

WIC 4418.7: Dealing with Individuals At Risk for DC Placement.

Whenever it is evident that an individual's community placement is at risk of failing, the regional center will notify the family and/or conservator, and the regional resource development project, which will immediately arrange for the situation to be assessed. The regional resource development project will work with the regional center to make sure needed emergency services and supports are available. An IPP meeting, including the regional resource development project's representative, will be held as soon as possible to deal with any ongoing services and supports needs. If these efforts cannot prevent failure of the community placement, the regional resource development project will immediately facilitate that individual's admission to a developmental center. DDS will collect aggregate data on these activities and keep the information available to the legislature.

(a) If the regional center determines, or is informed by the consumer's parents, legal guardian, or conservator, or authorized representative that the community placement of a consumer is at risk of failing, and that admittance to a state developmental center is a likelihood, the regional center shall immediately notify the appropriate regional resource development project, the consumer, and the consumer's parents, legal guardian, or conservator.

(b) In these cases, the regional resource development project shall immediately arrange for an assessment of the situation, including, visiting the consumer, if appropriate, determining barriers to successful integration, and recommending the most appropriate means necessary to assist the consumer to remain in the community. If, based on the assessment, the regional resource development project determines that additional or different services and supports are necessary, the department shall ensure that the regional center provides those services and supports on an emergency basis. An individual program plan meeting, including the regional resource development project's representative, shall be convened as soon as possible to review the emergency services and supports and determine the consumer's ongoing needs for services and supports. The regional resource development project shall follow up with the regional center as to the success of the recommended interventions until the consumer's living arrangement is stable.

(c) If the regional resource development project, in consultation with the regional center, the consumer, and the consumer's parents, legal guardian, or conservator, when appropriate, determines that admittance to a state developmental center is necessary to protect the health and welfare of the consumer prevent a substantial risk to the individual's health and safety, the regional resource development project shall immediately facilitate that admission.

(d) The department shall collect data on the outcomes of efforts to assist at-risk consumers to remain in the community. The department shall make aggregate data on the implementation of the requirements of this section available, upon request.

