

Dutchess County - ThinkDIFFERENTLY
Life Button Program Fact Sheet

Life Button 24 features:

- **Geo-fencing of your property:** Once set, Life Button 24 can detect if a child has left the safety of their premises and alert parents automatically via text. If the text goes unanswered and time has lapsed by 5 minutes, Life Button 24 will immediately contact local emergency services to alert them that a child has gone missing.
- **GEO-Fencing units** can be set to have up to three geo-fences (i.e. home, school, day care).
- **GPS Location:** Life Button 24 will receive the GPS location of the button along with user information such as name and home address. Life Button 24 operators will stay on line with emergency services to give location updates until the child is found.
- **GPS Tracking:** Text your device “TRACK” to immediately receive GPS location of device on a map sent directly to your cell phone.
- **GPS Tracking is available anywhere in the Continental United States where cellular service is available.**
- **24/7 Central Station:** Life Button 24’s central station has had operators on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.
- **Life Button 24 Sleeve:** Device can be secured to child’s clothing by putting device into sleeve and using magnet fastener to secure.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a resident and reside in Dutchess County
- The applicant must have a developmental disability or another significant behavioral health diagnosis.
- The applicant must exhibit significant behaviors of wandering, going missing and/or eluding supervision in the last 3-6 months.
- Application information and supporting documentation must be complete for the application to be considered.
- Parent/guardian must provide consent to Dutchess County Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) to seek insurance information and other funding sources on their behalf to support further use of this device.

Cost & Responsibilities for the Life Button 24

- The Life Button 24 device monitoring fee is \$25.00 per month. It includes a pendant, a bracelet and a clothing sleeve with a locking magnet.
- Parent/guardian must have ability to cover the costs or have insurance that can do so. At the time of enrollment a credit card number will be needed for the monthly billing.
- The Life Button 24 device remains with the child at no cost as long as monthly fee is paid.
- Parent/guardian must notify Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) if they are no longer able to afford the monthly monitoring fee. The coordinator of the Life Button 24 programs will follow up with you to assess the child’s need for continuing in the program.
- If the family chooses to discontinue the monitoring, they must return the Life Button system to DCFS.
- At all times, the Life Button system is to be maintained in good working order and it can be requested to be returned if the family chooses to discontinue the Life Button monitoring service.

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