

WAC 388-823-0630 What evidence do I need of developmental delays? (1) To qualify under developmental delay, DDA must receive evidence showing a standard deviation of at least 1.5 or 25% or more of the chronological age in at least one of the following developmental areas:

- (a) Fine or gross motor skills;
- (b) Self-help/adaptive skills;
- (c) Expressive or receptive communication, including American Sign Language;
- (d) Social/emotional skills; and
- (e) Cognitive, academic, or problem-solving skills.

(2) The evidence of developmental delay must be:

- (a) Measured using an age-appropriate diagnostic assessment; and
- (b) Assessed within the past 18 months, except when written confirmation explains the previously measured delay remains valid.

(3) DDA accepts a written statement from a qualified professional stating that your developmental delay prevents you from completing testing.

(4) The assessment must be completed by one of the following professionals qualified to assess the developmental areas outlined above:

- (a) Licensed physician or physician assistant;
- (b) Licensed naturopathic physician;
- (c) Licensed psychologist or certified school psychologist;
- (d) Speech language pathologist;
- (e) Audiologist;
- (f) Licensed occupational therapist;
- (g) Licensed physical therapist;
- (h) ARNP or registered nurse;
- (i) Certified teacher;
- (j) Master's level social worker; or
- (k) Orientation and mobility specialist.

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