

**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (OPD)
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)
Intake, Transition and Resources for Clients

1.8 NJ CLE credits; 1.5 PA CLE credit
via Zoom webinar

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026
12:30-2:00 pm**

Agenda

Presenters: Tina McDuffie, Asst. Director Office of Intake and Intensive Case Management, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Nkechi Okoli, MSW, LSW, Statewide Director of the Office of Transition to Adult Life and Employment, DDD

- Discussion about the DDD service intake process, intensive case management and what to expect
- What to know about youth ages 18-20 seeking DDD services
- Resources DDD has available to help support individuals seeking help navigating this process.

Presenters

Tina McDuffie has worked in the social services field for over 30 years serving Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as well as Individuals dually diagnosed with ID/DD and Mental Health. Tina began working with The Division of Developmental Disabilities in January 2000, having served in various capacities including Case Management, Community Development, and most recently as the Assistant Director over The Office of Intake and Intensive Case Management. Tina's areas of interest include promoting community inclusion, increasing public awareness of the needs and strengths of individuals diagnosed with ID/DD, and advancing staff development.

Nkechi Okoli, MSW, LSW, serves as the Statewide Director of the Office of Transition to Adult Life and Employment within the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). She leads efforts to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and the professionals who support them navigate the DDD service system and explore opportunities for employment and adult life. Through presentations, webinars, educational resources, and collaboration with community partners, she makes complex information accessible and actionable. Nkechi has served in several units within DDD, with a focus on quality improvement. Prior to joining DDD, she worked with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Division of Child Protection and Permanency. She is also an ambassador for the Charting the Life Course framework. Her work is grounded in a commitment to helping people make informed choices and build meaningful lives.