



DDS Overview
February 2026

DDS Quick Facts

- 17,000 individuals with intellectual disability are eligible for services through DDS.
- DDS services are funded through an appropriated annual budget of approximately \$1.6B.
- Most DDS services are Medicaid reimbursable through Home and Community-Based Services waivers (not entitlement services).
- Services are delivered primarily (90%+) through Qualified Private Providers – DDS Public operates a small number of direct care facilities.

DDS Waiver Summary

- Most DDS services are funded through three Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waivers: Employment and Day Supports, Individual and Family Supports, Comprehensive Supports.
- Individuals must be DDS eligible, Medicaid eligible, in need of supports, and within Medicaid income and asset limits in order to enroll in waiver services.
- Waiver services include the full array of employment/day and residential supports, as well as ancillary services, such as respite, environmental and vehicle modification, healthcare coordination, peer support, specialized medical equipment, and more.

Summary of Residential Supports *(Dec 2025)*

How Individuals Receive Supports	Number of Individuals
Public (DDS)	350
Private Provider	6,340
Self-Directed	1,948
Total	8,638

Summary of Employment/Day Supports *(Dec 2025)*

How Individuals Receive Supports	Number of Individuals
Public (DDS)	82
Private Provider	12,742
Self-Directed	1,219
Total	14,043

DDS Residential Waiting List Definitions

Waiting list categories:

- **Emergency** – immediate need for residential placement/services
- **Urgent** – will need placement/services within one year
- **Future Needs** – will need placement/services within two or more years

Target groups:

- **No services** – individuals with no annualized funding for residential supports
- **Underserved** – individuals who currently receive some residential supports but need increased resources

DDS Residential Waiting List (Dec 2025)

Category	Dec 2025
No Services- Emergency	48
No Services- Urgent	519
No Services TOTAL	567
Underserved- Emergency	57
Underserved- Urgent	253
Underserved TOTAL	310
Future Needs (want/need services in 2+ years)	675
TOTAL (no services, underserved & future needs)	1,552

Current Initiatives

- Expanding support types that offer the most independence:
 - Assistive technology
 - Supportive housing
 - Supported employment
- Ensuring continuity of care:
 - Employment/day services for high school graduates
 - Ongoing day and residential supports for age outs (high school graduates who were receiving residential supports while in the secondary education system)
- Targeted services for emergency support:
 - Step down units for crisis stabilization (not licensed mental health treatment facilities)
 - Crisis response teams to support success in family homes
 - Emergency transitional housing units to provide temporary housing