

**Maryland’s Developmental Disabilities Administration**

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* Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) provides a wide range of support services to people with developmental disabilities of all ages.
* In the past, DDA has also provided support services to other people with severe chronic disabilities that are not developmental disabilities.
* The most commonly used services are supported employment, day programs, personal care, residential supports, behavior supports and home adaptations. Each year, DDA also provides a limited number of grants up to $2000, called Low Intensity Support Services (LISS).
* Most DDA service recipients are enrolled in DDA’s Medicaid waiver. Waiver participants cannot receive LISS.
* To receive services through DDA’s Medicaid waiver:
* A person must meet certain disability and technical eligibility requirements; and
* DDA must have funding available. DDA has very limited funds for new enrollees. The following groups are most likely to have funding:
* Transitioning youth aged 21-22;
* People living in institutions;
* People in emergency or crisis situations;
* People with the most elderly caregivers; and
* People who have been committed to DDA through the criminal court system.
* **DRM strongly urges transitioning youth to enroll in the DDA Medicaid waiver. Another opportunity may not arise until the person is in crisis.**
* Once a person is enrolled in the DDA Medicaid waiver, he or she:
* Is entitled to receive all needed DDA Medicaid waiver services;
* Remains enrolled in the Medicaid waiver as long as he or she continues to meet the disability and technical eligibility requirements.
* Benefits from Medicaid rules that require notice and an opportunity for a hearing for any changes in services or termination from the waiver.

 For more information about applying for or accessing DDA services, see DRM’s web site at [www.DisabilityRightsMD.org](http://www.DisabilityRightsMD.org). For advice or technical assistance, call 410-727-6352, extension 0 and ask for intake.