DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

The Maryland Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families across the lifespan. The DDA's person- and family-centered service delivery system helps ensure that the individuals whom the DDA serves receive the appropriate support to lead meaningful, community-based lives.

The DDA's service delivery system includes home- and community-based services and supports provided through Medicaid, waiver programs and state-funded services. Some of DDA's services include: employment services, community development services, respite, personal supports, vehicle modifications, transportation and behavioral support services.

DDA BY THE NUMBERS*

- 25K Participants in the DDA system of services and supports
- 239 DDA-approved and licensed providers in Maryland
- 2,520 DDA participants who self-direct their services
- 3 Medicaid home and community-based waivers administered by the DDA
- 52 Services and supports covered by one or more of the waivers

VISION AND MISSION

The DDA envisions people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living full, active lives in the communities of their choice.

The DDA's mission is to create a flexible, person-centered, family-oriented system of supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SIX FOCUS AREAS

The DDA has six focus areas to help meet the needs of the people they serve.

- **SELF-DETERMINATION**: Recognizing that all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the right to direct their lives and services.
- **SELF-ADVOCACY**: Providing resources so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have their voices heard, while reaching their individual vision of a meaningful life.
- **FAMILY SUPPORT**: Helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families navigate systems of support, connect with other families and access support services.
- **HOUSING**: Increasing housing options that are accessible and affordable for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **EMPLOYMENT**: Ensuring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who want to work and who can work, receive competitive and integrated employment opportunities.
- **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**: Promoting the use of devices, software or equipment to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities perform daily activities to live independently and to be active members of their communities.

GET MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Developmental Disabilities Administration, visit [dda.health.maryland.gov](http://dda.health.maryland.gov)
The DDA has four regional offices to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Each regional office has its own team to oversee DDA services.

To learn more about eligibility for DDA services and supports, please visit: health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/eligibility.aspx

For more information and assistance contact our Office of Constituent Services: health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/Constituent_Services.aspx