



THE AUTISM DIVISION & DDS FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

AN OVERVIEW

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TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- **THE AUTISM DIVISION PROGRAMS:**
 - COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTS THROUGH AUTISM CENTERS
 - MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER-AUTISM WAIVER PROGRAM
- **THE DESE/DDS PROGRAM**
 - A RESIDENTIAL PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDED BY DESE AND ADMINISTERED BY DDS STAFF
- **DDS FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**
 - GENERAL FAMILY SUPPORT
 - FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS
 - IFFS (INTENSIVE FAMILY FLEXIBLE SUPPORTS)



AUTISM SUPPORT CENTERS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- **AUTISM SUPPORT CENTERS (SEVEN STATE-WIDE) CONTRACT WITH DDS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTS:**
 - **INFORMATION, REFERRAL, TRAINING & SUPPORT GROUPS**
 - **COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES INCLUDING SOCIAL SKILLS, SENSORY/GYM PROGRAMS AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES**



AUTISM WAIVER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **PARTICIPANTS MUST MEET LEVEL OF CARE & HAVE MASSHEALTH STANDARD**
- **PARTICIPANTS MUST BE UNDER THE AGE OF 9**
- **FAMILIES MUST BE WILLING TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARTICIPANT DIRECTED MODEL**
- **FAMILIES HAVE A FREEDOM OF CHOICE AMONG SERVICE PROVIDERS**
- **FUNDS AND HIRING OF STAFF MANAGED BY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE (FMS), CURRENTLY PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LIMITED (PPL)**
- **CURRENT RENEWAL WAIVER ENDS ON 09/30/2015 HAS A CURRENT ONE-TIME CAPACITY OF 220 AND OVERALL OF 325**



WAIVER SERVICES

Service Type	Overview
Expanded Habilitation, Education (In-Home Services)	Remains available for 3 years or until 9 th Birthday
Habilitation, Community Integration	Must be tied to Education Habilitation goals
Family Training	Used more often with families new to the waiver
Respite	Option for Respite Services in home of a caregiver
Homemaker	Available on a short term basis to assist family in times of need
Individual Goods & Services	Limit of \$1500 a year
Home & Vehicle Modifications	Lifetime limit of \$10,000 and \$5,000 limit per year
Adaptive Aids	Overall limit of one computer per participant
Speech Therapy	Must try to access MassHealth (MH) first for therapy
Occupational Therapy	Must try to access MassHealth (MH) first for therapy
Physical Therapy	Must try to access MassHealth (MH) first for therapy
Behavioral Consultation	Not offered in years when participant is receiving Expanded Habilitation, Education



AUTISM WAIVER PROGRAM STAFF

- **AUTISM CLINICAL MANAGER**
 - **WORKS FOR DDS**
 - **PROVIDES OVERSIGHT/MONITORING FOR PROGRAM**

- **AUTISM SUPPORT BROKER**
 - **WORK FOR ONE OF SEVEN MA AUTISM SUPPORT CENTERS**
 - **PLAN, COLLABORATE AND TROUBLESHOOT WITH PARENT/CAREGIVERS AROUND AUTISM WAIVER SERVICES & SUPPORTS**



CURRENT WAIVER HIGHLIGHTS

- **RESERVED CAPACITY FOR 3 YEAR OLDS TRANSITIONING FROM EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)**
- **PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE UP TO THREE YEARS OF EXPANDED HABILITATION, EDUCATION AND OTHER ANCILLARY SUPPORTS AT UP TO \$25,000 A YEAR (\$5,500 CAP ON ANCILLARY SUPPORTS)**
- **AFTER THREE YEARS, THEY GO INTO THE STEP DOWN PROGRAM AND RECEIVE UP TO \$5,500 OF BEHAVIORAL CONSULTATION AND ANCILLARY SUPPORTS.**
- **A SMALL GROUP OF AGING OUT OF AUTISM CHILDREN WENT INTO THE DESE/DDS PROGRAM AS PART OF A PILOT DURING FY 13 AND FY 14**



DESE/DDS PROGRAM

- **A RESIDENTIAL PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDED BY DESE/ ADMINISTERED BY DDS**
- **PROVIDES IN-HOME SERVICES AIMED AT DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY OF THE PARTICIPANT AND THE FAMILY TO ASSIST WITH KEEPING STUDENT AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY AND OUT OF A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM**
- **SUPPLEMENTS DOES NOT SUPPLANT ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM SCHOOL, PRIVATE PROVIDERS, MASSHEALTH, ETC.**
- **CURRENTLY PROGRAM HAS ABOUT 450 PARTICIPANTS AND ANOTHER 50 WILL START IN FY 15**
- **OPEN ENROLLMENT HELD AND THEN A REGIONAL/ AREA BASED PRIORITIZATION PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHO IS ASSESSED FOR THE PROGRAM**
- **PROGRAM ENDS EITHER BASED ON NO LONGER MEETING THE ASSESSED NEED OR THE PARTICIPANT'S 22ND BIRTHDAY.**



DDS FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- **DDS AREA BASED FAMILY SUPPORT:**
 - **DDS AREA BASED SERVICES THAT OFFER LIMITED FUNDING TO FAMILIES TO COVER SERVICES SUCH AS RESPITE AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES**
- **FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS:**
 - **NETWORK OF FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS ACROSS COMMONWEALTH THAT OFFER A VARIETY OF GENERAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY RELATED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL RESOURCES**
 - **ADDITIONAL TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT TO ASSIST WITH A PARTICULAR CONCERN OR ISSUE IS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THESE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS**
- **IFFS (INTENSIVE FLEXIBLE FAMILY SUPPORT)**
 - **A SHORT TERM SET OF SERVICES (APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS) THAT HELP ADDRESS MORE IMMINENT NEEDS OF A DDS ELIGIBLE CHILD/YOUNG ADULT SUCH AS THE NEED FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT OR THE INTERVENTION OF AN IN-HOME BEHAVIORAL TEAM**