

FINAL DECISION

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RE: Final Decision

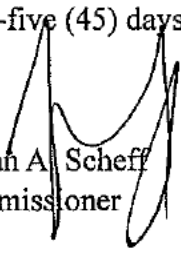
Dear [REDACTED]

On May 12, 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 submitted by the petitioner. Comments were not submitted on behalf of DDS.

After reviewing the record including the proposed decision, exhibits, comments, and transcript, 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.

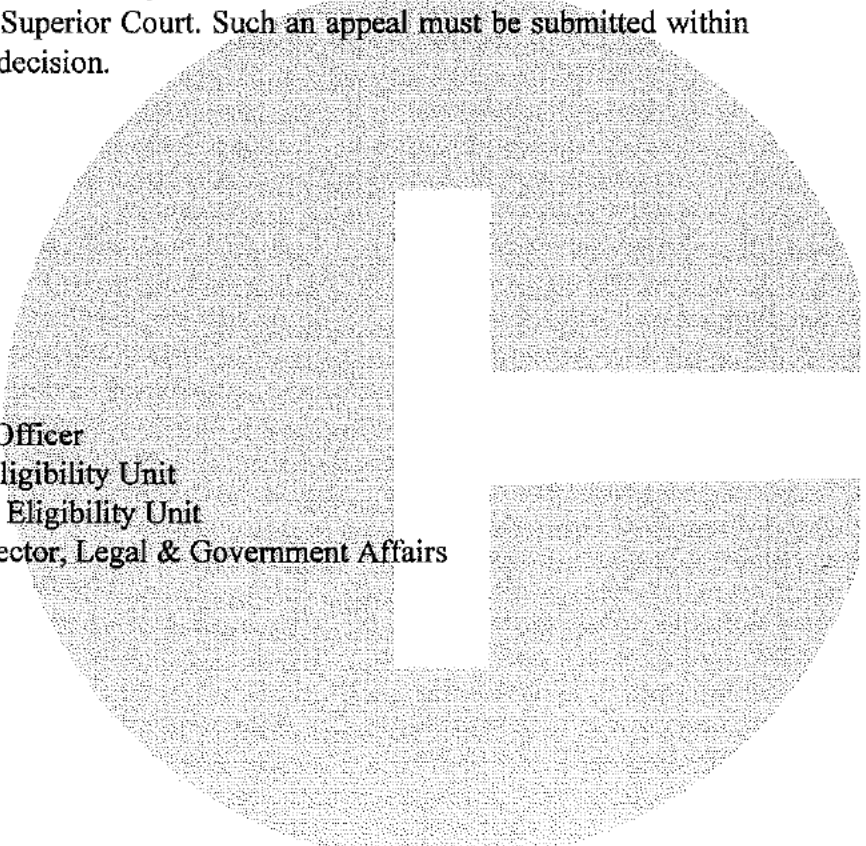
If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right, in accordance with Section 4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to appeal to the Superior Court. Such an appeal must be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the mailing of this final decision.

Jordan A. Scheff
Commissioner



Enclosures

cc: Attorney Wendy Mongillo, Hearing Officer
Kathleen Murphy, Ph.D., Director, Eligibility Unit
Margaret Rudin, Ph.D., Psychologist Eligibility Unit
Attorney Marjorie O. Wakeman, Director, Legal & Government Affairs



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

IN RE: [REDACTED]

APRIL 24, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

On April 24, 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 February 2, 2026 by [REDACTED] who is the Applicant..

Name of Attendees:

[REDACTED]	Applicant
[REDACTED]	Applicant's Mother
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 12/30/2025
HO-2	Request for hearing Dated 2/2/2025
HO-3	Notice of hearing Dated 2/4/2026
DDS-1	Eligibility Application Dated 5/3/2025
DDS-2	Denial Letter Dated 12/30/2025
DDS-3	Second Review by Dr. Margaret Rudin, Ph.D. Dated 12/30/2025
DDS-4	Psychiatric History 1/11/2020
DDS-5	Biopsychosocial Intake Assessment 1/17/2022
DDS-6	Report of Psychological Examination 12/11/2024
DDS-7	Neuro-Psychological Evaluation 01/14/2025
DDS-8	Medications 07/01/2025
DDS-9	Autism Letter Dated 1/6/2026
DDS-10	Occupational Therapy 07/10/2012
DDS-11	Occupational Therapy 11/12/2020

Finding of Facts:

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

1. The Applicant is a resident of the State of Connecticut as he resides in the Town/ City of [REDACTED] Connecticut.
2. At the time of the hearing, the Applicant, born [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years [REDACTED] months old.
3. That the Applicant received schooling and spent his developmental period in Puerto Rico. The Applicant moved with his mother to Connecticut in July of 2022 when he was [REDACTED] years [REDACTED] month old. (Testimony [REDACTED])
4. That the Applicant has several psychiatric diagnosis including but not limited to major depressive disorder and Bipolar disorder. (Testimony M. Rudin Exhibits DDS 4,5,8)

5. That the Applicant currently receives services from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (Testimony M. Rudin and Testimony [REDACTED])
6. That despite the fact that records were received from the Applicant's development period, none of the records report any cognitive or adaptive functioning testing. (Testimony M. Rudin)

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:

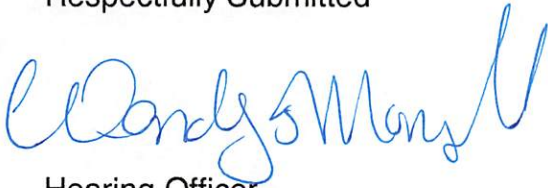
While the Applicant may require assistance, guidance and support there is not documentation in the records to establish that he is intellectually disabled pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes. There is no information provided to show that his deficits in intellectual function and adaptive behaviors were significant enough to fall within the intellectually disabled range during his 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 he does not meet the criteria for services as defined in Connecticut General Statute Section 1-1g. The Applicant, however, has been found eligible for service through the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" and last name "Mongillo" clearly distinguishable.

Hearing Officer

Wendy Mongillo