



Division Update for Individuals, Families, and Providers

February 22, 2024

Agenda

- Upcoming Webinars
- Overview of Housing Related Initiatives from 2023 to Present
 - To Increase Community Capacity of Provider Managed Housing for Individuals with Acute Behavioral and/or Medical Needs
 - Support for People Transitioning From Nursing Facilities
 - Emergency Capacity Services Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities
- Choking Prevention Awareness
- National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys
- Resources

Next DDD Update Webinar

- March Update Webinar:
 - Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 10:30 am.
 - [Register for the March Webinar.](#)
- The 2024 schedule of update webinars, including registration links, is available on the Division's [Public Update Meetings](#) webpage.

To Increase Community Capacity of Provider Managed Housing for Individuals with Acute Behavioral and/or Medical Needs

- On June 22, 2023 DDD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) titled [To Increase Community Capacity of Provider Managed Housing for Individuals with Acute Behavioral and/or Medical Needs](#)
- This RFP focuses on increasing community capacity and choice in housing options for individuals with IDD who have acute behavioral and/or medical needs.
- Funding in the amount of \$5 million is available for initiative through the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.

To Increase Community Capacity of Provider Managed Housing for Individuals with Acute Behavioral and/or Medical Needs

- Awardees will receive up to \$90,000 in capital funding to offset costs incurred in the acquisition, development and renovation of group homes that will serve newly placed individuals with acute behavioral and/or medical needs.
- The [Notice of Funding Availability](#), [Request for Proposals](#), and [Questions and Answers](#) are posted on the [DHS Public Notices](#) webpage.
- **The Deadline for Proposals is May 1, 2024.**

Support for People Transitioning From Nursing Facilities

- On February 7, 2024 DDD released an RFP titled [To Support the Development of Homes for People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Transitioning from Nursing Facilities and Other Qualified Institutions.](#)
- Successful bidders will develop new residential opportunities to support people to move from nursing facilities into community-based residential homes.
- Funds provided will be used to develop new sites or enhance existing sites to provide accessibility and other modifications that are needed to facilitate appropriate supports for a person who is moving from a nursing facility or other qualified institution.

Support for People Transitioning From Nursing Facilities

- A total of \$6M in funding is available for the development of 100 new beds (\$60,000 per bed with no more than \$240,000 allocated to a single home).
- The [Notice of Funding Availability](#) and [Request for Proposal](#) are posted on the [DHS Grants, RFPs, Public Notices](#) webpage.
- **The deadline to submit questions is February 22, 2024 and the deadline for proposal submissions is May 1, 2024**

Emergency Capacity Services Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (AWARDED)

- On August 30, 2023 the Division released an RFP titled [Emergency Capacity Services Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.](#)
- This RFP is released to re-procure the existing eight (8) four (4) person ECS programs to two or more qualified providers and support the development of enhanced behavioral services for each program.
- ECS programs support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), including those with acute behavioral needs, who are in need of immediate residential/day support.

Emergency Capacity Services Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

- The primary purpose of the ECS programs is to provide community residential/day supports for individuals with IDD who are in need of immediate residential/day services due to homelessness or other emergent circumstance.
- Contracts were awarded to the following agencies:
 - 4 programs to [Community Options, Inc.](#);
 - 3 programs to [Community Access Unlimited](#); and
 - 1 program to [Oaks Integrated Care](#).
- The programs are to be operational by June 30, 2024.

Choking Prevention Awareness

- March 28, 2024 is National Choking Awareness Day.
- The Division has dedicated March 2024 to raising awareness about this important issue.
- During March, our DDD Resource Team is providing in-person workshops at local Community Service Office locations for agency staff and self-directed employees, and virtual webinars open to anyone. Advance registration is required.
- More information is available on the DDD [Health and Safety](#) webpage.

Choking Prevention Awareness

In-Person Workshops for Agency Staff and Self-Directed Employees

Wednesday, March 6 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	DDD Flanders Office 1 Laurel Drive, #B Flanders, NJ 07836	<u>REGISTER NOW for Flanders 3/6/24 In-Person Workshop</u>
Wednesday, March 13 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	DDD Freehold Office 3499 US-9 Freehold, NJ 07728	<u>REGISTER NOW for Freehold 3/13/24 In-Person Workshop</u>
Wednesday, March 20 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	DDD Plainfield Office 110 East 5 th Street Plainfield, NJ 07060	<u>REGISTER NOW for Plainfield 3/20/24 In-Person Workshop</u>
Wednesday, March 27 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	DDD Voorhees Office 2 Echelon Plaza 221 laurel Road, Suite 210 Voorhees, NJ 08043	<u>REGISTER NOW for Voorhees 3/27/24 In-Person Workshop</u>

Choking Prevention Awareness

Webinar Trainings OPEN TO ALL!

DATE	TIME	TITLE (Click on the Title to Register!)
Friday, March 1	10 – 11:15 a.m.	Managing Dysphagia in the Community
Tuesday, March 5	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Choking Incident Reporting and Checklist
Thursday, March 7	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Preventing Food Grabbing
Friday, March 8	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Choking Risks of Regular Diets
Tuesday, March 12	2 – 3 p.m.	Diet Textures
Thursday, March 14	10 – 11 a.m.	Danielle’s Law
Thursday, March 14	1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Managing Dysphagia in the Community
Friday, March 15	11 a.m. – Noon	Gastronomy Tube Care
Monday, March 18	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Mealtime Supervision
Tuesday, March 19	2 – 2:45 p.m.	Preventing Food Grabbing
Thursday, March 21	2 – 3 p.m.	Gastronomy Tube Care
Friday, March 22	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Danielle’s Law
Monday, March 25	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Mealtime Safety and Documentation
Tuesday, March 26	10 – 10:45 a.m.	Choking Incident Reporting and Checklist
Tuesday, March 26	2 – 2:45 p.m.	Liquid Consistencies
Thursday, March 28	1 – 2:45 p.m.	PICA

National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys

- Annual NCI State of the Workforce Survey
 - Collects comprehensive data on the Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce providing direct supports to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
 - Resulting data helps state developmental disabilities systems examine workforce challenges, identify areas for further investigation, benchmark their workforce data, measure improvements made through policy or programmatic changes, and compare their state data to those of other states and the NCI-IDD average.
 - NOTE – NCI does not offer an equivalent survey for Fiscal Intermediaries/Self-Directed Employee wages. The Division has expressed interest to NCI in piloting/participating in such a survey when available.

National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys

- NCI State of the Workforce Survey
 - The Division will send email invitations on or about March 1 with instructions to eligible provider agencies and a link to complete the online survey.
 - Invitations will be sent to provider agency email address on file in iRecord.
 - Survey will be open through June 30, 2024.
 - The Division strongly encourages all eligible provider agencies to complete the survey, as their participation is critical to ensuring valid results.

National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys

- 2023-2024 NCI In-Person, Adult Family, and Family/Guardian Surveys began in December 2023 – ongoing through June 30, 2024
 - All surveys are voluntary.
 - Seek to measure how well the public system assists adults with developmental disabilities, and their families, to exercise choice and control in their decision-making, participate in their communities, and maintain family relationships, as well as how satisfied families are with services and supports they receive, and how supports have affected their lives.
 - Cover key areas such as employment, respect/rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety.

National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys

- **In-Person Survey** – face-to-face conversation with a minimum of 400 randomly chosen individuals 21 and older who are receiving at least one DDD service in addition to Support Coordination.
- **Adult Family Survey** – online survey for family members who have an adult (21 or older) with IDD who lives in the family home and receives at least one DDD service in addition to Support Coordination.
- **Family/Guardian Survey** – online survey for family members/guardians who have an adult (21 or older) with IDD who lives outside of the family home and receives at least one DDD service in addition to Support Coordination.

Important Resources

- [Disability Rights New Jersey](#)
 - 800-922-7233 (toll-free in New Jersey only)
- [Ombudsman for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families](#)
 - 609-984-7764
- [New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)
 - 800-792-8858
- [The Boggs Center](#)
 - 732-235-9300

Important Resources

- For issues, call the Division Community Services office for your county or 800-832-9173.
- For routine questions: DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov
- To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation: call 800-832-9173, then press 1.