

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Developmental Disabilities Administration and
Maryland State Department of Education Division of
Rehabilitation Services Collaboration Overview**

Employment First Webinar

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Welcome

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Introduction

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History

DDA and DORS signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

- Last updated and signed in 2013
- Little ongoing technical assistance or collaboration has occurred
- Federal context has changed

Legislation

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):

- Passed in 2014
- Fosters regional collaboration
- Requires Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to:
 - Set aside at least 15 percent of their federal funds to provide “pre-employment transition services”(Pre-ETS) to Students with disabilities who are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services
 - Increase access to VR-funded Supported Employment services

Legislation

WIOA (*continued*):

- Supports Competitive, Integrated Employment as defined in WIOA
- Supports the outcome of Competitive, Integrated Employment

Community Settings Rule

Highlights of the Settings Rule:

- Issued in 2014 by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- Reflects the CMS intent to ensure that individuals receiving services and supports through Medicaid's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs have full access to the benefits of community living (including employment) and are able to receive services in the most integrated setting
- All residential and non-residential settings must meet the rule by March 2022

MOU Update Process

- Spent time meeting with mutual DDA/DORS providers about areas for improvement
- Quarterly leadership meetings between DDA/DORS
- Ongoing communication between DDA and DORS specialists
- Input from DDA/DORS field employees

Identified Gaps

- DDA/DORS funding and requirement differences and complexities
- Fears about “double dipping”
- Many DDA providers stopped accessing DORS over the years
- Capacity issues
- Local and regional office relationships
- No real collaborative guidance from DDA/DORS on how to navigate
- Who pays for what and when?

MOU Highlights

- WIOA language
- Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) as desired outcome
- Ongoing collaboration and technical assistance
- Responsibilities
 - Individual
 - Joint
- CIE as desired outcome

Accessing DDA and DORS

When does an individual access DDA services?

- The individual may need some Discovery (or other services)

When does an individual access DORS services?

- DORS services are most effective when an individual has expressed current interest in CIE, understands what work is, and has a Community Rehabilitative provider with a basic understanding of one's interests, skills, and abilities

Is it possible for an individual to access both DDA and DORS services?

- Yes, as long as the services are not occurring at the same time

MOU Highlights

Responsibilities:

- Individual Joint
- Joint
- Appendices: Flow of service for youth and adults

MOU Highlights

- Ongoing collaboration and technical assistance
- One pager
- Frequently Asked Questions

Next Steps

- Regional trainings (dates and venues next slide)
- DDA/DORS quarterly leadership meetings
- Joint provider regional focus groups in late 2018/early 2019
- Review of MOU annually or as needed

Upcoming Trainings

Western Region

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 28

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Ramada Plaza, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Southern Region

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 29

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Holiday Inn College Park, 10000 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740

Upcoming Trainings

Central Region

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 4

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: DORS Workforce and Technology Center, 2301 Argonne Dr., Baltimore, MD 21218

Eastern Shore

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 5

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Chesapeake College, 1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, MD 21679

Training Calendar

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maryland Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The header features the Maryland state flag on the left, the DDA logo, and the text "MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION". A search bar is located below the header. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, PROVIDERS, TRANSFORMATION, and NEWSROOM. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains "Quick Links" (About DDA, Recommended Websites, Forms & Policies) and "Services We Provide" (Behavior Supports, Community Pathways, Coordination Of Community Services, Employment, Housing, Low Intensity Supports Services (LISS), Nursing, Self-Directed Services, Training and Webinars, Transitioning Youth). The middle column features a "Welcome to the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)" section with a photo of a diverse group of people and a "DDA Vision" statement: "People with developmental disabilities will have full lives in the communities of their choice where they are included, participate, and are active citizens." The right column contains four blue buttons: "Customer Service", "Join our mailing list", "Report Abuse or Concern", and "What's New at DDA". Below these buttons are links for "Family Supports Waiver Providers" and "Community Supports Waiver Providers".

Questions

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