



SCDDSN has a role in PEP as an organization because those local counties have a direct contract with the State. That role is to ensure that minimum standards are met. Those standards include ***maintaining a goal oriented program of developmental, prevocational services designed to develop, maintain, increase or maximize an individual's functioning in activities of daily living, physical growth, emotional stability, socialization, communication, and vocational skills.***

PEP provides a supported environment where community members learn, work, and play with peers. Members participate in daily scheduled, structured activities that are individualized and promote personal growth and accentuate strengths. Leadership is provided by trained staff and volunteers who act as educators and facilitators. 100% of Members have an intellectual disability as primary diagnosis.

Many of those individuals have a secondary diagnosis which may include a general learning disability, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, or a physical disability that impacts mobility. 100% of our members require transportation to participate in program activities.

80% of our members participate in the Medicaid Waiver program. The Medicaid Waiver program was created to provide services for people who would otherwise be served in an institution, nursing home, or hospital. The Medicaid Waiver program allows them to receive long term care in the community.

The Federal Medicaid program delegates the responsibility of providing services in a person's home or their community to each individual State. This further links PEP as an organization with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. PEP currently provides services to between 55 to 60 Members of our community. The number fluctuates due to changes in enrollment for the reasons of health and seasonal residency.