

Day Support Activities – Director’s message –

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

We have received several questions about Day Support Activities (DSA) from individuals, families and provider agencies. Many people are wondering where DSA fits within the requirements for Home and Community Based Services, and providers are concerned about the rates for the service.

Day Support can include activities, such as socialization, meal planning, managing a budget and building the types of skills that can help a person enter the workforce and engage in the community. Those are distinct from ODDS-funded employment services which are designed to help a person get, keep and advance in a job in the community.

To help answer the question that have arisen, we’d like to share the following:

- The state is not closing DSA sites nor does HCBS specifically require closure.
- HCBS may require providers to adjust their DSA program so that people have access to the community from the DSA program.
- For reasons specific to each agency, some providers have chosen to close or are considering closure of DSA sites.
- We have asked providers to not rush into decisions about changing or closing programs that provide Day Support Activities.
- We are reviewing DSA rates and policy and we are involving stakeholders in those discussions.
- We understand that DSA is a valuable service to many individuals, including individuals that have integrated jobs in the community.

We will provide you with more information as we work through these issues with stakeholders.

Sincerely,
Lilia

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