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The Wellness Inclusion Nursing (WIN) Program nurses serve as consultants to providers of care for individuals with disabilities and the frail elderly. This includes families, paid and non-paid caregivers, direct service workers, and health care providers.

We focus on restoring, maintaining, and promoting maximal health and independence for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) so they can achieve the best life possible.

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Who We Serve

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Services We Provide

Identify, connect and assist in the coordination of needed community health care resources, including physicians, therapists and other medical specialists, home health services, and hospice.

Supply ongoing needs assessment and monitoring through regular visits, team meetings and/or communications with caregivers and other team members.

Provide education and advocacy to medical staff in medical meetings.

WIN nurses provide consultation, training, and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities and paid and non-paid caregivers:

- How to safely address assessed nursing needs (see "Common Health Issues" in the next column) in community supported living
- Training and health education tailored to the individuals' unique learning style
- Planning around end of life care
- Work with individual's teams after hospitalizations to facilitate a smooth, positive, and safe transition back home

Common Health Issues We Address

- inadequate fluid intake
- constipation
- swallowing issues: aspiration, adaptive feeding, G-tubes
- seizures
- weight gain or loss, obesity, nutrition problems
- orthopedic concerns: arthritis, osteoporosis, genetic syndromes
- bladder and kidney problems: UTIs, incontinence, urinary retention
- pain
- GI problems: GERD, incontinence, ostomies
- mental health and behavioral issues
- diabetes and its complications
- mobility issues: falls, spasticity, balance
- skin breakdown: wounds, fungal and bacterial infections, rashes



WIN Provides Consultation for:

- Physical assessments
- Training and health education to residential and vocational support staff and family
- Advocacy and planning for end of life care
- Coordination of hospital stays and discharges to facilitate a smooth and positive process
- Healthy living
- Education and advocacy to medical staff in medical settings
- Working together with teams to support individuals with complex medical needs