



**Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
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The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is the health and human service agency which provides a variety of supports to children & adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Supports are designed to promote meaningful participation and inclusion in all aspects of community life. There are different eligibility criteria and services for children and adults.

- Services for children include family support and a variety of programs to address specialized support needs that supplement educational services.
- Services for adults include: an array of employment and day program supports which enable individuals to pursue a career or be engaged in other meaningful activities in the community; community living supports for people in more independent living situations, and other residential supports, such as shared living and group homes; and family supports and a variety of flexible services such as respite, in-home skills training, and companion services for those individuals who live at home with their families.

Services are individualized and planned using a person centered approach, and are coordinated through our 23 Area and 4 Regional Offices. Services are provided through contracts with not for profit agencies or through two self-directed service options, and are monitored through a variety of quality management systems.

**DDS serves over 9,000 children
and 32,000 adults.**

**DDS serves individuals with an
Intellectual Disability, Autism
Spectrum Disorder, Prader-Willi &
Smith-Magenis Syndrome.**

**DDS has helpful information on
the eligibility process and
requirements for both children
and adults on our web-site.**

**Family & Autism Support Centers
across the state offer a wide range of
information and activities for
families, children, and adults eligible
for DDS.**

**DDS works with schools,
students & families towards a
meaningful transition from
school to adult life with DDS
supports.**

**The DDS Office of Quality
Management provides information
on the health, safety, and quality of
life of those supported by DDS and
its providers.**

More information regarding DDS eligibility, services and offices can be found at:

**www.mass.gov/dds
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