

Overview of :

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ONTARIO TORONTO REGION

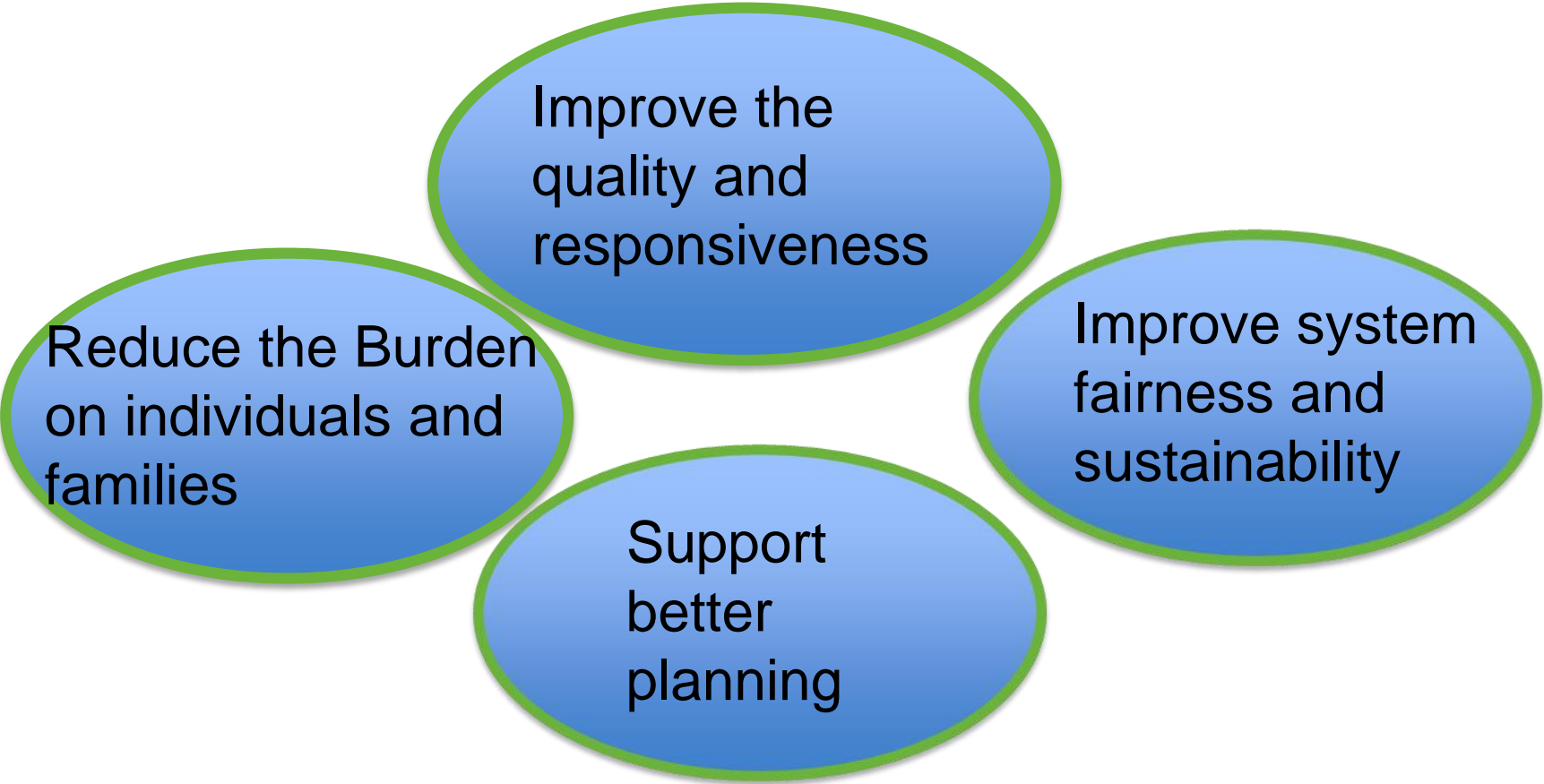
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SOCIAL INCLUSION ACT

- 2008, Ontario passed the *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Person with Developmental Disabilities Act*.
- This represents a paradigm shift from professional, controlled services in segregated institutions to services that reinforce community participation.
- Modern, fair and sustainable developmental services system that will give people with intellectual disabilities more independence and choice in their full inclusion in society

The Purpose of the DSO's



Improve the
quality and
responsiveness

Reduce the Burden
on individuals and
families

Improve system
fairness and
sustainability

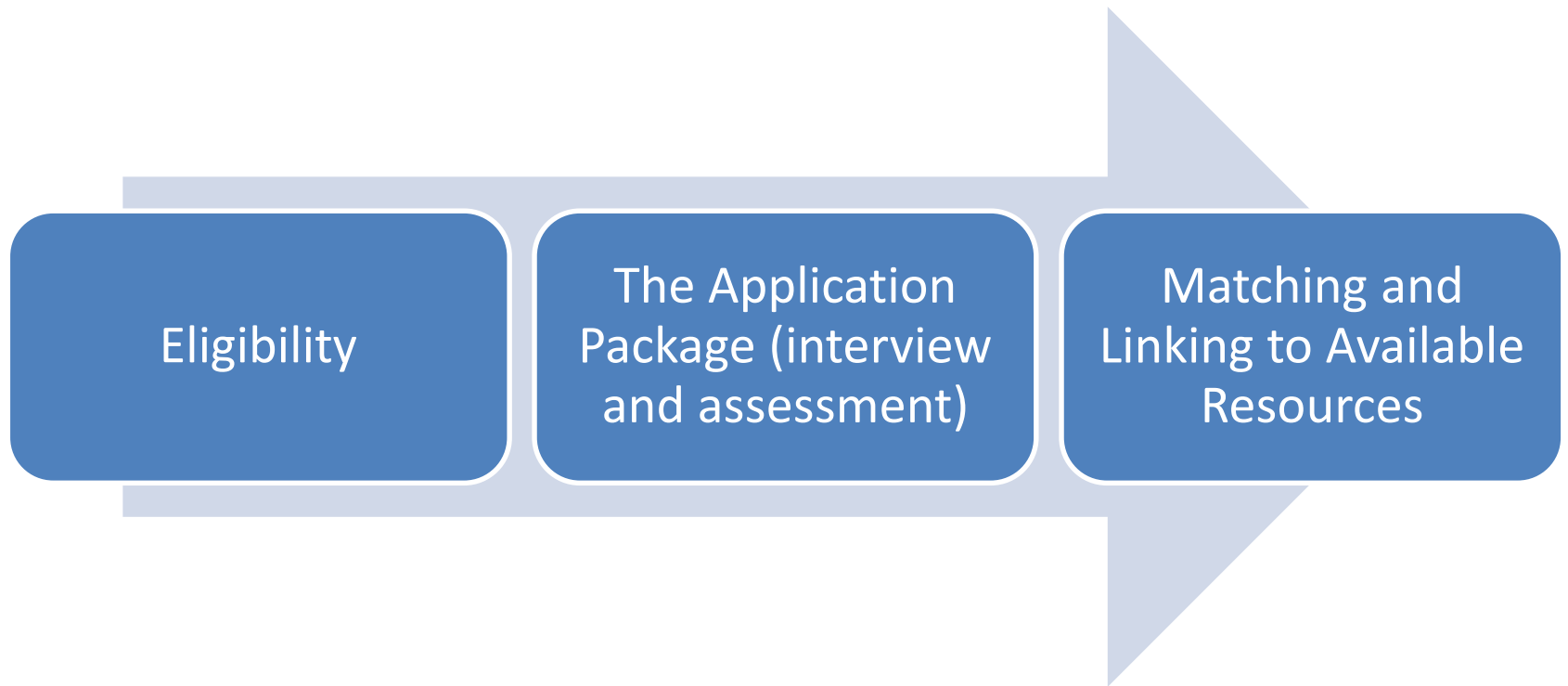
Support
better
planning

DSO's are:

- The single point of access for all new adults with a developmental disability to access Ministry funded Adult services and supports



THE STAGES OF DSO PROCESS



Ministry funded services include:

- residential services and supports
- activities of daily living services and supports
- community participation services and supports
- caregiver respite services and supports
- professional and specialized services
- person-directed planning services and supports
- family support workers/ Adult protective service workers

Information Provision:



Websites



Developmental Services Ontario

Your access point for adult developmental services

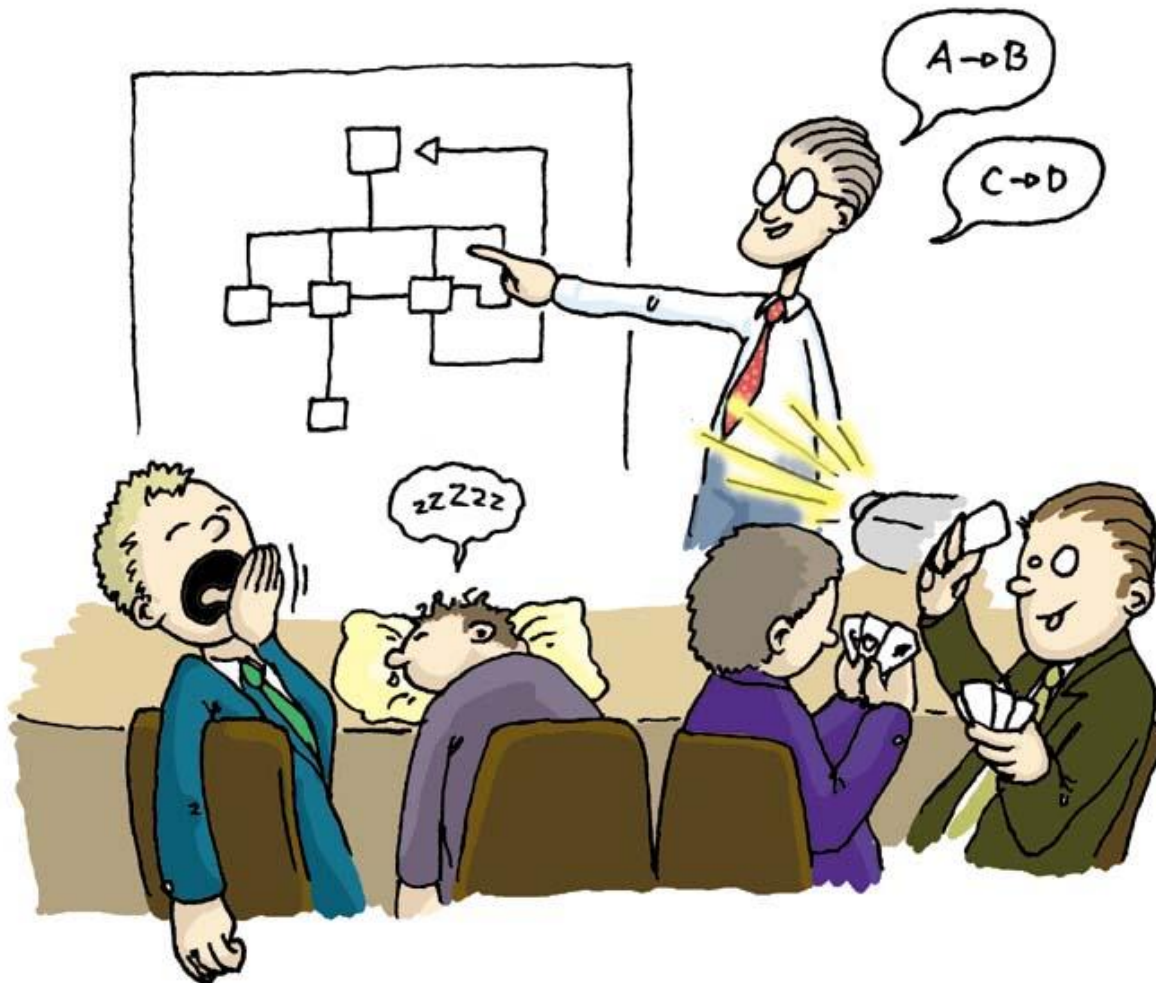
Toronto Region

www.dsotoronto.com

**PHONE: 1-855-DS-ADULT
THIS NUMBER LINKS TO 211 ON
WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS**



PRESENTATIONS:



Eligibility is Legislated

- DSO's will confirm an individual's eligibility to receive services
- When applying, individuals ***must*** provide an assessment by a Psychologist or Psychological Associate



- 3 Criteria for Eligibility:

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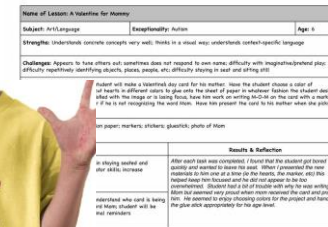


ELIGIBILITY – IT IS THE LAW

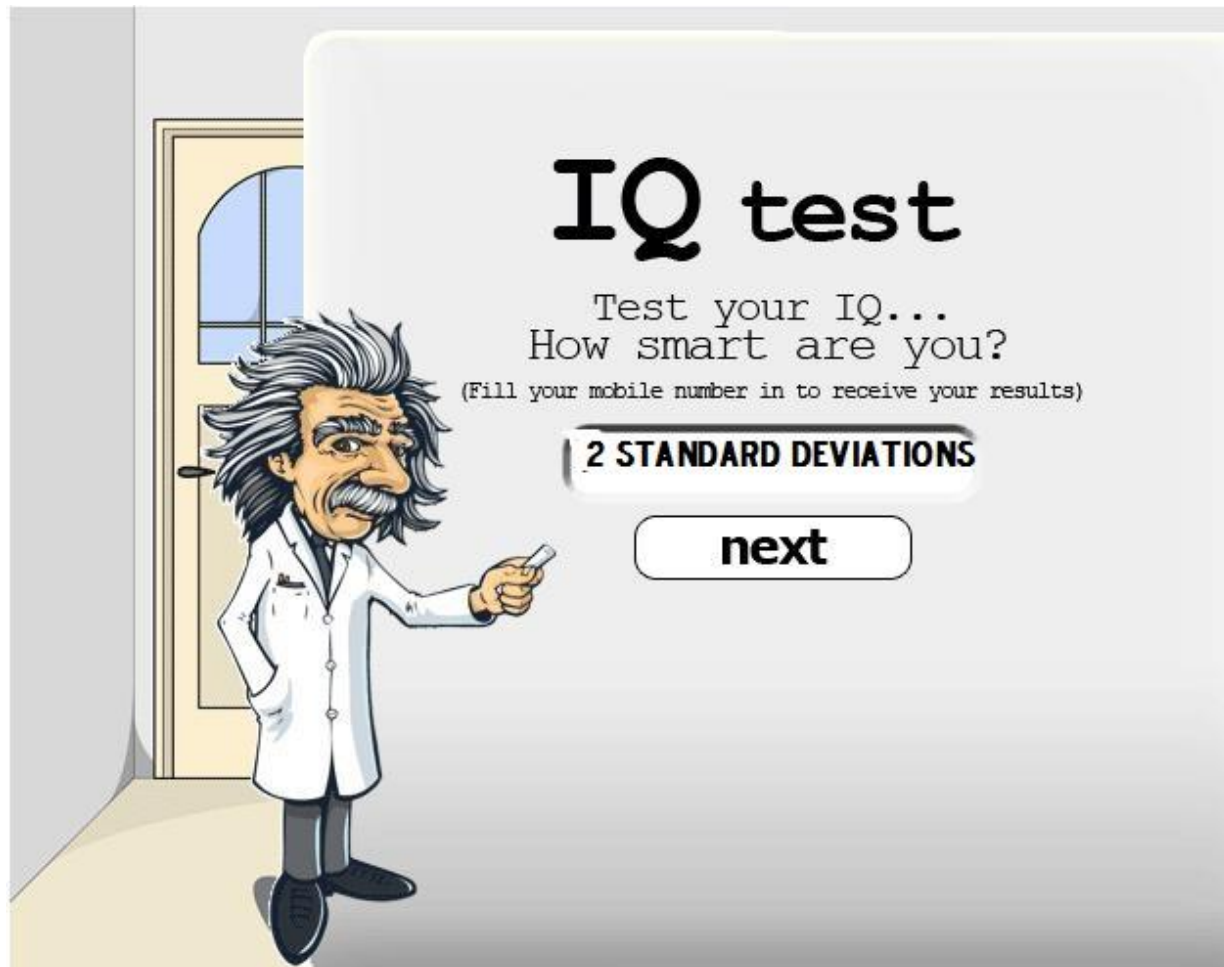
Age and Ontario Resident



Psychological Assessments and Supporting Documents



COGNITIVE CRITERIA



Cognitive Criteria

The person has an overall score of two standard deviations below the mean, plus or minus standard error of measurement, on a standardized intelligence test

Developmental Disability

- IQ of 70 or below
- Significant limitation in adaptive functioning in 2 or more areas (communication, self care, work, leisure, social/interpersonal, use of community resources, self direction, health, safety, functioning academic skills)
- Onset before age 18 years
- IQ 70-80 Borderline
- IQ 55-70 Mild
- IQ 40-55 Moderate
- IQ 25-40 Severe
- Less than 25 is Profound



OPTION 2

- Each Psychological assessment has 4 indices or categories
- Verbal
- Non verbal
- Processing speed
- Working memory
- If 2 are below the 2nd percentile-eligible as well



Practical Skills

Social Skills



Adaptive Functioning

A person has significant limitations in adaptive functioning if the person has a score of at least two standard deviations below the mean, plus or minus standard error measurement, in at least one of the areas of conceptual skills, social skills or practical skills, as measured on standardized test of adaptive behavior.

Age Criterion

A person has significant limitations that originated prior to the age of 18 and are likely to be life-long in nature

REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY DECISION



Review Process

- Three stage process
- The individual or their representative has 25 business days to provide the DSO with a letter asking for a review of the decision
- Each stage has a different timeline and requires a different set of eyes on the documentation.

APPLICATION PACKAGE



"Are all of these letters of recommendation
from your mother?"

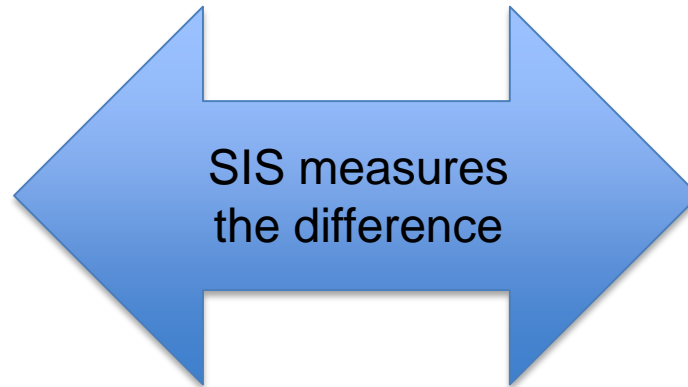
Application Package

- **Application for Developmental Services and Supports (ADSS)**
- **Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)**

WHAT THE SIS MEASURES

Individual being
assessed:

Expectations
Responsibilities
Involvement in
Activities



1. Type of support
2. Frequency of support
3. Daily support time

Typical Adult:

Expectations
Responsibilities
Involvement in
Activities

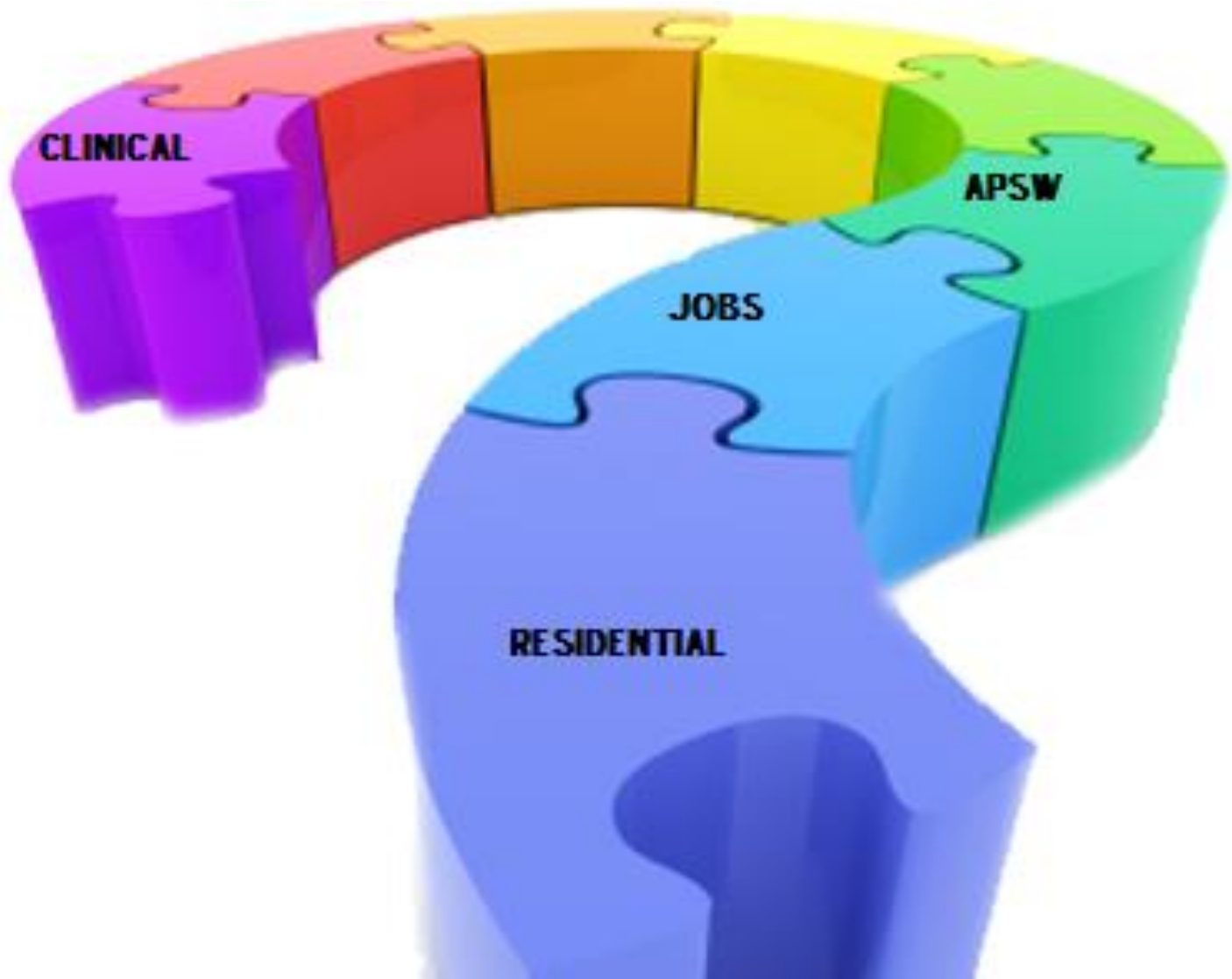
Completing the Application Package:

- **Assessors are trained and certified to complete the package in a standardized way across the province**
- **Participants include the individual who is eligible to receive services and (if possible) two other people who know that person well**
- **At the end the individual will have a Service and Support Profile**

The Application Package will....

- **Be completed for all individuals to the DS system**
- **Be updated or re-assessed if an individual requests it due to changing needs**

VACANCY MANAGEMENT



PASSPORT FUNDING

The DSO application package is the application to Passport

- We send it directly to the Passport office at Family Services Toronto, upon completion
- The DSO does not have any funds attached to it
- We don't know when funding will be allocated to Passport and distributed
- Its important to let the DSO know about any changes, i.e., address, caregiver, school

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Just the facts – at 18 everything changes

- decision making-consent
- funding -SSAH
- transportation
- Health-pediatricians



Matching: Service Navigators help to:

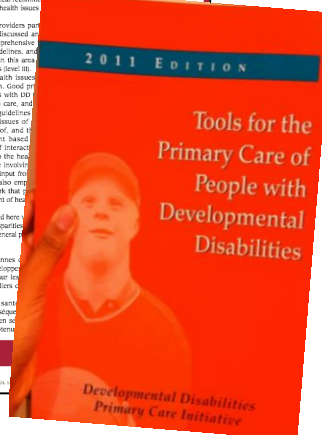
- **Link to available services and supports**
- **Register on waitlists for programs and services (Community Needs List) and on DSCIS (Developmental Services Consolidated Information System)**
- **Update the information on your profile.**

OVERALL STATS

- # Individuals Served: 4000 approx
- # Eligible: approx. 600 (245 waiting for confirmation)
- # Ineligible: approx. 100
 - 16 to 18 years – approx. 250-300
- # Assessments Completed: approx. 1200

BUILD YOUR OWN TOOL KIT

You are your own transition coordinator



Living Your Potential - All Your Life!
Enabling Full Participation
For People With Developmental Disabilities



**Questions or
Comments?**

Thank You!

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