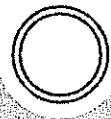


Community Residential Options



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Agency Based Individualized Home Supports (IHS)



- Agency Based IHS allows an agency to provide services and supports to an individual in their own home or their family's home.
 - IHS can assist with improving basic skills, budgeting, shopping, banking etc and is designed to allow a person to live in their own home or family home.
 - Staff receive training in DDS policies around health and safety. Additional training also focuses on implementing strategies to address behavioral, medical or other identified needs.
 - As of September 2019, DDS had over 1,300 individuals utilizing agency based IHS services.

Continuous Residential Supports (CRS)



- Individuals and/or families may wish to pool their resources to create a shared, out-of-home living arrangement called a CRS.
 - Each CRS home serves three or fewer individuals.
 - The homes are reviewed by DDS Quality and Systems Improvement staff prior to occupancy to ensure certain standards are met.
 - Can provide 24 hour staff support.
 - As of January 2020 there were over 200 CRS homes around the state.

Community Living Arrangements (CLAs)



- CLAs are operated by DDS regions or private agencies and offer individuals opportunities to live in community housing
 - Licensed by DDS
 - Vary in size and generally serve six or fewer individuals
 - Most homes are reimbursed through Medicaid
 - Some CLAs are also considered Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (IDF/IID). These CLAs are licensed by DDS and certified by the Department of Public Health based on federal standards.
 - As of January 2020 there were over 850 CLAs around the state. (This figure includes public, private and ICF/IIDs CLAs)

DDS Housing Initiatives



- Intellectual Disabilities & Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing (IDASH) Program-The IDASH program is an interagency collaboration between DDS, DOH and CHFA to fund the development of mixed-use, affordable housing units. Interested developers apply for the program and are awarded on a rolling basis. Awardees partner with DDS qualified providers to develop innovative housing models in fully integrated community settings.
 - Currently, projects in Canton and Bloomfield are underway with 19 combined units serving approximately 39 individuals upon completion.
- Housing Innovation Pilot Project- Pursuant to section 2 of Special Act No. 18-2, DDS launched a Housing Innovation Pilot project at the beginning of FY19. The purpose of this pilot is to establish and evaluate alternative service models in which individuals who are currently receiving residential services may move from their existing residential settings (with consent) to a more independent, less restrictive residential setting.
 - In total, the housing pilot is projected to provide supports to approximately 37 individuals with intellectual disability.