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***Department of Health and Social Services***

***Division of Developmental  
Disabilities Services***

**Joint Finance Committee Hearing  
Fiscal Year 2017**

***Jill Rogers***

***Division Director***

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Senator McDowell, Representative Smith, members of the Joint Finance Committee, and members of the public, I am Jill Rogers, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Also with me today are Marie Nonnenmacher, Deputy Director of the division and Dr. Terrence Macy, the Director of DDDS Community Services.

Information pertaining to our Division's FY17 Governor's Recommended Budget can be found in the attached Budget Overview handout.



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## **Vision**

***Valuing persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, honoring abilities, respecting choice, achieving possibilities.....working together to support healthy, safe and fulfilling lives***

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At DDDS, our vision is:

*“Valuing persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, honoring abilities, respecting choice, achieving possibilities..... working together to support healthy, safe and fulfilling lives.”*



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## **Individuals Served by DDDS**

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Prader Willi Syndrome

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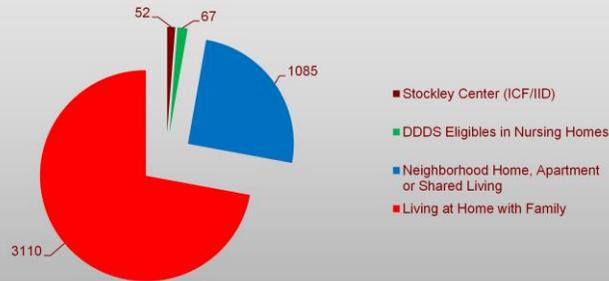
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The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) is responsible for serving Delawareans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and related developmental disabilities. A developmental disability is a condition across the entire lifespan.



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## DDDS Population by Service Settings



97% Receive Services in the Community  
3% Receive Services in an Institution

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As of December 2015, the Division provides services to 4,314 individuals and their families. Of these, 3,110 individuals, or over 72%, live at home with their families, 1,085 receive residential services in the community and 119 individuals reside either at Stockley Center or in nursing facilities. Over 97% of the Division's clients live in a community-based setting.

The majority of funding for recipients of DDDS services is paid out of the Medicaid budget, effectively doubling the impact of our State funds. In addition to funds spent by DDDS out of its budget, the total combined state and federal expenditures for the DDDS waiver and for DDDS day services under the Medicaid State Plan Rehabilitation Option is anticipated to be approximately \$124 million in FY 16.

For individuals living in their family home, DDDS contracts with Family Support Specialists who assist these families to navigate a complex service system. The other major support provided to families is funding for respite. In FY 15, the Division provided respite to 790 individuals. During the first half of FY 16, the Division has already provided respite to 596 individuals.



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## **Epilogue Requirement: Family Support HCBS Waiver Application**

- “...Developmental Disabilities Services...is directed to move forward with developing and establishing a Family Support Waiver to begin in Fiscal Year 2017. Prior to submission of the application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services the division shall get the approval from the Controller General and the Office of Management and Budget.”

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Section 176 of the Epilogue of the Operating Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2016, directed DDDS to move forward with developing and establishing a Family Support Waiver to begin in FY 2017. Families who are supporting individuals living at home are looking for a flexible system of supports designed to meet their changing needs over the lifespan.

In order to best meet the needs of families and streamline certain aspects of waiver administration, DDDS has been working to amend the current Medicaid DDDS Home and Community Based Waiver to create a consolidated “Lifespan” waiver. DDDS will add critical family support services, such as respite and personal care, to the current DDDS waiver and will broaden the eligibility criteria for the waiver to add individuals who need day services.

Two additional critical components required for approval of a Home and Community- Based waiver application are a fully-functioning case management process and a person-centered planning process. Because the needs of individuals living in the family home are often different from those living in Division-funded residential settings, DDDS has designed a separate process to support each individual in the development of his or her own person-centered plan for this new waiver population.

The Division intends to fund the case management requirement for this new group of waiver enrollees by submitting a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to create a Targeted Case Management service.



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**Federal CMS Rule  
Definition of “Community” for Home and  
Community Based Services**

**Delaware’s Statewide Transition Plan and  
other materials are posted on the DMMA  
website.**

[http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/hcbs\\_trans\\_plan.html](http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/hcbs_trans_plan.html)

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The majority of essential services offered by the Division are covered under its Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver. In a new Rule that became effective March 17, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) defined the characteristics of community-based services and settings funded with Medicaid funds as being “integrated in and supportive of full access to the greater community.”

Each state is currently working with CMS to identify the process by which it will become fully compliant with the Rule by March 17, 2019 in a document called the Statewide Transition Plan. A revision of the Plan has been posted on the DMMA website for public comment, as required by CMS. The document can be found at the web address on the above slide.



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**Thank You**

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This Division is very appreciative of the on-going commitment made by Governor Markell, his administration and this General Assembly to support individuals with developmental disabilities.