

FINAL DECISION

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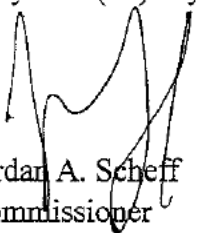
RE: Final Decision

Dear [REDACTED]

On 1/21/2026 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

cc: Attorney Wendy Mongillo
Kathleen Murphy, Ph.D., Director, Eligibility Unit
Margret Rudin, Ph.D., Psychologist Eligibility Unit
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
ELIGIBILITY HEARING

IN RE: [REDACTED]

January 9, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

On January 9, 2026 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 July 1, 2026 by [REDACTED] who is the the Applicant's mother and Co-Conservator in this matter.

Name of Attendees:

[REDACTED]	Applicant's Mother/ Co-Conservator
[REDACTED]	Applicant's Father/ Co-Conservator
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	DDS Denial Letter Dated 5/7/2025
HO-2	Request for Appeal Hearing Dated 7/1/2025
HO-3	Notice of Hearing Dated 7/31/2025
DDS-1	DDS Eligibility Application Dated 4/11/2025
DDS-2	DDS Denial Letter 5/7/2025
DDS-3	Second Review by Dr. Margaret Rudin, Ph.D. 5/7/2025
DDS-4	Psychological Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-5	PsychoEducational Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-6	PsychoEducational Evaluation [REDACTED]
DDS-7	[REDACTED] Psychological [REDACTED]
DDS-8	Individualized Education Program [REDACTED]
DDS-9	Individualized Education Program [REDACTED]
DDS-10	Individualized Education Program [REDACTED]
DDS-11	Individualized Education Program [REDACTED]
P-1	Fiduciary Certificate

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 the 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 always needs direction to help her pay attention. (Testimony [REDACTED]).
4. That in third grade the Applicant was evaluation for special education services. As part of the evaluation she obtained a Full Scale IQ score of 77 on the WISC-IV. (Testimony M Rudin, DDS Exhibit 4).
5. That the Applicant was reevaluated at age [REDACTED] at the time of the evaluation the Applicant scored a Full Scale IQ of 80 on the WISC-V (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 4).
6. That the Applicant was again reevaluated at [REDACTED] years, [REDACTED] months of age. At that time the Applicant was administered the Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale - Fourth Edition (WAIS-IV) and received a Full Scale IQ score of 74. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 5)
7. That at [REDACTED] years of age the Applicant was given the Stanford - Binet Intelligence Scales - Fifth Edition whereby she had a full scale IQ score of 70. At that time she also was given an Adaptive Behavioral Assessment System. Third Edition and had a General Adaptive Composite of 64. (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibit 6)
8. That the Applicant's IEPs indicated a primary disability of "Specific Learning Disabilities". (Testimony M. Rudin, DDS Exhibits 8,9)

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 the test results do not give a basis in the records to establish that she is intellectually disabled pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes. Unfortunately, the record does not demonstrate that her deficits in intellectual functioning **and** adaptive behaviors were significant enough concurrently 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, may be eligible for services/benefits through other Federal and State agencies and programs.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Mongillo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hearing Officer

Wendy Mongillo