

To Get Started

To be part [NC Innovations Waiver](#), you must:

- Meet the requirements for Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) level of care
- Live in an ICF-IID or be at risk of being placed in an ICF-IID
- Be able to stay safe, healthy and well in the community while using [NC Innovations Waiver services](#)
- Need and use NC Innovations Waiver services listed in your person-centered plan at least once a month
- Want to use NC Innovations Waiver services instead of living in an ICF-IID

The [NC Innovations Waiver](#) offers a wide array of [services and supports](#) intended to empower people with disabilities to live the life they choose in the community of their choice. Waiver services are administered by a [Local Management Entity /Managed Care Organization \(LME/MCO\)](#) which facilitates services and oversees a network of community-based service providers. Individuals who receive waiver funding work with their team to develop a [Person-centered Plan of Care](#) and request the [services and supports](#) they need to live in their home and community.

The [LME/MCO](#) that you should contact is usually determined by where you live. Use the [LME/MCO Directory](#) to determine a starting point if you are interested in seeking services and supports through the [NC Innovations Waiver](#). Contact the [LME/MCO](#) and inform them that you are interested in being considered for [NC Innovations Waiver](#).

If you are eligible, your [LME/MCO](#) can help you get services. There are only a certain number of NC Innovations Waiver slots. If the slots are full, your name will be added to the Registry of Unmet Need and your [LME/MCO](#) will review any services or community resources that may be available to you while you wait for the [NC Innovations Waiver](#).