
CHAPTER 14: CHILDREN'S CHOICE

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY LAW

A developmental disability is defined by the Developmental Disability Law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:451.1-28:455.2). The law states that a developmental disability means either:

- a. A severe chronic disability of a person that:
- Is attributable to an intellectual or physical impairment or combination of intellectual and physical impairments.
 - Is manifested before the person reaches age twenty-two.
 - Is likely to continue indefinitely.
 - Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care.
 - Receptive and expressive language.
 - Learning.
 - Mobility.
 - Self-direction.
 - Capacity for independent living.
 - Economic self-sufficiency.
 - Is not attributed solely to mental illness.
 - Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.
- OR**
- b. A substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition in a person from birth through age nine which, without services and support, has a high probability of resulting in those criteria listed above later in life that may be considered to be a developmental disability.