

The Department of Developmental Services provides supports to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Supports are designed to promote meaningful participation and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

The Department serves over 32,000 adults and an additional 9,000 children across the state to assist in transitions from school to adult life and to provide support for individuals through an individualized, person-centered approach.

Services are coordinated through <u>23 Area Offices and four Regional Offices</u> across the state. Services are provided through contracts with non-profit agencies and through two self-directed service options. The Department monitors services through a variety of quality management systems.

DDS serves over 41,000 individuals in Massachusetts

DDS serves
individuals with an
Intellectual Disability,
Autism Spectrum Disorder,
Prader-Willi & SmithMagenis Syndrome

DDS has helpful information on the eligibility process and requirements for both children and adults on our website

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

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

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

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 to enable individuals to pursue a career or be engaged in other meaningful activities in the community; 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; and community living supports for more independent living situations and other residential supports, such as shared living and group homes.

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