



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FACT SHEET

DDS provides a variety of supports and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder

State Facts

DDS serves over **27,000** adults and **14,000** children

41,526 individuals served throughout the state
(**39,009** with intellectual disabilities and **2,272** with Autism-only)

ABOUT DDS

DDS' mission is to create, in partnership with others, innovative and genuine opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate fully and meaningfully in, and contribute to, their communities as valued members.

Commissioner:
Jane F. Ryder

STAFFING
5,907 FTEs

LOCATIONS

 **Main Office**
500 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02118

DDS has **23** Area offices in four DDS Regions:

- Metro (Boston)
- Northeast (Danvers)
- Southeast (Middleboro)
- Central West (Springfield)

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Key Services

Family Support Services (FSS) to families who care for their family member at home via in-home and community-based services as well as Family and Autism Support Centers throughout Massachusetts

Employment Supports that enable individuals to successfully obtain and maintain integrated jobs in the community

Community-Based Day Services that include an array of meaningful day activities to promote independent living skills and community integration

Community-based residential services in a variety of settings including group home and shared living opportunities

DDS By the Numbers (FY 2019)

 **7,785** individuals living in 24-hour residential group home
1,414 living in shared-living settings via provider agencies

 **16,673** Families receiving a variety of Family Support Services (FSS) as they care for their family member at home

 **6,047** individuals receiving employment services

7,208 individuals receiving Community-Based Day Support (CBDS) services

1,074  individuals living in state-operated group homes