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Division of  
Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

What 2013 Special Education  
Graduates Need to Know About  
the Adult Service System

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Background Information - DDD  
Changes/Developments

- Children's Services – Realignment
- Transition Planning
- Change to DDD Eligibility Regulations
- Employment First
- Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (CMW)
- Medicaid Services

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Children's Services

- Children with developmental disabilities are now served by the Department of Children & Families (DCF) until age 21
- Transfer completed January 1, 2013
- Call PerformCare for services/supports - (877) 652-7624

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## Planning for Adult Life

- Students between the ages of 16-21 & their families
- Series of training modules, materials, and resources
- Help with visioning for the future

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## DDD Eligibility

- 18 years of age (21+ for services)
- Resident of New Jersey
- Functional Criteria – DD
- Medicaid eligibility (continually maintained)
  - [DDD.MediElighelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:DDD.MediElighelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us)

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## Previously Deemed Eligible for DDD?

- 16 or older on 1/1/2013 – maintains status as having met functional criteria
- Under 16 on 1/1/2013 – need to go through intake process again (at 18 or older)

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## Employment First

- Initiative announced by Governor Christie on April 19, 2012
- “Competitive employment in the general workforce is the first and preferred post education outcome for people with any type of disability”

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## Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver

- Approved by CMS on October 1, 2012
- Statewide reform of NJ's Medicaid system – strategic plan for change
- Community-based services v. institutional services
- Allows NJ to draw down increased federal matching funds

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## Medicaid Services

- Medicaid Services (21+)



Community Care Waiver (CCW)

Supports Program (SP)

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## 2013 Graduates

- ❑ Vast majority already Medicaid eligible and working with case managers on planning
- ❑ Most 2013 grads will go directly onto the Supports Program (SP) as soon as it is implemented
- ❑ In the meantime, 2013 grads will go into support coordination and begin the transition into the new system

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## Contracted Programs

- ❑ Operate year round (minimum 230 days/year)
- ❑ 5 hours/day, 5 days/week. Hours vary
- ❑ Provide transportation within a defined geographic area
- ❑ 1:6 ratio- staff to program participant

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## Contracted Special Needs Programs

- ❑ Designed for those who need intensive supports
- ❑ Enhanced staff supports – typical ratio is 1:3
- ❑ May provide support services, e.g. nursing, behavioral supports, or mental health supports
- ❑ Offer many of the same opportunities as other contracted programs

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## Self-Directed Day Services (SDDS)

- ❑ Guided by the vision that people with disabilities will determine their own futures, with the appropriate assistance from families and friends
- ❑ Opportunity for individuals and their families to promote choice in their day service option

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## SDDS

- ❑ People have individualized budgets for DDD Day Services.
- ❑ All supports and services must be habilitative or provide individual supports so that a person can increase independence and build upon their skills.

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## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- ❑ Interagency agreement between:
  - ❑ DDD - Division of Developmental Disabilities
  - ❑ DVRS - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
  - ❑ CBVI - Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- ❑ Defines the supported employment roles and responsibilities of each agency
- ❑ Promotes collaboration and communication between agencies to improve service provision

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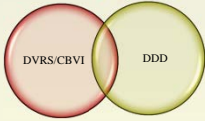
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## MOU

- Allows a DDD eligible individual, who is working under 35 hours per week, to combine services from DVRS/CBVI and DDD



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## What should/can I do now?

- Complete the DDRT (online/phone survey)
- Contact your DDD Case Manager (CM) & discuss your post graduation plan
- Start the eligibility process with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) for employment supports
- Explore needed post graduation supports and services

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## Research Providers

- Find out what providers serve your area & the services they provide
- Identify a good match
  - Visit/tour various providers
  - Ask questions
  - Determine capacity

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## What will DDD do?

- CM will gather information & inform Regional Adult Services or Self Directed Supervisors of your plan to either:
  - “Self-direct” your services and utilize a variety of providers and/or self hires to provide services & supports
  - Choose one contracted provider who will provide the services/supports that are needed

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## Support Coordination

- Individual/family will have the option to choose Support Coordination (SC) Agency
  - SC Agency of choice will then be assigned as long as it serves the county of residence and has capacity
- No expressed preference or cannot be assigned to preferred SC Agency
  - Auto assigned through an electronic process (“round robin”)

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## Support Coordination

- Facilitates person-centered planning process
  - Person-Centered Planning Tool (PCPT)
- Develops Individualized Service Plan
  - New for 2013 graduates & new presenters
  - Uniform plan – replaces Essential Lifestyle Plan (ELP) and Individual Habilitation Plan (IHP)

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### Coming Soon... The Supports Program!

- 2013 graduates and new presenters (after June 1, 2013) – first group rolled into Supports Program (once operationalized)
- Enrollment of others to begin very soon thereafter

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### Supports Program

- Services/supports for individuals living in their own homes or with their families
- Provides Individualized Budgets (based on assessed level of need)
  - Employment/Day services
  - Individual & family support services (\$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000)
  - Administrative (support coordination and FI)

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### Supports Program Access

- 21 years old & completed educational entitlement
- DDD eligible
  - Resident of New Jersey
  - Functional criteria
  - Medicaid eligibility (continually maintained)
- Live in an unlicensed setting
- Cannot be enrolled on both CCW & SP

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## Enrollment Process

- ❑ Determination of Eligibility
- ❑ Completed Assessment
- ❑ Assigned Budget Level

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## Accessing Services

- ❑ Assigned a Support Coordinator (SC)
- ❑ Develop Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
  - ❑ Based on person-centered planning process
  - ❑ Written by SC
  - ❑ Services must be based on assessed needs
- ❑ Waiver Assurance Coordinator
- ❑ Provider Selection and Delivery of Services

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## Supports Program Services

❑ Assistive Technology	❑ Financial Management Services (FI)	❑ Respite
❑ Behavioral Management	❑ Goods & Services	❑ Speech, Language and Hearing Therapy
❑ Career Planning	❑ Interpreter Services	❑ Support Coordination
❑ Cognitive Rehabilitation	❑ Natural Supports Training	❑ Supported Employment – Individual
❑ Community Based Supports	❑ Occupational Therapy	❑ Supported Employment – Small Group
❑ Community Inclusion Services	❑ Personal Emergency Response System	❑ Supports Brokerage
❑ Day Habilitation	❑ Physical Therapy	❑ Transportation
❑ Environmental Modifications	❑ Prevocational Training	❑ Vehicle Modifications

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## Expanded Employment Services

- Supported Employment – Individual
- Supported Employment – Small Group
- Career Planning
- Prevocational Training

**\*\*Please note:**

- Individuals should access employment services through DVRS before utilizing DDD for these services
- An individual can access DDD services when s/he is receiving DVRS services

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## Day Services (supplement employment)

- Community Based Supports
- Community Inclusion
- Day Habilitation
- Goods & Services

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## Individual & Family Supports

- Assistive technology
- Behavioral supports
- Cognitive rehab
- Environmental and vehicle modifications
- Interpreter services
- Natural supports training
- OT, PT, Speech, Language, & Hearing
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Respite
- Supports brokerage

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## Other & Administrative Services

- Other
  - Transportation (available to services, activities, and resources specified in the service plan – including employment)
- Administrative Services
  - Support Coordination
  - Fiscal Management Services (Fiscal Intermediary)

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## Supports Program Information

- Information is continuously updated
  - Visit the SP page of the DDD website at [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html)
  - Watch for updates and new information
- Questions?
  - [DDD.SuppProgHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:DDD.SuppProgHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us)

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## Community Care Waiver (CCW)

- 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

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## 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

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## Remember...

- Contact Case Manager to discuss plans
- Complete the DDRT
- Become familiar with the PCPT and ISP
- Research service providers

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## Questions ?

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