

Department of Developmental Services

At a Glance

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Established – 1975

Statutory authority –

Conn. Gen. Statutes Chap. 319b – 319c

Central office – 460 Capitol Avenue,

Hartford, CT 06106

Number of full-time employees – 1,865

(total permanent FT filled count as of June 30, 2017)

Number of individuals determined eligible – 17,038

Recurring operating expenses - \$505,201,114

Organizational structure - Services

and supports for more than 16,000 individuals

and their families are provided through a

network of public and private providers across

Connecticut. In Fiscal Year 2018, the

Office of the Commissioner

oversaw and directed the following divisions:

Equal Opportunity Assurance; Family Support

Resources; Quality Management; Legal and

Government Affairs; Legislative and

Executive Affairs; and Regional Services.

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner

oversaw and directed the following divisions:

Audit; Fiscal; Investigations; and Waiver Services.

The department operates three regional offices,

and provides or funds residential, day program

and family support services.

The Independent Office of the Ombudsperson

for Developmental Services and the Council on

Developmental Disabilities are housed within

the department.

Mission

The mission of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is to partner with the individuals we support and their families, to support lifelong planning and to join with others to create meaningful opportunities for individuals to fully participate as valued members of their communities.

Statutory Responsibility

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is responsible for the planning, development, and administration of complete, comprehensive, and integrated statewide services for persons with intellectual disability and persons medically diagnosed as having Prader-Willi Syndrome. DDS provides services within available appropriations through a decentralized system that relies on private provider agencies under contract or enrolled with the department, in addition to the state operated services. These services include residential placement and in-home supports, day and employment programs,

early intervention, family support, respite, case management, and other periodic services such as transportation, interpreter services, and clinical services.

Public Service

The department continues to engage in a number of activities designed to improve services and the management of its public and private programs. DDS also continues to be involved in initiatives designed to meet the increasing expectations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) concerning health and welfare, and quality improvement protocols for the operation of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

Five Year Plan:

In February 2017, DDS released a new Five Year Plan. The direction of the plan is set by five guiding principles: 1) People & Families First, 2) Strong Foundation, 3) Innovation & Transformation, 4) Excellence in Service Delivery, and 5) Sustainable Change. DDS implemented a project-based execution strategy, monitoring progress through the Project Management Office. As of June 2018, several projects specifically identified within the Five Year Plan were complete, as well as several projects that have been identified since the publication of the plan. Examples include: Provider Electronic Enrollment, Residential Waiting List Definitions Implementation, Management Information Report Automation, Access Database Conversion Program and Targeted Case Management Optimization.

In addition, many more of the projects identified in the plan are in process, with additional projects having been added since publication. Examples include: Positive Behavior Support Strategies, Public/Private Training Partnership, Settings Rule Planning, Streamlining Licensing, Supportive Housing Pilot, Time Keeping Solution, Web IP.6 Payment (some portions complete, some portions ongoing), Streamlining Providers' Administrative Burdens, Operational Governance: Procedures, and Incident Reporting.

Director of Family Support Strategies and Advocacy:

A number of significant accomplishments were achieved in the Family Support and Advocacy Division in FY 2018.

A family member from the CT Parent Advocacy Center, a supervisor of the Level staff at the Department of Rehabilitation Services, three transition staff from school districts, a staff from the CT State Education Resource Center, and fourteen staff from the CT Alliance of Regional Education Service Centers have received a certificate for their participation in a Charting the LifeCourse (CTLC) training project led by national CTCL experts. This team will now be responsible for helping school districts to utilize the Charting the LifeCourse principles and practices for all students with disabilities in Connecticut. It is anticipated that the application of Charting the LifeCourse planning activities across the school years will result in an improved transition from school to adult life for all students with disabilities and their families.

Members of the DDS Individual and Family Supports (IFS) Division continue to work closely with staff from the Department of Rehabilitation Services and with staff from the state Department of Education to ensure that implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) results in enhanced employment opportunities for those students who experience the

greatest challenges to finding and maintaining a competitive wage job following graduation. As a result of effective collaboration across these three state agencies, a new Customized Employment braided funding pilot project will be initiated in September 2018. This collaborative project will build upon the Customized Employment training opportunities that have been offered to private agency employment providers through the coalition of: the CT Council on Developmental Disabilities, the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and Disability Rights of CT. Implementation of this pilot will result in an increase in the number of students with significant disabilities who are employed in a competitive wage job prior to graduation and will provide valuable information on how to scale up the collaborative efforts of these three agencies, across a broader number of students, over time.

DDS was able to offer supports to all individuals who were on the waitlist for access to the DDS Behavioral Services Program (BSP). A recent collaboration between FAVOR, (a behavior health family support organization) and the CT Family Support Network (a family support organization funded by DDS) has resulted in a new statewide family support group for families who have a child who has both intellectual disability and a behavior health diagnosis. This combined support has helped families to better understand and navigate the complex journey through the DDS and mental health service systems. Plans for FY 2019 include the development of additional family groups led by these partnering family organizations, in areas of the state where families report the greatest gaps and challenges to accessing effective behavioral health supports.

In collaboration with the new DDS Director of Health and Clinical Services, increased outreach efforts were made to DDS families who have a loved one who has significant medical needs. These efforts will be expanded in FY 2019.

IFS division staff continue to make improvements in the way Helpline, respite, family grant, in-home supports and other IFS services are designed and delivered. In addition, significant efforts have been made to assist families to better understand the benefits of innovative and cost effective services such as Community Companion Homes, Shared Living, Assistive Technology options, and Self-Directed Services.

Positive Behavioral Support and Trauma-Informed Care

DDS continues to promote the use of evidence-based clinical, behavioral, and trauma-informed practices in order to best serve individuals who present with challenging and complex needs. DDS is one of multiple agencies that have partnered to support the CT Restraint and Seclusion Prevention Initiative. In FY 2018, DDS continued to partner with colleagues from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and Beacon Health Options to provide positive behavior support (PBS) training to Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS) clinicians who may encounter crisis situations involving children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. Also in FY 2018, the DDS Director of Psychological Services along with colleagues from DMHAS and Beacon completed three informational videos entitled Understanding Intellectual Disability, Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder, and A Positive Behavior Support Approach for Developmental Disabilities. DDS remains affiliated with the PBS Steering Committee of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services and an active member of the weekly Behavioral Health Partnership complex case rounds for children and adolescents, particularly those who have extended Emergency Department stays. We have made efforts to partner with the Clifford Beers Clinic on developing a pre-doctoral psychology internship

venture and hope to have several entities offer training on trauma-informed caregiving and dealing with complex behavioral issues, respectively, as we develop crisis intervention models at DDS.

DDS Continues Our Lean Journey:

DDS is an active member-agency of the Statewide Process Improvement Steering Committee, which supports the Lean CT program goals and objectives by promoting the use of Lean and process improvement in State government. This year the Committee worked to produce an online Lean 101 training to be made available to all State employees in FY 2019. Additionally, the Committee members participated in the annual Lean Showcase and the Lean Government Conference. These events helped spread the word about Lean and give practitioners concrete tools with which to approach their own process improvement activities.

In FY 2018, DDS participated in the Licensure and Certification Lean in support of Special Act. No. 17-21. This unique legislation required a workgroup of representatives from state agencies (DDS, DMHAS, DCF and DPH), nonprofit providers, and OPM to work together to review and improve state agency licensure and certification processes for specific types of licensed facilities. In advance of the interagency Lean activities, DDS conducted an internal Lean process, which resulted in a reduction of all submitted licensing applications by 50%, an extended 3 year license for facilities with citation-free inspections, and waiver of the annual licensing fee. Changes were supported through inclusion in the Licensure and Certification Legislative Package passed in 2018.

As part of the statewide Licensure and Certification Workgroup (LCW), DDS continues to work toward a common set of licensing application and inspection checklists, off-site electronic record reviews when possible, and adoption of a standard Medication Administration Certification across multiple state agencies. This multi-faceted project is overseen by OPM and includes ongoing work by committees tasked with completing the implementation plan over the next two years. Full implementation will result in the reduction of thousands of on-site inspection hours each year, efficiencies in allowing private sector staff working across agency lines who are trained in medication administration to need only one certification, and will reduce class-based training requirements by adopting a distance learning model of instruction.

The Licensing Lean activities were well-timed, as DDS worked to utilize the eLicense platform for Community Living Arrangements (CLAs), Community Companion homes (CCHs), and Medication Administration Certification. These projects, supported by Lean efforts, required teams of subject matter experts to develop requirements based upon streamlined work processes. Through the diligent efforts of the Quality and Systems Improvement and Education and Staff Development units, these technology projects were successfully implemented in FY 2018.

DDS rolled out additional dashboards for Case Managers this year, expanding the Business Intelligence and Analytics (BI) program to provide valuable insights into case activities across the enterprise. By blending and combining data across multiple data sources and presenting in a unified dashboard, DDS was able to reduce the need to for thousands of manual queries into multiple data sources requiring eyeballs-on analysis. DDS is committed to leveraging BI to provide Lean analytical solutions that save effort and time, but more importantly provide actionable metrics using intuitive visualizations. The agency strives to make Lean part of everyday work at DDS, and is committed to ensuring technology improvement efforts are preceded by Lean process improvement to deliver the most streamlined solution to the most streamlined process.

Self-Advocate Coordinators:

The DDS Self Advocate Coordinators (SACs) continue to encourage people to “Speak Up and Speak Out” to ensure those receiving supports and services from DDS have a voice. The ten SACs, located in each of the three DDS regions, are employed by DDS. Their voices support, guide, question, and strengthen the department in practices, policies, and culture. They support the department in highlighting what is important to individuals, families, and staff, while promoting best practices in self-determination and self-advocacy. The SACs play a central role in systems change and make sure individuals supported by the department have an active role in the development and evolution of the department’s service system.

The SACs have had an ongoing focus to build self-advocacy and empower individuals to find their voice. Over the past 6 years the SACs have worked to increase peer participation in Self Advocacy Groups. Self-advocate involvement has shown an increase in the number of active voices participating in self-advocacy groups from 285 voices in FY 2011 to over 1,500 voices in FY 2018. The participation in self-advocate (SA) groups has also shown growth of 14 SA groups in 2011 to 83 in FY 2018.

A voice can make the difference in a person’s life. The SACs worked with the DDS Waiver Unit to develop a new waiver service to promote people sharing their voice, knowledge, and expertise to be employed as role models in the new Peer Support waiver service. This service is promoted by the SACs as “Peer 2 Peer”. A “Peer 2 Peer” is a peer/individual who is paid to provide their expertise to support others on their life journey. A “Peer 2 Peer” provides advice about life choices such as: Moving to a new home; Changing from a group home to a more independent living situation; Getting Real Work for Real Pay jobs; Learning how to live a self-determined life; Learning how to find friends and get connected in your community; Figuring out what makes the person happy; and Supporting the person to develop a Circle of Support or a group of people that support and love them. The Waiver service allows a person who meets the qualifications to become a vendor for DDS.

The SACs promote people to have a voice in all aspects of their lives. Empowering people to know that their voice matters is an important way to assure people supported by DDS know they have rights and can speak up to be heard. For many years the SACs have provided training on making sure people know their rights and are aware of what it means to be respected as a person. Since the launch of the “We are People –Call Me by My Name” campaign in 2015, more than 2,300 people have signed the Disability Pledge to promote people first language and respect for the people they support. The SACs have also led the way in assisting individuals to understand they have a voice to speak up against bullying, neglect, abuse and financial exploitation. During FY 2018 the SACs published the “No Excuse for Abuse” brochure and have been providing the “Degrees of Mean” training to both staff and individuals to assure people understand their right for a safe space free of a bullying, neglect, abuse and financial exploitation both at home and at work. Promoting awareness and understanding is a way to empower people to take charge of their lives and report when there are being violated and their rights are being abused.

The SACs are leading the way in supporting change for people with disabilities. Through their outreach, ongoing training, and advocacy, the SACs support individuals to understand what it means to live a self-determined life and be part of our CT communities. The SACs encourage people to share their “Success Stories” on their website (www.dds.ct.gov/advocatescorner). “Living a Self-Determined Life” and “Got a Job” highlight living a good life for people supported by DDS.

All of the SACs spread the word by promoting, exploring and understanding: all types of relationships by team teaching the “Healthy Relationship Series”; “Real Work For Real Pay!” to assure people are included and accepted in our CT workforce; “My Life My Choice” is heard as the SACs assist individuals to understand how to plan for their future and participate in developing their Individual

Plan through understanding the new IP and the LifeCourse Material; Understanding housing options by learning about different living opportunities and learning to self-direct their lives and supports; and Sharing how to live a Self-Determined Life and learning how to get your voice heard by using the “10 Steps to Self Advocacy”.

The SACs strive to be a positive role model to others showing anything is possible if you understand who you are and what you want to accomplish in life. The SACs are an important part of the department and assist in promoting initiatives and activities that have made a difference to the people supported by DDS. The SACs meet with the DDS administration to make sure the voices of individuals supported by DDS are being heard. They work collaboratively with sister agencies, community and national organizations, private providers, individuals and families to spread the word of “Living the DDS Mission.”

Improvements/Achievements 2017-2018

Individuals Served:

As of June 30, 2018 there were 10,109 individuals enrolled in the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers for persons with intellectual disability. DDS funding priorities continue to address individuals with an emergency need for supports and services and for existing HCBS waiver participants with increased needs or a change in their need. During FY 2018, DDS provided residential resources to 180 individuals on the basis of emergency. Also, 234 waiver participants received additional funding to fully meet their needs.

As of June 30, 2018 there were 615 individuals on the DDS Residential Waiting List including 28 Emergencies and 587 Urgents. In FY 2018, 120 individuals had their residential needs met and came off the waiting list and 347 individuals received additional supports to fully meet their residential needs.

The department provided community residential supports for 85 young adults aging out of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or local education agencies (LEAs). DDS provided supported employment or adult day services to 252 new high school graduates and 84 individuals receiving day age-out funding. DDS also operates the Behavioral Services Program (BSP – formerly known as Voluntary Services Program, or, VSP) for children who have co-occurring intellectual disability and behavioral health needs. As of June 30, 2018, the total number of children served in DDS BSP was 331.

Aging Services:

More than 3,301 (June 2018) individuals age 55 and over receive services from DDS. Aging Services continues to integrate the needs and desires of aging individuals, collects and disseminates relevant data, and shares educational information with individuals, families, DDS employees and support providers. DDS is a partner in CT’s Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration grant that is intended to assist with the rebalancing of CT’s long-term care system, so that individuals can return to living in the community. As of the end of FY 2018 the DDS MFP unit has assisted 264 individuals who have moved from long-term care settings, Hospitals, Private ICFs, Southbury Training School and DDS Regional Centers into community settings under MFP.

Respite Program:

DDS Respite Centers provide 24-hour care for extended weekends in comfortable home-like environments. The department has 10 respite centers that served a total of 921 individuals statewide in FY 2018, including 106 children under 18 years of age.

Case Management:

Throughout FY 2018, DDS case managers continued to improve their documentation, resulting in appreciable federal reimbursement to the state. FY 2018 also brought a great deal of training to case managers in both their requirements around documentation required for federal reimbursement and in Person Centered Planning (PCP). All case managers participated in a combined online and in classroom Person Centered Counseling course that provides national certification. There was also training provided by national leaders in “Charting the Life Course” PCP techniques to case managers and resources and tools from those sources have been made available on our website for use both case managers, families and providers.

On July 1, 2018, DDS rolled out a revised Individual Plan tool. The new Individual Plan incorporates Person Centered Planning tools and techniques directly into the documentation and planning process. This includes tools from the Charting the Life Course series, in which Connecticut has been one of the participating states for a number of years. The focus is for increased participation of the individual in their planning process and a reduction of other tasks that limit time spent on that important goal.

All DDS case managers received training prior to the roll out and many trainings have been available to private providers since July. There will be additional follow up trainings for DDS case management with ongoing monitoring to deal with any issues or questions that come up over this first year of implementation. Along with Quality Assurance’s revision of their tools, DDS research analysts will be developing ways to measure a person’s progress in order to identify areas of growth that may not have been captured in previous methods of review.

Additionally, a group formed of case managers and supervisors will be culling good examples of techniques and documentation from different plans to create sample Individual Plans that can help guide teams that are struggling using this new format with people who have significant communication challenges.

Employment Corner:

DDS continues to enhance services dedicated to fulfilling its commitment to the Employment First Initiative through several innovative, integrated, Individualized Employment Incentives, National Project SEARCH developments, and statewide conferences, resource fairs, trainings, internships, job fairs, and collaborative committees. CT remains dedicated to embracing a comprehensive, team-oriented Career Planning process for supported individuals, and enlists professional community based providers to assist in promoting opportunities for training and education in the various stages of the planning process using the “Employment First Initiative” as a guiding principle. DDS continues to implement collaborative guidance and mandatory key implementation features of WIOA and Section 511 through a completed project involving several state agencies including the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Education. DDS recently renewed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

with the Department of Rehabilitation Services to continue a partnership for employment assessments, and the provision of long term supports to individuals with the most significant disabilities.

DDS is committed to participating in several employment focused committees and initiatives including CT Job Development Leadership Networks, and collaborates with the CT Business Leadership Network and Chambers of Commerce to provide information, referrals, and presentations. Participation in other Employment First and transition themed committees and activities include: Employment Steering Committee, Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE), Cross Disability Lifespan Alliance, Ongoing Supports MOU, and National Core Indicators surveys. State agency collaborations include: American Job Center promotions (CTHIRES), DOL/Workforce Alliance, Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the UConn Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities' Transition Symposium. Also in FY 2018, DDS, Developmental Disabilities Council, CT state agency partners, and other contracted providers participated in several Marc Gold & Associates Customized Employment trainings. The trainings afforded participants instruction in Discovery, Customized Employment Implementation, Job Development, and Systematic Instruction. The trainings are offered with the intention of onboarding qualified vendors to become certified in each of the topic areas. DDS also hosts periodic employment goal writing sessions to supplement providers with quality training opportunities toward the goal of increasing positive outcomes for competitive job placements statewide.

Throughout FY 2018, DDS has secured several new providers contracted to provide Individualized Supported Integrated Employment Services statewide, as well as the delivery of the newest day service option entitled "Pre-Employment Transitional Services." Transitional services are intended to be community based and time limited, for the purpose of preparing individuals transitioning from vocational school programs and/or sheltered environments. This service also meets the federal government stipulations outlined through WIOA and Section 511. Through a collaborative effort, DDS and contracted providers continue to plan for supported employment options for individuals participating in sheltered vocational programs. Sheltered vocational programs will be officially eliminated in the state of CT by September 2018.

DDS Educational Liaisons and Transition Advisors have advanced their interagency efforts with transitioning youth by providing vocational and competitive employment education to families and educational systems throughout the State. They have embraced a consultative interdisciplinary approach toward future planning for transitioning youth. DDS continues to support Project SEARCH, a nationally recognized internship program specific to pre-employment transition services for transitioning youth and recent graduates. Individuals supported by DDS and the host provider experienced a 100% competitive job placement rate through this partnership. In FY 2019, DDS is expanding the national partnership with Project Search by announcing a notice of opportunity for three qualified vendors to facilitate the curriculum at regional host sites. The host sites identified by the chosen vendors include a casino/entertainment complex, a college and hospitals in various CT towns.

DDS has continued to support the success of Industry Specific Training Programs such as Walgreens, Home Goods, TJ Maxx, Mohegan Sun, Travelers, Advanced Auto and Mystic Aquarium. Additionally, DDS collaborates with a variety of training programs including Workability, Billings Forge, and Hartford Job Corps. Employment staff have actively disseminated recruitment announcements to qualified vendors of employment services as well as to DDS Case Managers and Transition Advisory Staff. DDS maintains a robust partnership with the Association

of People Supporting Employment First (APSE), and will collaborate in the second annual APSE “Employment in Action” Conference in October 2018.

DDS leadership serves as active representation on the Governor’s Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities, and contributes to the committee’s mission to create interagency and community partnerships to improve access to competitive work opportunities throughout the State. The committee will launch another major statewide campaign in October 2018 to celebrate National Disability Employment Month. Events related to this campaign will include the dissemination of resources as provided by the National Office of Disability Employment Policy, Diverse-Ability Job Fairs in several statewide locations, a disability employment resource fair, social media outreach endeavors, employment mentor days, an Employment Idol contest, employer engagement and recognition events, and many more activities to encourage the hiring of individuals with disabilities by CT employers.

Federal Reimbursement:

During FY 2018, the department generated \$518,780,000 in federal Medicaid reimbursement. As of June 30, 2018, there were 10,109 persons enrolled in the DDS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers. The HCBS waiver program allows for federal reimbursement for residential habilitation, day programs, and support services provided in the community.

Information Reported as Required by State Statute

Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Office:

The DDS Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office is charged with ensuring that the principles of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunities are undertaken with vigor, conviction and ‘good faith’ to overcome the residual effects of past practices, policies and/or barriers. The EEO Office directly reports to and is under the authority of the DDS Commissioner. The EEO staff conducts investigations into internal discrimination complaints, renders findings and is involved in a variety of resolution activities. The EEO staff develop, implement and monitor affirmative action program goals and objectives. The EEO staff monitor compliance with state and federal affirmative action/equal employment opportunity laws and regulations. The EEO staff provide training to all new employees and supervisors on affirmative action topics. The EEO staff consult with managers and administrators on affirmative action matters.

Council on Developmental Disabilities:

The CT Council on Developmental Disabilities is an independent, federally funded agency, established by Governor Malloy’s Executive Order No. 19 and operating under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (PL 106-402). The Council is composed of 24 members appointed by the Governor. The Department of Developmental Services provides fiscal and administrative services to the Council. In FY 2018, the Council received \$713,800 for work on its current five year plan, which covers fiscal years 2017 through 2021 and is organized around these fifteen specific objectives: 1.1 By 2020, the Council will work with members of the 2020 Committee and state agencies and officials to close Southbury Training School and the remaining five regional centers; 1.2 By 2021, 150 families and self-advocates will implement strategies for self-directed

services and supports; 1.3 By 2021, the Council will promote supported decision making so that 50 self-advocates have used this process rather than traditional guardianship; 1.4 By 2019, the Council and partners will plan and implement a second Building a Great Life conference for 400 families and self-advocates; 2.1 By 2021, the Council will provide Partners in Policymaking Leadership training to 125 individuals and parents; 2.2 By 2021, the Council will increase participation in the Cross Disability Lifespan Alliance so that 75 self-advocates have participated in policy and advocacy initiatives; 2.3 By 2021, the Council will provide financial support through the Consumer Involvement Fund to 50 self-advocates to support participation in the community of self-advocates and parents at conferences and other leadership opportunities; 2.4 By 2021, the Council will provide support and training to 75 parents who have developmental disabilities to increase their participation in schools and community activities with their children; 2.5 People First will received financial support and technical assistance from the Council to develop and implement a strategic plan and annual work plan for their organization; 3.1 By 2021, the Council will provide access to customized employment opportunities for 50 people with developmental disabilities; 3.2 By 2021, the Council will develop information and training that provides access to two livable communities that include people with disabilities as members of those communities; 3.3 By 2021, the Council will identify post-secondary educational opportunities for 25 individuals with disabilities so they can access post-secondary educational opportunities; 3.4 By 2021, the Council will increase on-demand transportation option so that 75 individuals with disabilities can participate in community events when and where they choose; 3.5 By 2021, the Council will provide training and support to CT KASA (Kids As Self-Advocates) to promote transition of 25 youth into adult health care; and 3.6 The Council will change two policies that will increase access to affordable, accessible and available housing for people with disabilities.

Regulations:

The department continues the process of amending the licensing regulations for Community Living Arrangements and Community Companion Homes. New regulations concerning the Certification of Continuous Residential Supports Homes are being drafted. The agency also is finalizing amended regulations concerning the DDS Abuse and Neglect Registry.