Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

DDD’s New Vision for Support Across the Life Course
Vision for 2013 & Beyond: Support Across the Life Course

- Recent Changes/Developments
  - Children’s Services – Realignment
  - Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (CMW)

- A New Service Delivery System for Adults
  - Transition (Ages 16 – 21)
  - Supports Program
  - Community Care Waiver
  - Aging Adults
Children’s Services

FY13 State Budget Realignment:

- Children with developmental disabilities will be served by the Department of Children & Families (DCF) until age 21
FY13 State Budget – Realignment

SFY 2013 Proposed
Realigning, Streamlining and Restructuring Services for Seniors and Children*

Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services
- Single Point of Access
- Program Coordination
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency (formerly Youth and Family Services)
Division of Family and Community Partnerships (formerly Prevention and Community Partnerships)
Division of Child Integrated System of Care Services (formerly Child Behavioral Health Services)
- End Fragmentation of Services

Department of Community Affairs
Division on Women

*Note: The proposed changes aim to simplify and improve the delivery of services to seniors and children.
Children’s Services

Services are being transitioned over to DCF in two phases:

- July 1, 2012 – Children requiring residential or intensive in-home services
- January 1, 2013 – Family support services
Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver

- Approved by CMS on **October 1, 2012**
- Statewide reform of New Jersey’s Medicaid system – strategic plan for change
- Focus on community-based services v. institutional services
- Allows New Jersey to draw down increased federal matching funds for services for individuals with developmental disabilities
Transition (16 – 21)

- Beginning at age 16, DDD will provide transitional planning:
  - Series of training modules & resources
  - Help with visioning for the future

- Eligibility for DDD adult services at age 18
  - Eligibility tied to Medicaid
  - Services will be delivered by DCF until 21
Transition (16 – 21)

- Focus on “Employment First”
  - Creates an expectation that people with disabilities, like everyone else, will have to “opt out” of employment rather than “opt in”
  - Presumes that people with disabilities can and should work in their communities
  - Benefits are the safety net that supplement employment, not the other way around.
Eligibility for DDD Services

- 18 years of age
  - You can apply at 18 but services begin at 21
- Resident of New Jersey
- Functional criteria for meeting the definition of having a “developmental disability”
- Medicaid eligibility (must be continually maintained)
DDD System

Eligible Adults (21+)

Supports Program

CCW
Supports Program - Highlights

- Provides support for individuals living in their own homes or with their families.
- Individual budget based on assessed level of need:
  - Employment services and day services to supplement employment.
  - Individual & family support services ($5,000, $10,000, $15,000)
Supports Program - Highlights

- Eligibility: Must meet all DDD Eligibility Criteria
  - Adult (21+), Medicaid eligible, functional criteria

- No Waiting List anticipated

- Cannot be enrolled on the CCW and the Supports Program simultaneously
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Supports Program - How will individuals access services?

- Individuals will have a **Support Coordinator** to:
  - Assist in writing their Individual Service Plan;
  - Help identify their service needs; and
  - Link them to the appropriate services.

- **Waiver Assurance Coordinators** (DDD staff) will approve the plan, authorize the service, and provide quality assurance.

- Individuals who wish to self-direct their services will have access to a **Fiscal Intermediary**.
Supporsts Program - Who will provide the services?

- In order to provide services in the Supports Program, a provider must:
  - Meet the qualifications for each service as defined by DDD
  - Be an approved Medicaid provider (depending on the service)
  - Non-traditional providers, including self-hires, do not have to be Medicaid providers. They can bill for their services through the FI. However, they still have to meet all DDD qualifications.
# Supports Program - Benefits

## CURRENT
- State-Only Funding
- Limited Service Options
- Limited Support Budgets
- Limited Flexibility
- Slots/Referrals
- Waiting Lists
- Multiple Assessments

## THE SUPPORTS PROGRAM
- Federal Match – Medicaid Eligible
- Expanded Service Options
- Expanded Support Budgets
- Increased Flexibility
- Individual Choice
- Access to Services
- Single Assessment
## Supports Program - Benefits

### CURRENT

- Multiple Service Plans
- Inconsistent Policies
- Multiple Rates
- Contract Reimbursement

### THE SUPPORTS PROGRAM

- Single Service Plan
- Consistent Policies
- Consistent Rates
- Fee For Service
WHAT CAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE SUPPORTS PROGRAM?

- Become Medicaid eligible.
- Familiarize yourself with the services offered in the Supports Program & identify those that would meet your needs.
- Talk to any providers you are currently working with about what services they are planning to provide in the Supports Program.
- Become familiar with other potential service providers.
- Become familiar with the roles of support coordination and fiscal management.
Supports Program - Opportunities for Input

- Provide input into implementing policies for services & service limits.
- Provide input into provider qualifications for services and quality assurance.
- Provide feedback on the draft Individualized Service Plan.
- Participate in the development of the Supports Program manual.
- Assist in the development of training and related materials.
Supports Program - Questions

Additional Information can be accessed on DDD’s website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html

Questions about the Supports Program can emailed to:

DDD.SuppProgHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us
Individuals whose needs cannot be met on the Supports Program will be served on the CCW

- Must meet functional criteria and be Medicaid eligible
- Must meet DDD’s “emergency” criteria or reach top of CCW Waiting List

Residential, in-home supports, and employment & day supports are all available
Community Care Waiver (CCW)

- Services can be provided in-home or in residential settings
- Intended to serve individuals with more intensive needs
- CCW Waiting List – reform needed
Aging Adults

- Individuals with developmental disabilities who require “specialized services” will continue to access their Supports Program or CCW services as they age.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities in nursing homes will access their services via MLTSS
- Under the CMW, all long-term care services (including HCBS & Nursing Facility) for seniors and individuals with physical disabilities are shifting into managed care.
Support Across the Life Course

QUESTIONS?