

## Southeast Area Office Locations and Cities/Towns Covered

Please direct all support/services related questions to your local Area Office listed below.

All supports are subject to funding and availability

**Brockton Area Office**  
60 Main Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Brockton, MA 02301  
774-296-6090

Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Eason, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Whitman

**Cape Cod/Islands Area Office**  
181 North Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
508-771-2595

Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Gay Head, Harwich, Hyannis, Mashpee, Nantucket, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth

**Fall River Area Office**  
1 Father DeValles Boulevard Unit 3  
Fall River, MA 02723  
508-730-1209

Assonet, Fall River, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea, Westport

**New Bedford Area Office**  
1740 Purchase Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-992-1848

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham

**Plymouth Area Office**  
38 Industrial Park Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
508-732-5700

Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton

**South Coastal Area Office**  
220R Forbes Road  
Braintree, MA 02184  
781-356-8850

Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate, Weymouth

**Taunton/Attleboro Area Office**  
21 Spring Street Taunton, MA 02780  
508-824-0614

Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleboro, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynam, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton

## Regional Eligibility Office Locations

### Central/West Region

Regional Eligibility Coordinator  
Central West Region  
140 High St. Suite 301  
Springfield, MA 01105

**Intake Referral Number: 413-205-0940**  
**Fax Number: 413-205-1608**

### Metro Region

Regional Eligibility Coordinator  
411 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 304  
Waltham, MA 02452

**Intake Referral Number: 781-314-7513**  
**Fax Number: 781-314-7539**

### Northeast Region

Regional Eligibility Coordinator  
Hogan Regional Center  
PO Box A  
Hathorne, MA 01937

**Intake Referral Number: 978-774-5000**  
**ext. 850**  
**Fax Number: 978-739-0420**

### Southeast Region

Regional Eligibility Coordinator  
151 Campanelli Drive, Suite B  
Middleboro, MA 02346

**Intake Referral Number: 508-866-5000**  
**Fax Number: 508-866-8859**



# Your Guide to the Eligibility Process



The  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of  
Health and Human Services

**Department of  
Developmental Services**  
500 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
Voice: (617) 727-5608  
Fax: (617) 624-7577

Email: [DDS.Info@state.ma.us](mailto:DDS.Info@state.ma.us)  
DDS website at: [www.mass.gov/dds](http://www.mass.gov/dds)

**Southeast Region**  
**Tracey Daigneau, Eligibility Coordinator**  
**(508) 866-8851**

Southeast Region  
151 Campanelli Drive, Suite B  
Middleboro, MA 02346

## Application Process

### Mission Statement

**The Department is dedicated to creating, in partnership with others, innovative and genuine opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate fully and meaningfully in, and contribute to, their communities as valued members.**

**Applying for eligibility is a choice** and we believe that it is important for applicants to fully understand the criteria for eligibility as well as the type of documentation that is required to enable DDS to make such an important decision. Therefore, included in the new application are the criteria for eligibility and explicit instructions about the necessary documentation.

Another important component is legal authorization to proceed with the process. Applicants must give their written permission so that DDS can proceed with the eligibility process. This does not mean that an applicant cannot get help from a family member, friend or agency. However if the applicant chooses to have someone assist him/her, she/he will also need to authorize that by signing a permission form.

This permission is required if the applicant wants DDS to be able to communicate directly with this person on their behalf. These authorizations are now a vital part of the new application form.

**After a complete application has been received by the Regional Eligibility Team, applicants can expect to be contacted by a Regional Eligibility Team member to schedule a face-to-face meeting.**

## Southeast Region Family Support Centers

### Brockton Area

#### **Brockton Area Arc**

1250 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 583-8030 [www.brocktonareaarc.org](http://www.brocktonareaarc.org)

### Cape Cod and the Islands Area

#### **Kennedy-Donovan Center**

32 Commercial Street, South Yarmouth, MA 02664  
(508) 385-6019 [www.kdc.org](http://www.kdc.org)

### Martha's Vineyard Community Services

111 Edgartown Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
(508) 693-7900 [www.mycommunityservices.com](http://www.mycommunityservices.com)

### Fall River Area

#### **Family Advocacy & Community Education (FACE) Center**

4 South Main Street, Fall River, MA 02721  
(508) 679-5233 [www.peopleinc-fr.org](http://www.peopleinc-fr.org)

### New Bedford Area

#### **Family Connections Center, Nemasket**

109 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739  
(508) 999-4436 [www.nemasketgroup.org](http://www.nemasketgroup.org)

### Plymouth Area

#### **The Arc of Greater Plymouth**

52 Armstrong Road, Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 732-9292 [www.thearcofpg.org](http://www.thearcofpg.org)

### South Coastal Area

#### **Advocates, Inc.**

#### **South Coastal Family Support Center**

1189 R North Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368  
(781) 767-3048 <http://southcoastalfamilysupport.org>

### South Shore Support Services

317 Libbey Industrial Parkway – Unit B300  
P.O. Box 890126, Weymouth, MA 02189  
(781) 331-7878 [www.soshoresupport.org](http://www.soshoresupport.org)

### Taunton/Attleboro Area

#### **The Arc of Bristol County**

141 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703  
(508) 226-1445 [www.arcnbc.org](http://www.arcnbc.org)

### Tri-Area (Brockton, Plymouth, South Coastal) **BAMSI Family Support Center**

155 Webster Street – Unit D, Hanover, MA 02339  
(781) 878-4074 [www.bamsi.org](http://www.bamsi.org)

## Criteria for Eligibility for Children and Adults

### **6.06: Eligibility for Children's Supports (1)**

Persons who are younger than 22 years of age may be eligible for Children's Supports provided, purchased, or arranged by the Department if the person: (a) is domiciled in the Commonwealth; and (b) for persons who are five through 22 years of age, either: 1. have a severe chronic disability that: a. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment resulting from Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Smith-Magenis Syndrome or Prader-Willi Syndrome; b. is likely to continue indefinitely; c. results in substantial functional limitations; or 2. have a verified diagnosis of Intellectual Disability or a closely related developmental condition that results in substantial functional limitations, or (c) for persons from birth to age five a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental disability if services are not provided

### **6.04: Adult Eligibility** for Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability Supports (1)

Persons who are 22 years of age or older are eligible for Intellectual Disability Supports provided, purchased, or arranged by the Department if the person: (a) is domiciled in the Commonwealth; and (b) is a person with intellectual disability as defined in 115 CMR 2.01: Definitions. (2) Persons who are 22 years of age or older are eligible for Community Developmental Disability Supports provided, purchased or arranged by the department if the person: (a) is domiciled in the commonwealth; and (b) is a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Prader-Willi Syndrome or Smith-Magenis Syndrome as defined in 115 CMR 2.01: Definitions; and (c) does not have an intellectual disability as defined in 115 CMR 2.01: Definitions