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
 - \circ Individual
 - \circ 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

Visit dda.health.maryland.gov



Quick Links

> About DDA
 > Recommended Websites
 > Forms & Policies

Services We Provide

> Behavior Supports
 > Community Pathways
 > Coordination Of Community

Services > Employment

Housing
 Low Intensity Supports

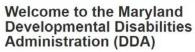
Services (LISS)
Nursing

> Self-Directed Services

Training and Webinars
 Transitioning Youth

Current Initiatives

DDA Vision:



People with developmental disabilities will have full lives in

the communities of their choice where they are included,

participate, and are active citizens.

Join our mailing list

Customer Service

Report Abuse or Concern

What's New at DDA

Family Supports Waiver Providers

Community Supports Waiver Providers



Questions

Email questions to Staci Jones and Jill Pierce at:

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Subject line: DDA/DORS collaboration

