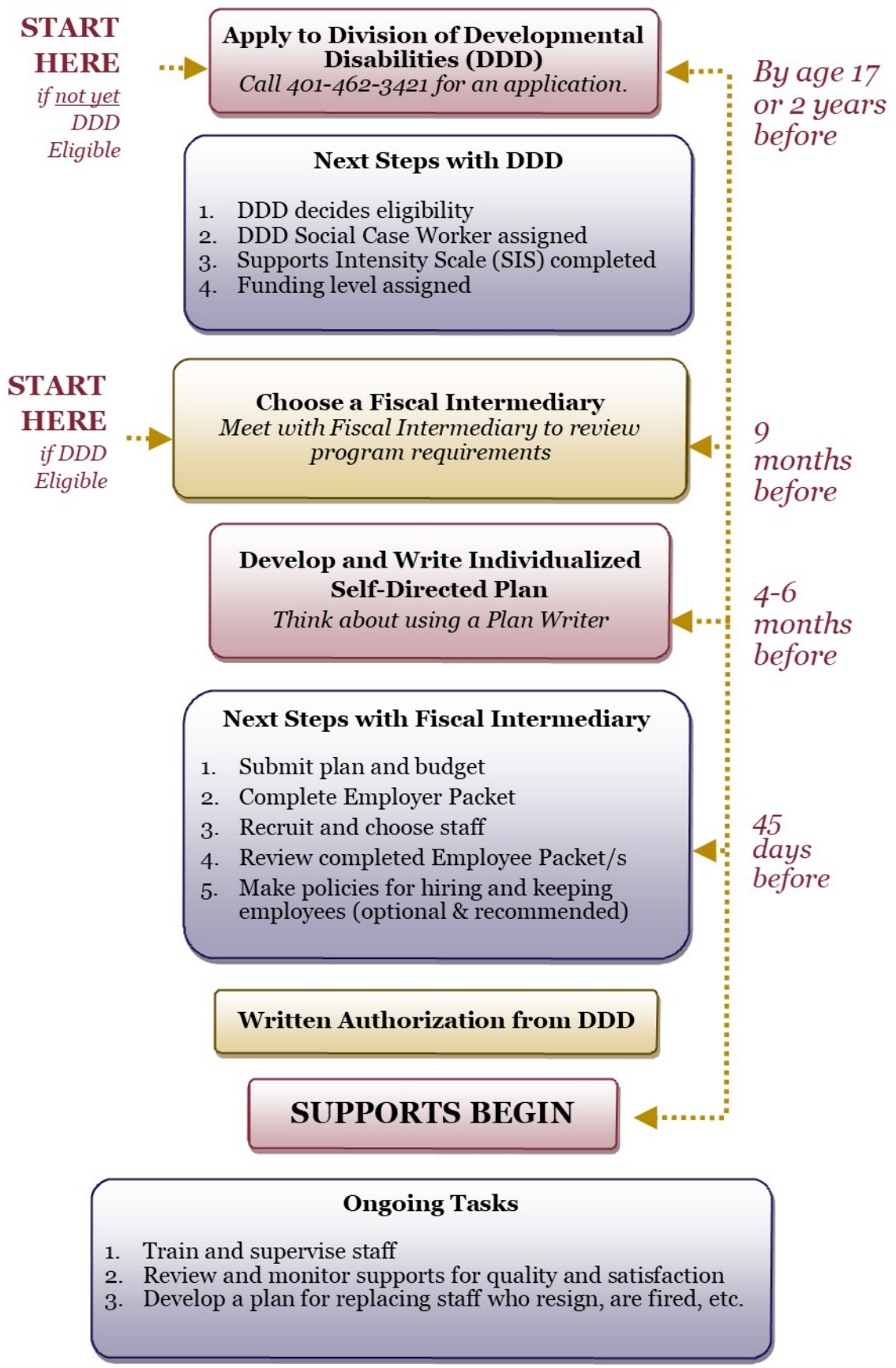


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*Getting Started with Self-Directed Supports Funded through
 RI's Division of Developmental Disabilities*



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Some Important Terms to Know

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – This division of Rhode Island’s Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) that is responsible for planning, administering and providing supports and services for adults with developmental disabilities. Visit the BHDDH website (www.bhddh.ri.gov) for more information on DDD eligibility and services.

Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) – The assessment interview that DDD uses to determine your support needs. The SIS interview should happen with you and at least two other people who know you well. You will answer questions about how much help you need to lead a typical adult life. After this interview, DDD will let you know the amount of money they will approve to pay for your supports.

DDD Social Case Worker – This is the person at DDD who will follow you along as you engage with the DDD system.

Fiscal Intermediary – “**Fiscal**” means “having to do with money.” “**Intermediary**” means “in between.” A fiscal intermediary is an agency that manages the money allocated by DDD. You do not receive any money directly from DDD, but the fiscal intermediary does, and will pay your support-related bills (mostly your staff wages) with that money.

Individual Support Plan – This is the plan that you will submit to your fiscal intermediary and DDD. An independent plan writer can help you put your plan together. It should include an overview of your current situation, your desired future, your specific goals and support needs, a schedule for the staffing included in your plan, and a budget that outlines exactly how you plan to spend your DDD money.

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