

Developmental Disabilities Administration

Transforming
Lives

Nathan Sitton, M.Ed., Quality Assurance Manager



Transforming lives

Who we are

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is transforming lives by providing support and fostering partnerships that empower people to live the lives they want.

Who do we serve?

How to become eligible?

What services do we provide?

How does Guardianship affect DDA services?

Who do we serve?

Approximately 49,297 individuals with developmental disabilities statewide

Approximately 35,547 receive a paid service and case management statewide

About 13,750 have no paid services statewide

How to become eligible?

[RCW 71A.10.020\(5\)](#) defines a developmental disability as Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism or another neurological or other condition similar to Intellectual Disability.

- Have documented disability prior to age 18
- Continued to expected to be lifelong
- Substantial limitations

How to become eligible?

Based on age and eligibility condition re-application may be necessary.

Applications available online

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/consumers-and-families/eligibility>

Or by mail 1(800) 462-0624

What services do we provide?

- Case Management
- Community First Choice (In-home personal care)
- Employment, community inclusion and child development services
- Home and Community Based Waivers
- Community residential for adults and children
- Residential Habilitation Centers

What services do we provide?

- Settings that have been assessed by DDA & AL TSA as integrated & approved by CMS:
 - Adult Family Homes (AFHs)
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Adult Residential Care (ARCs) settings
 - Community Residential Services:
 - Supported Living/Group Homes/Group Training Homes/SOLA
 - Companion Homes
 - Alternative Living
 - Licensed Staffed Residential
 - Child Foster Homes/Child Group Care Facilities

What services do we provide?

Non-specialized caseloads

75 cases per Case Resource Manager (CRM)

- ✓ In the home of family and parents
- ✓ NF/ARC/ALF
- ✓ AFH's
- ✓ On their own - AL
- ✓ Supported Living (SL)

Specialty caseloads

Caseload size depends on specialty

- ✓ Mental health – SL and/or AL
- ✓ Community protection - SL
- ✓ Enhanced Case Management (own home)
- ✓ Out of Home Services (children) LSR
- ✓ Roads to Community Living (most settings)

What services do we provide?

Specialty Supports

- Quality assurance
- Trainings, technical assistance
- Consultation with clinical team (ARNP & Psychologist)

How does guardianship affect DDA services?

- All services are voluntary, individual with disabilities must agree to services
- Guardianship represents the DDA participants interests according to the scope of authority set forth by the courts.
- DDA must have copy of current Orders and Letters of Guardianship

How does guardianship affect DDA services?

- DDA cannot pay fees associated with guardianship
- Individuals in Community Residential Services (supported living) often cannot pay full guardianship fees.
- Individuals residing in facilities may have participation adjusted to allow them to cover the cost of those fees.
 - Adult Family Home
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Residential Habilitation Center
 - Out of Home Services -children

How does guardianship affect DDA services?

DDA will need signature for service planning, consents to refer, medical treatment etc.

The Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) – service planning

Consent to refer – allows us to speak to other providers as needed per case

Other contacts you may work with

NSA - Necessary Supplemental Accommodation (NSA)

- The NSA has NO legal authority to make decisions for a participants.

Ombuds – the DD Ombuds is a private independent office, not part of DDA or DSHS.

- Information and referral resources
- Complaint Resolution
- Monitoring Visits
- Improving Systems

www.ddombuds.org

APS - Adult Protective Services (APS) is dedicated to serving vulnerable adults. We investigate reports about abuse, abandonment, neglect, exploitation and self-neglect of vulnerable adults in Washington State.

RCS - Residential Care Services (RCS) investigates provider practice in residential settings.

Questions?

Contact information

- Region 1 –Nate Sitton, M.Ed.
 - Quality Assurance Manager
 - nathan.sitton@dshs.wa.gov
 - 509.731.9961

Mailing Address

- 1002 N. 16th Ave
- Yakima, WA 98909