

**WAC 388-826-0010 Who is eligible for voluntary placement services?** (1) A child is eligible for voluntary placement services if:

- (a) The child:
  - (i) Is DDA-eligible under chapter 388-825 WAC;
  - (ii) Will enter voluntary out-of-home placement while under eighteen;
  - (iii) Has accessed all other available and appropriate DDA services;
- (b) The child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian:
  - (i) Is unable to provide care for the child needs;
  - (ii) Has determined that the child would benefit from voluntary out-of-home placement;
  - (iii) Requests out-of-home placement solely because of the child's developmental disability;
  - (iv) Requests voluntary placement services in writing;
  - (v) Complies with the voluntary placement agreement; and
- (c) DDA:
  - (i) Has available funding;
  - (ii) Determines that available and appropriate in-home supports do not meet the child's needs;
  - (iii) Determines that voluntary out-of-home placement is in the child's best interest.

(2) The department considers voluntary out-of-home placement to be in the best interest of the child if voluntary placement services:

- (a) Help maintain family relationships; and
- (b) Provide the least restrictive setting that will benefit the child's medical, social, developmental, and personal needs.

(3) DDA waits to determine a client's eligibility for voluntary placement services until any pending child protective services' investigations conclude.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 74.13.350. WSR 18-23-004, § 388-826-0010, filed 11/7/18, effective 12/8/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.13.350. WSR 02-22-057, § 388-826-0010, filed 10/31/02, effective 12/1/02.]