

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Division of Developmental Disabilities Organizational Rules

Adopted Repeal and New Rules: N.J.A.C. 10:40

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Take notice that Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner, Department of Human Services, has adopted new organizational rules for the Division of Developmental Disabilities. These rules are intended to inform the public of the basic composition, mission and core principals of the Division of Developmental Disabilities. These organizational rules are exempt from the notice and public comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and are effective upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(b).

Full text of the repealed rules may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 10:40 pending the rules' deletion through the 4-18-16 Code update.

Full text of the adopted new rules follows:

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER 1. MISSION AND METHOD OF OPERATIONS

10:40-1.1 Division of Developmental Disabilities' mission

(a) The Division of Developmental Disabilities funds services and supports for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. The Division's mission is to assure the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to receive quality services and supports, participate meaningfully in their communities, and exercise their right to make choices. This mission and the Division's goals are founded within these core principles:

1. To ensure health and safety while respecting the rights of individuals;
2. To promote and expand community-based supports and services to avoid institutional, segregated, and out-of-State services;
3. To promote individual choice, natural relationships, and equity in the provision of supports and services;
4. To ensure access to needed services from other New Jersey State and local agencies;
5. To support provider agencies in achieving core principles;
6. To ensure that services and supports are high in quality and culturally competent;
7. To ensure financial accountability and compliance with all laws and ethical codes;

8. To ensure clear, consistent communication and responsiveness to stakeholders; and
9. To promote collaboration and partnerships with individuals, families, providers, and all other stakeholders.

10:40-1.2 Division method of operations

- (a) The Division operates as an integral part of the Department of Human Services.
- (b) Division operations are administered by an Assistant Commissioner, who is appointed by the Commissioner, Department of Human Services.
- (c) The Assistant Commissioner administers the Division through an executive management team responsible for all components of Division operations.

SUBCHAPTER 2. PUBLIC INFORMATION

10:40-2.1 Public information, submissions, or requests

- (a) Members of the public may access information regarding the Division on its website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd>. In addition, the Division regularly distributes updates about its operations to its stakeholders. Information about how to request to be added to the distribution list is available on the website.
- (b) The Division's website also contains information about how members of the public may contact the Division by telephone, electronically, or through regular mail.