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FIFNC Eligibility Requirements

NC Statute: 122 C-3, (12a)

http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter 12 2C.html

The disability must result in \*substantial\* functional limitations in 3 or more areas and generally a person with these issues would need specialized, individual planning & coordinating.

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(12a) "Developmental disability" means a **severe, chronic disability** of a person which:

## a. Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;

b. Is **manifested** before the person attains age 22, unless the disability is caused by a traumatic head injury and is manifested after age 22;

## c. Is likely to continue indefinitely;

d. Results in **substantial functional limitations in** <u>three</u> or more of the following areas of major life activity:

- 1. self-care,
- 2. receptive and expressive language,
- 3. capacity for
  - a. independent living,
  - b. learning,
  - c. mobility,
  - d. self-direction and
- 4. economic self-sufficiency; and

## e. Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of a lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; or

f. When applied to children from birth through four years of age, may be evidenced as a developmental delay.