

## Appropriations Meeting (2/23) Follow Up Questions

### Rep. Walker:

1. Provide a mapping/flow chart of how children receive services through DDS.

There are two typical trajectories for children eligible for DDS services:

#### ***Trajectory 1 – DDS Supports Post-Secondary School***

Trajectory 1 applying to the majority of individuals, begins with application for DDS eligibility during the developmental period (before age 18). Once found eligible, a child typically continues to attend school and live with their family. They have access to DDS Helpline services, which can provide information on community-based resources and connection to transition planning as the individual nears the end of high school. In the year prior to graduation, the individual is assigned a DDS Case Manager, who conducts a Level of Need assessment and facilitates the Individual Planning process. Upon graduation, the individual will typically be allocated funding for Employment/Day supports. Depending upon their needs and available appropriations, they may be allocated funding for Residential supports. This trajectory typically encompasses individuals under the age of 22, of which there are approximately 3,900 at this time.

#### ***Trajectory 2 – DDS Supports During Secondary School***

Trajectory 2 also begins with application for DDS eligibility during the developmental period (before age 18). Once found eligible, a child may be assigned a DDS Case Manager to support service and transition planning if their needs are such that state programming or support is in place (e.g. DCF, Voluntary Care Management, LEA placement, etc.). These Case Managers are within the DDS Children's Services Division, which currently supports approximately 300 individuals. A child may also access the DDS in-home support program for children up to age 18, if there are one or more of the following hardships that cannot be met with parental, age-dependent support only:

- The individual has significant medical needs beyond current nursing services, authorized through insurance.
- The individual has physical disabilities with an extraordinary need for support with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) beyond current home health aide services, authorized through insurance.
- The individual has challenging behavioral needs, not related to a mental health diagnosis or a mood disorder that results in the functional impairment of the individual. The individuals' behavioral limitations must interfere with their functioning in the family or community activities, pose a risk to the health and safety of themselves and others, and interfere with their ability to achieve goals and make progress.

Services in the in-home program typically include respite, individualized home supports, and behavioral support, funded through a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waiver. DDS services are not entitlement services and are funded through either Medicaid waivers or state funding.

2. Provide how much has been allotted to programs that serve children over the last 2 fiscal years.

- FY 2025 – \$12,354,856
- FY 2026 – \$11,757,593

**Sen. Marx:**

1. Provide a summary of where we are in the RFP process for medically modeled homes.

We have selected a provider and are working with them on a revised budget to support the program structure. We plan to open the home in the second half of FY2027.

2. Provide an explanation of what would be necessary for DDS to serve clients with complex medical needs and the difficulties surrounding this issue.

DDS service rates are built to accommodate typical staffing needs, focusing primarily on direct care staff to support activities of daily living and nursing/behavioral support oversight. Individuals with complex medical needs typically require a higher level of direct staffing from nursing and other specialty medical providers (e.g. respiratory therapist). This requires a different rate structure and is also more challenging to staff, given the shortage of professionals in these areas.

**Rep. Dillon:**

1. Provide a Venn diagram and organizational chart for programs and services that overlap with DSS, DMHAS, DCF (and any other agency).

The primary overlap for DDS services occurs with DSS, as the more than 11,000 individuals on DDS waivers must be Medicaid eligible. There is also some regular overlap with DMHAS, as individuals receiving community-based DDS supports receive any necessary mental health treatment through community-based mental health resources. DDS also has a structured transition process with DCF. Services do not typically overlap, but children do transition from DCF/VCM supports to DDS supports in adulthood.

2. Provide an explanation of the clinical implications related to transferring programs from DDS to other state agencies for the purposes of direct billing.

DDS does not currently implement direct billing. Any transitions or transfers would require careful attention to potential implications.

**Rep. Nuccio:**

1. Provide an explanation of everything that resides in the Other Expenses account.

Advertising, Agric/Hort/Livestock Supplies, Attorney fees, Beeper/Pager Services, Cellular Communication Services, Client Services-General, Clothing & Footwear, Court reporting services, Delivery services, Diesel-Generator, Drug & Alcohol Testing, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Educ & Training for Employees, Educational Services, Educational Supplies, Electricity, Emp Allow & Reportable Payments, Employee Assist Program Services, Equipment Lease/Rental-Other, Fees and Permits, Food and Beverages, Freight & Cartage, General Office Supplies, Graphic Design, Hazardous Waste Disposal Services, Highway Supplies, In-state travel--COVID HOUSING TO OE, Internet services, Investigation Services, IT Consultant Services, IT Data Services, IT Hardware Controllable - (New), IT hardware maintenance & support, IT Hardware Non-Controllable - (New), IT software licenses/rental, IT Software Maintenance & Support, IT supplies, Kerosene-Heating, Kitchen & Dining Supplies, Laundry & Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Services, Licenses, Loc/Long Distance Telecomm Services, LT-Office Equip Lease/Rental, LT-Premises Lease/Rental, Maintenance Supplies-Non Premises, Management Consultant Services, Meal Allowance, Medical Services-For-Profits, Medical Services-Non-Profits, Medical Supplies, Membership dues, Mileage reimbursement, Minor Equipment, Minor Equipment-Non-Controllable, Motor Veh Parts-Repair & Maintenance, Motor Vehicle Accessories, Motor Vehicle Diesel Fuel, Motor Vehicle Fuel, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Motor Vehicle Natural Gas, Motor Vehicle Rental, Motor Vehicle Repairs, Motor Vehicle Unleaded Fuel, Natural Gas, Non-Employee Reimbursements, Office Equipment Lease/Rental, Oil #2, Online Information Technology, Other Equipment Maintenance /Rp-Non Contract, Other Equip Maintenance /Rep-Contract, Other payments-legal services, Out-of-State Travel, Overtime, Personal Hygiene Supplies, Photographic & Video Supplies, Premises Cleaning Services, Premises Cleaning Supplies, Premises Fire Protection, Premises Grounds Maintenance, Premises Pest Control, Premises Real Estate Taxes, Premises Rent Expense-Landlord, Premises Repair/ Maintenance Services, Premises Repair/ Maintenance Supplies, Premises Security Guards, Premises Security Services, Premises Snow & Ice Removal Services, Premises Snow & Ice Removal Supplies, Premises Waste/Trash Services, Printing & Binding, Promotional Supplies, Propane, Public Transportation, Publications and Music, Radio Services, Records Destruction Services, Recreational Supplies, Regular postage, Salaries & Wages-Full Time, Sewer, Software as a Service, Sponsorship, Subscriptions, Telephone Repair & Maintenance, Television/Cable Services, Testing & Analysis of Material, Translation & Interpretation, Transportation of Persons-Gen, Water

2. Provide an explanation of each SID within DDS, including who is served by the program/services within that SID and the performance metrics for those programs/services.

DDS is working on this in a separate document. Will send when ready

**Sen. Osten:**

1. Provide a breakdown of the costs related to Employment and Day Services, including Supported Employment, as well as a summary of performance metrics for these programs.

Program Description	Amount
Day Program Administration	\$ 2,984,528.31
Pre-Vocational	\$ 1,989,868.69
Group Supported Employment and Vocational	\$ 64,304,188.92
Group and Individual Day Programs	\$ 235,113,447.33
Self-Directed Day	\$ 41,195,722.87
Individualized Supported Employment	\$ 9,596,761.50
Residential School Day Program	\$ 146,805.43
Transition Services	\$ 6,050,017.42

**Summary of metrics**

**Individual Satisfaction:** Focus on the satisfaction of the individual. Information is collected annually through questions asked of individuals by way of quality reviews and participation in the National Core Indicators survey. Each of these tools samples the total population of individuals supported each year.

- Happy with what occurs during the day
- Satisfaction with services and supports, staff,
- Ability to make choices, express opinions
- Ability to change services, providers

**Person Centered Planning and Goals:** Focus on the person-centered planning and goal setting process.

- Individual's direction or participation in person centered planning
- Preferences and goals identified in IP
- Progress towards goals, modifications to goals, as needed

