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DESE/DDS Residential

Prevention Program

## Notice of Open Interest Period

Dear Families,

The DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program is a collaboration between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for DDS-eligible students who are at risk of a future residential placement.

The program provides students and their families:

* The opportunity to have in-home supports, including senior level therapists and skills trainers
* A dedicated navigator agency to identify and hire staff
* Life-long skills development
* Opportunities to practice skills in their home setting and community

This Open Interest period is offered to refresh the list of interested students and families. The DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program is near capacity; however, new participants are added from the Interest List as spaces become available.

It is a priority of the DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program to ensure that the program participation request process is fully accessible to all families and children qualified for DDS services and is inclusive of linguistic and cultural diversity.

The DESE/DDS Program has moved to an online system for collecting the names of students who are interested in this Program. Please access the online interest submission here or through the QR code below: <https://forms.office.com/g/QwjhjkQPzy>

Paper versions of the form can be accessed and printed from the Mass.gov website. Paper forms can be mailed or emailed. Instructions can be found on the form. Please access paper versions of the Interest Form here or through the QR code below: <https://www.mass.gov/dese-dds-program>

For more information on services your child can access, please visit your local Family Support Center. A current listing of centers can be found by visiting: <https://www.mass.gov/dds-family-support>

As a reminder: Expressing interest in the program is not a guarantee of acceptance or enrollment in the program, and all funding is subject to change.

  

DESE/DDS Program

Description and Paper Open Interest Forms QR Code

DESE/DDS Program Online Open Interest Submission QR Code

Family Support Center QR Code

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**DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program Interest Form 2025**

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/Department of Developmental Services**

Program Description: The DESE/DDS Program is a wraparound program designed to provide intensive home and family supports in order to reduce the need for a restrictive, residential placement for students. Students work in their homes with Skills Trainers and other therapists to develop life-long skills.

## PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR STUDENT IS:

1. Currently enrolled in an approved school program through the local school district
2. Between the ages of 6 and 21
3. Currently living in the family or caregiver’s home

# Please type responses or print clearly (use blue or black ink):

**ALTERNATIVELY:**

Complete this Form Online



Before March 31, 2025

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Student |  |
| Name of Parent/Guardian |  |
| Student’s Date of Birth |  |
| Student’s Primary Diagnosis |  |
| Student’s Primary Address: | Address Line 1: |
| Address Line 2: |
| Town/City: | State: MA |
| Zip Code: |
| Parent/Guardian Primary Phone Number |  |
| Parent/Guardian Primary Email Address |  |
| In what language would you prefer to speak about your student?\* | * English ☐ Spanish ☐ Portuguese ☐ Arabic ☐ Vietnamese
* Haitian-Creole ☐ Mandarin ☐ Other:
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| In what language would you prefer to receivewritten materials about your student’s care?\* | * English ☐ Spanish ☐ Portuguese ☐ Arabic ☐ Vietnamese
* Haitian-Creole ☐ Mandarin ☐ Other:
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| Where does your student currently attend school? *(Select One)* | * Homeschool

in the student’shome | * Public School

in the local school in your town | * Out of District
 | * Other
 |
| Schoolin a collaborative, therapeutic, or special needs school |
| Is your student currently eligible for DDS Child Services? *(Select One)* | * Yes ☐ No (please contact a family support center for help applying)
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| What gender does your student identify as?*(Select as many as your student needs)* | * Female ☐ Male ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Transgender
* Prefer not to answer
 |
|  | * Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
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| What is your student’s race/ethnicity? | * Hispanic/Latinx ☐ Native American ☐ White
 |  |
| *(Select as many as your student needs)* | * Other:
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|  | * Prefer not to answer
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## All paper interest forms must be postmarked or received by email by March 31, 2025

* Completion of this form is to express interest in the program, and does not guarantee acceptance, enrollment, or funding
* If you have completed an Interest Form in the past, and you are still interested, please complete another form
* Form must be typed or printed clearly. If dropping off form, put it in a sealed envelope marked **DESE/DDS Interest Form**
* **Drop off forms:** at local DDS Area Offices, Autism/Family Support Centers-***not at the DDS Central Office***
* **Mail forms:** DDS-Central Office, Att. DESE/DDS Program, 1000 Washington Street 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02118
* **Email forms:** DESEDDSProgram@MassMail.State.MA.US.

# DO NOT ATTACH IEP/MEDICAL RECORDS/ ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME. SEND ONLY THIS FORM.

*\*Translation and Interpretation are provided free of charge to participants.*