

**Maryland's  
Developmental Disabilities  
Administration  
Public  
Meeting**

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**We asked people  
with developmental  
disabilities**

**“What do you want?”**

# What people said ...

- People want :
  - Jobs → Real jobs with real money
  - Friends → Real friends not only staff
  - Meaningful relationships outside of where they work and live
  - To be contributing members of their community

# What we proposed ...

## Person Directed Services

- Individualized
- Supports personal development
- Foster independence
- Flexible
- Timely
- Fluid

## Systems in support of people

- Flexible funding
- Flexible regulations
- Creative options

Note: Compliance and within established guidelines from Federal and State Statutes and Regulations and prudent use of State funding.

# What does it mean...

People decide

- ✓ What services/supports
- ✓ Who provides services/supports
- ✓ How long they are provided
- ✓ Who helps them
- ✓ If they are happy or not
- ✓ When to make a change

# Today's Agenda

- Who we are
- What we do
- What work needs to be done
- How you can help

**Governor**

Principal Executive Departments

**Aging**

**Disabilities**

**Education**

**Health &  
Mental Hygiene**

**Human  
Resources**

**Juvenile  
Services**

**Budget &  
Management**

**Planning**

**Business &  
Economic  
Development**

**Housing &  
Community  
Development**

**Agriculture**

**Environment**

**Natural  
Resources**

**Transportation**

**State Police**

**Public Safety  
& Correctional  
Services**

# Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

## Behavioral Health & Disabilities

Alcohol & Drug Abuse

**Developmental Disabilities**

Mental Hygiene

## Health Care Financing

Eligibility Services

Health Services

Systems, Operations, & Pharmacy

## Public Health Services

Family Health

Infectious Disease

Laboratories

# DDA's

## Vision

- All Marylander's lead personally defined and fulfilling lives.

*This means you make decisions  
about your life!*

# DDA's

## Mission

- DDA *partners* with people with developmental disabilities to provide leadership and resources to live fulfilling lives.

*This means we want to work with you!*

## DDA's Goals

- People with developmental disabilities...
  - ✓ **direct their lives;**
  - ✓ **have viable support options; and,**
  - ✓ **have information to make decisions.**

*This means you have choices!*

# What we do

- Implement State Laws
- In charge of programs for Medicaid → “*waivers*”
  - ✓ *Community Pathways*
  - ✓ *New Directions*
- Work with agencies that help you
- In charge of State Residential Centers & Forensic Residential Centers

# What we do

- Make rules for:
  - ✓ Programs
  - ✓ Policies
  - ✓ Rates
  - ✓ Quality
- Determine eligibility for funding
- Determine who gets funding
- Pay for certain “*habilitation*” services to help

# What we do

- License providers
- Make sure providers follow the rules
- Help eligible people that want help
- We serve people that commit crimes the judge tells us to

# What we fund → Supports

- ✓ Some people need help to know what their choices are
- ✓ Some people need help finding services
- ✓ Some people need help getting and keeping a job
- ✓ Some people need help with where they live
- ✓ Some people need help for a short time, others need help longer

# Our funding helps:

- ✓ People get services from different agencies
- ✓ People find help or staff
- ✓ People plan, hire staff, and pay staff
- ✓ People get and keep jobs
- ✓ People have meaningful daytime activities
- ✓ People live with who and where they want
- ✓ Support people so they can live in their own or family home

# We use words to describe the help (services) we fund like:

- \*Resource coordination
- \*Individual support services
- \*Low intensity support services
- \*Supported Employment
- \*Community Learning Services
- \*Employment Discovery & Customization
- \*Vocational Day Programs
- \*Community supported living arrangement
- \*Behavioral support services
- \* Residential services
- \*Support broker
- \*Family support services
- \*Respite
- \*Transitional services

# What work needs to be done

- Look at present service system:
  - ✓ Supports and connections to communities
  - ✓ Programs
  - ✓ Regulations
  - ✓ Technology

to make it more *person directed*

# Things to think about

- How to make what we fund:
  - ✓ Fair and equitable
  - ✓ Meet changing needs (i.e. aging, employment, health)
  - ✓ Easy for you to understand
  - ✓ Easy to get
  - ✓ Follow rules
  - ✓ Tell us how we are doing
  - ✓ Tell us where there are problems
  - ✓ Tell us whether it helped you or not
  - ✓ Serve as many people based on available funding

# We are starting with:

- Resource Coordination
- DDA Medicaid Waivers
- Regulations
- Quality Framework
- Behavior Support Model
- Information Technology

# How you can help

- Tell us what you think today
- Tell us later –
  - ✓ Call
  - ✓ Email
  - ✓ Write a letter
- Ask a friend, family member, resource coordination to help you tell us what you think
- Join a work group
- Tell us who else we should get help from

# Work groups will:

- Suggest ways to do our work so:
  - ✓ You have information
  - ✓ You know what your choices are
  - ✓ You can make decisions
- ✓ Suggest ways to offer more choices
- ✓ Suggest ways to tell if people are happy with their services
- ✓ Suggest ways to tell if the service helped a person
- ✓ Look at how work is done and suggest better ways to do it

# How to participate in a work group

Group meetings will be held at different places around the State. You can participate:

- In person
- Call in
- We are looking into other ways (video)

Please complete a form → so everyone has a voice

***We look forward to partnering with you!***

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