

# Commissioner Scheff DDS Virtual Presentation

Summer 2021 | Seeds of Change

# For Starters



Presentation Style



Questions during the Presentation? – “Have a Question?” Form Link



Questions after the Presentation? – “Your Feedback/Question” Form Link



The presentation will be recorded. Parts of it may be shared on the DDS website for people who were unable to attend

# 2021 Legislative Update

## Public Act 21-135 (SB 416) DDS Agency Bill

- DAS access to Abuse & Neglect Registry
- Emergency medical procedure consent
- Minor Probate Court Change

## \$2.7 Million Bonding Package

- Addresses Health/Safety Concerns & General Facility Upkeep

## 2022-2023 Biennium Budget

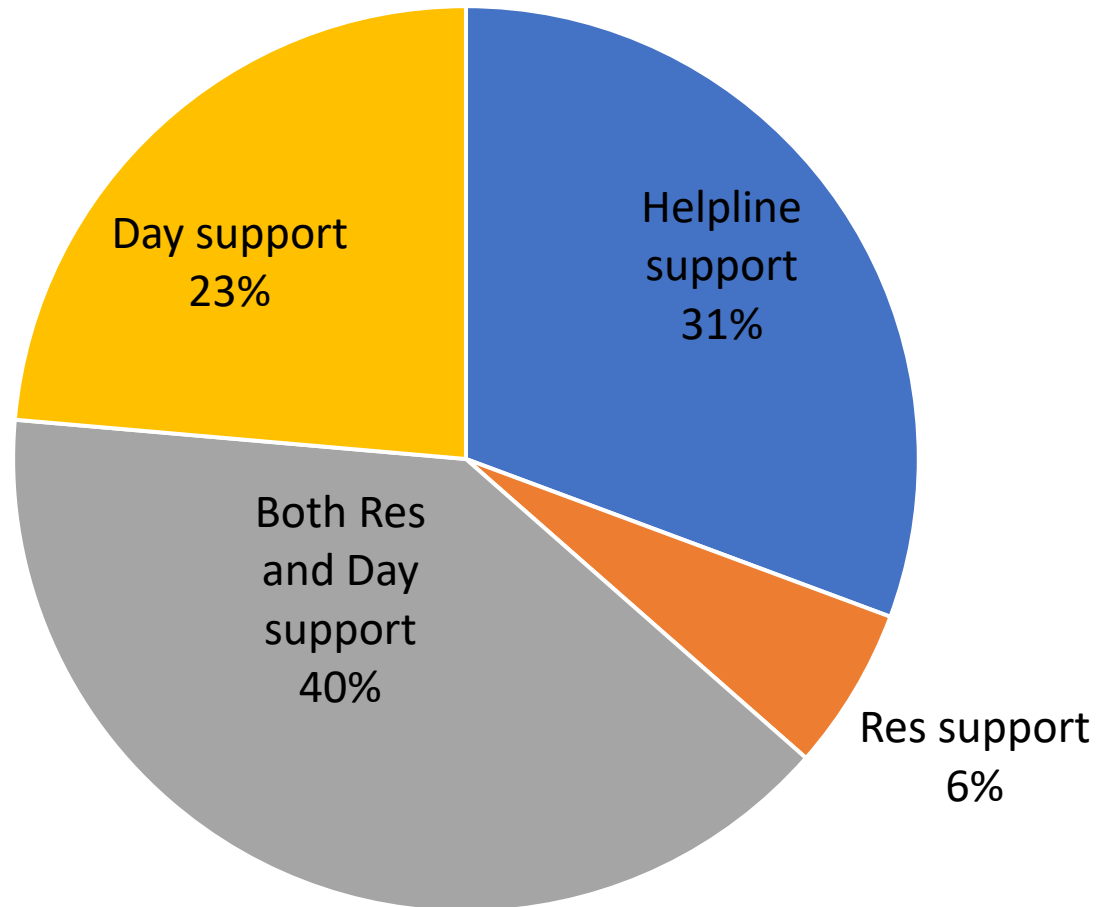
## Impetus to Change – Why We Are Here

- Wage Package
- Cost Settlement

# A Lay of the Land

The Management Information Report (MIR) is a quarterly report used to show information about people known to DDS and their active support. This chart shows the overlap of day and residential supports.

*Information used is from the June 2021 MIR to be released later this year.*





# Types of Residential Settings

CRS – CONTINUOUS RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS

NON-ICF CLA – COMMUNITY LIVING ARRANGEMENT

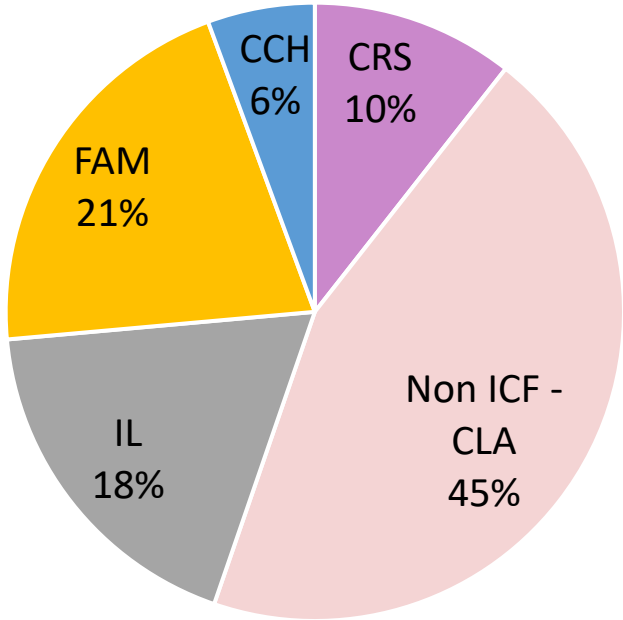
IL – INDEPENDENT LIVING WITH IN-HOME SUPPORT

FAM – FAMILY HOME WITH IN-HOME SUPPORT

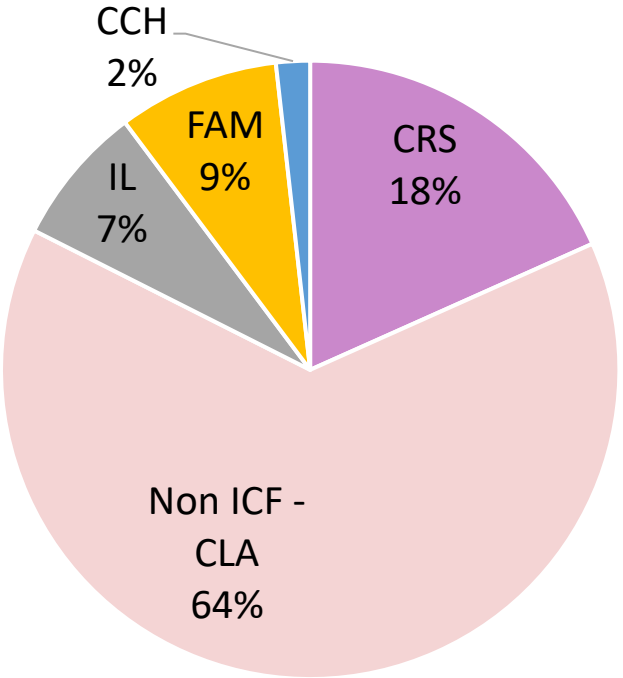
CCH – COMMUNITY COMPANION HOME

# Distribution of People and Funds

### Percentage of People in Residential Setting



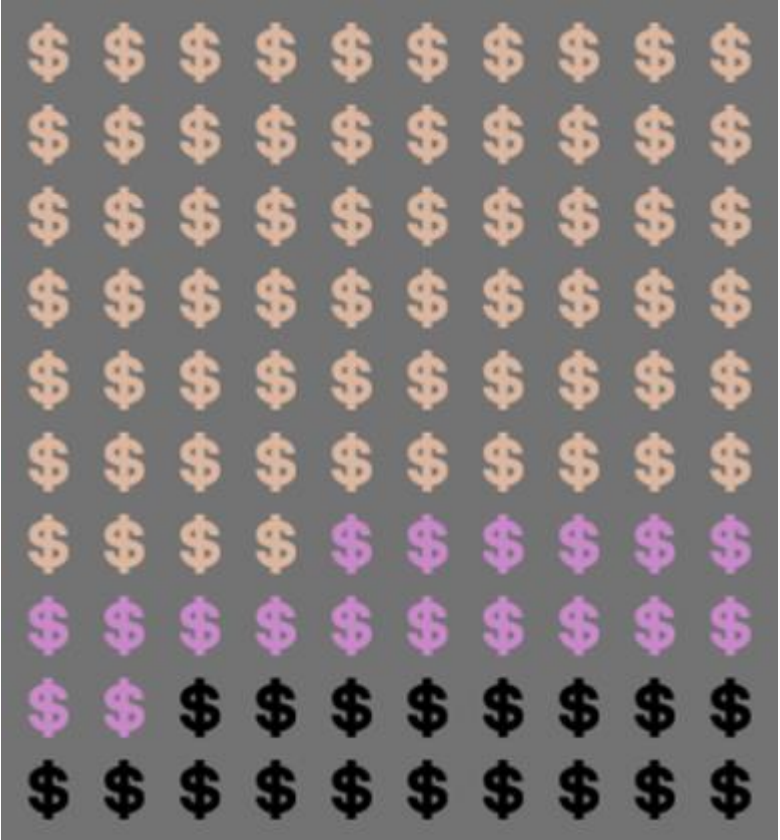
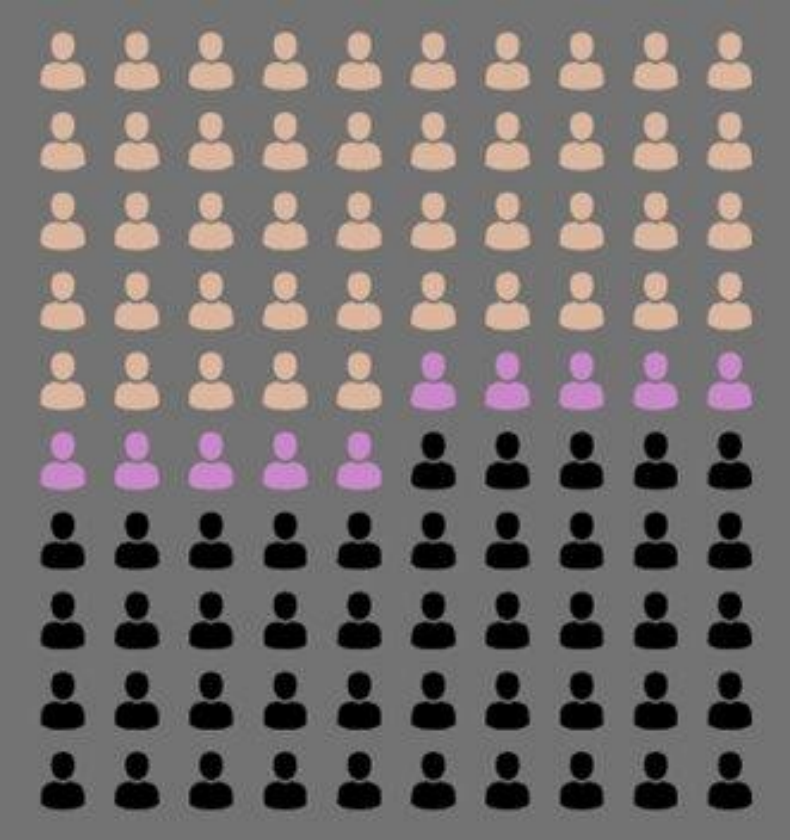
### Percentage of Budget used in Residential Setting



In this data FAM and IL represent individuals living in Family or Independent living who receive funding for In-Home Supports.

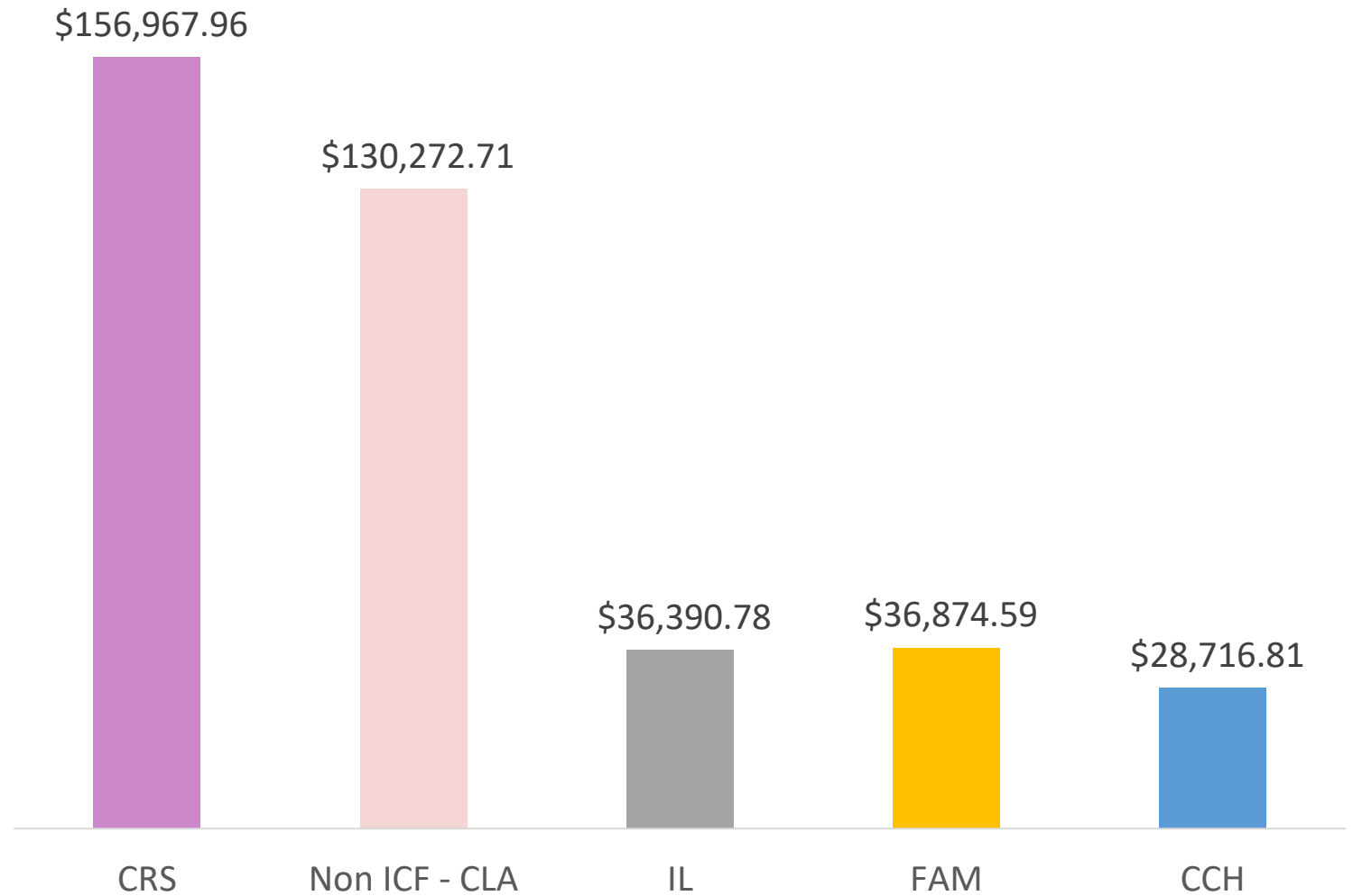


# CLA and CRS Comparison



# Cost Per Person by Setting

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# Benefits of In-Home Supports, Supportive Housing, CCH & Self Determination



COMMUNITY  
INTEGRATION



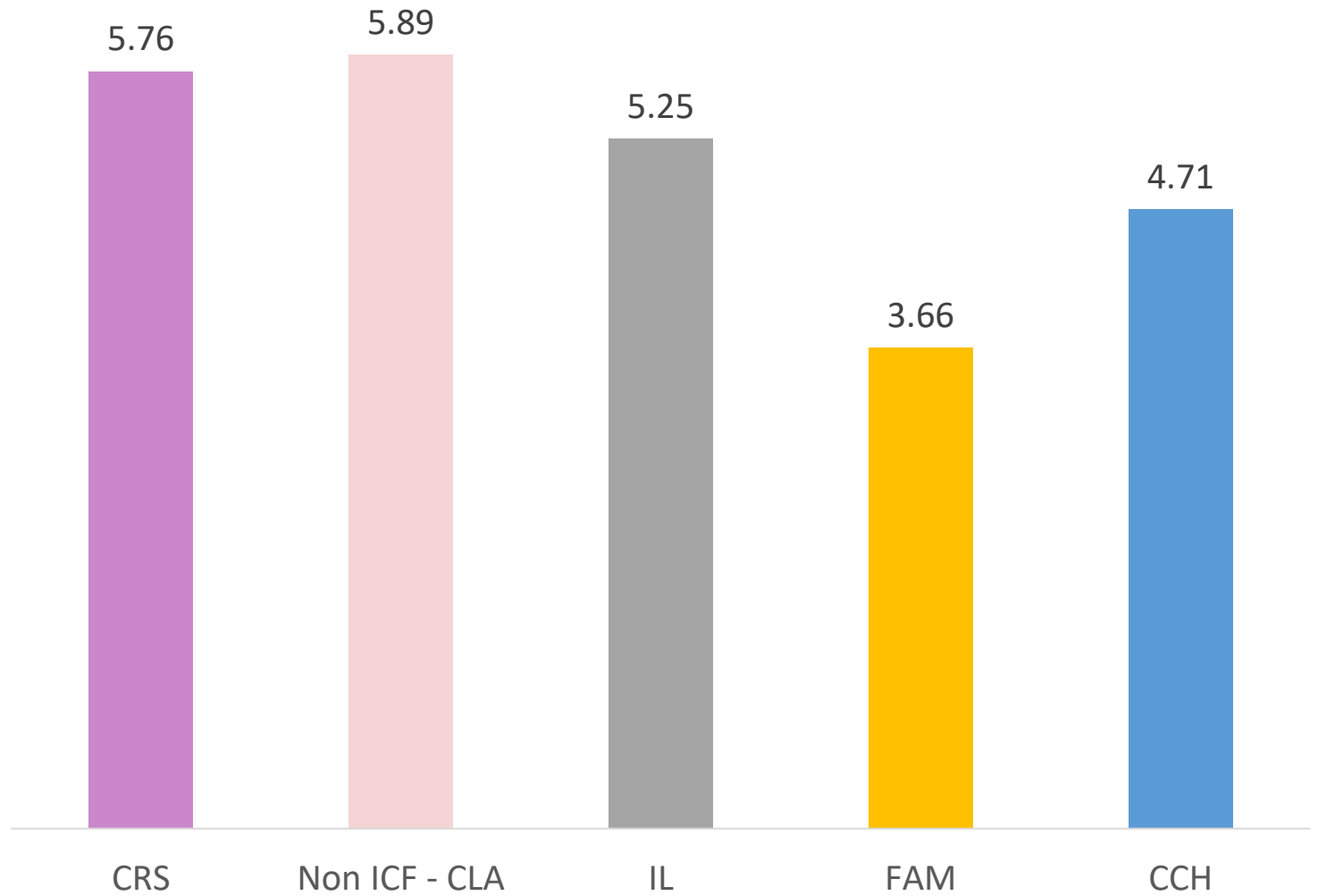
MORE INDEPENDENCE



LOWER COSTS TO  
MAINTAIN

# Average Level of Need (LON) score by Setting

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# What does this mean?



## Ensuring the Correct Level of Care

Are people over served or under served?



## Most Effective & Least Restrictive

Person Centered versus System Centered



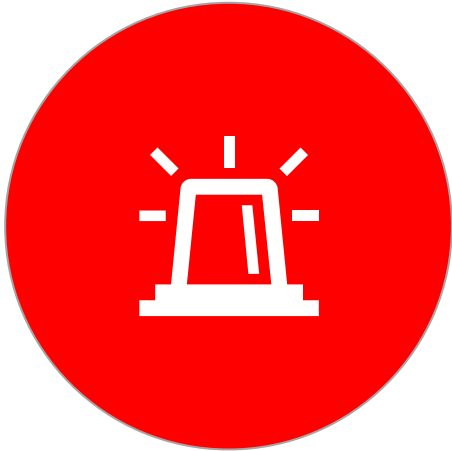
## Serves More People

Right services at right time, more people can benefit

# Waiting and Planning List Information

## Waiting List

## Planning List



### **EMERGENCY**

NO SERVICES 40

UNDER SERVED 30



### **URGENT**

NO SERVICES 600

UNDER SERVED 218



### **FUTURE NEEDS**

950

**DDS**

# Lessons Learned from the Pandemic



ACCESS AND UTILIZATION  
OF TECHNOLOGY



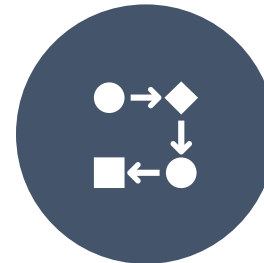
OPEN ON-GOING TIMELY  
COMMUNICATION



DENSELY CONGREGATED  
SETTINGS LEAD TO  
ISOLATION



VISITATION DISRUPTION



SYSTEM CENTERED  
DECISIONS VS PERSON  
CENTERED DECISIONS  
ESPECIALLY RELATED TO  
HEALTH AND SAFETY

# Opportunities Ahead

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding
  - Expansion of Respite
  - Behavioral health investments
  - MyCT.gov- HHS One Stop
  - Supporting recovery of Private providers from the pandemic

# Opportunities Ahead – cont.

- Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) Funding
  - Technology Resources
  - Modernizing & Transforming Systems
    - Case Management; National Core Indicator
    - Broadening Continuum of Supports
    - Incentivizing System Change to Increase Opportunities to Those on Waitlist
  - Enhancing Quality Systems
  - Promote & Facilitate use of Assistive Technology
  - Enhanced Employment Network for Self-Directed Services
- Expansion of Home and Community Based Services - Federal

# Public - Today

Community Living Arrangements

Regional Centers

Southbury Training School

Specialized Programs

- Transitional Unit
- Step Down Unit
- Medically Complicated
- Transitional



# Public - Transitional

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While we pivot to  
reinvestments in provider  
community

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Continued operation of  
existing programs

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As capacity increases, pivot as  
needed for hard to support  
catchments

# Public - Future

Build more  
Step Down  
Units

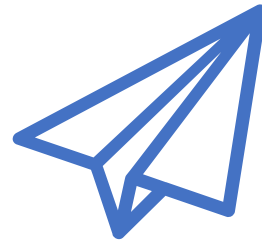
Medically  
Modeled

Transitional  
supports for  
future state

# Next Steps



Regional Community  
Conversations



Feedback/Questions MS Form  
Link emailed – I want to hear  
from you!



Input will be part of DDS's 5  
Year Plan

# Thank you for listening!

## Living the Mission!

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

