicant may require assistance, guidance and support there is not adequate documentation in the records to establish that she is intellectually disabled pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes. There is not enough information provided to show that her deficits in intellectual function and adaptive behaviors were significant enough to fall within the intellectually disabled range during her developmental period. As such the statutory requirements of the Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g have not been satisfied in the present case.

Conclusion:

The Applicant is not eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services based on intellectual disabilities, as she does not meet the criteria for services as defined in Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g. The Applicant, however, is receiving services from both the autism division and with DMHAS, Department of Mental Health and Addiction to substance abuse program.

This decision shall be submitted to all parties and the Commissioner. The parties may submit written comments in support or opposition to this proposed decision within ten days of receipt hereof.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Mongillo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hearing Officer

Wendy Mongillo