



# The Individual and Family Support Program

## IFSP-Funding Update January 6, 2023

### Important information about the next IFSP-Funding cycle

Over the past few months, DBHDS has worked to make critical enhancements to this program. A new application has been designed and will be part of the WaMS system (the Virginia Waiver Management System). The proposed guidelines have been approved, and the finalized guidelines will be shared in an announcement through our IFSP email list. We appreciate your patience and interest in IFSP-Funding as we work towards improving this process for individuals and families on the waitlist.

IFSP will release an official Funding announcement early next week. This announcement will contain information about important dates, training materials, and links to online training sessions.

In the meantime, IFSP strongly encourages you to contact your CSB or support coordinator to update your information in WaMS. This information includes: your waitlist status and priority status, and the Priority 1 Critical Needs Summary (CNS) score (if applicable). Do not forget to update your mailing address, email address, and phone number with your support coordinator, as this will also allow you to receive upcoming communication from IFSP.

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**Any updates about the Funding Portal and application period will be posted to the My Life, My Community website and emailed via the IFSP email list.**

Once an update is made, we will notify you via our IFSP email list. We will also feature the update on the My Life, My Community webpage and on our social media pages.

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## IFSP-Funding Reminder

We are **NOT** accepting applications for IFSP-Funding at this time.

IFSP encourages you to check out the links below for additional resources or supports that you can use to learn about IFSP and prepare for future IFSP-Funding cycles:

Sign up for our [IFSP email list](#) to get updates and notifications via email.

- Review the [IFSP First Steps document](#).
- Watch the IFSP informational [YouTube video](#).
- Like our [IFSP Facebook page](#) to stay updated.
- Visit the [My Life, My Community](#) website for information about the IFSP program.
- Connect with [other families in your community](#) by participating in your IFSP Regional Council.
- Find [other resources to get assistance](#).

Thank you,  
IFSP Staff

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