



# Division Update for Individuals, Families and Providers

March 26, 2026

# Agenda

- Next DDD Update Webinar
- Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget
- National Core Indicators (NCI) Surveys
- Transition to Adult Life & Employment
- Spring Family Networking Session
- Spring Peer-to-Peer Networking Session
- The Boggs Center's Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series
- Resources

# Next DDD Update Webinar

- Reminder – The next DDD Update Webinar is scheduled for Thursday April 23, 2026, at 10:30am.
  - [Register for April Webinar](#)
- The complete 2026 schedule of DDD Update Webinars, including registration links, is available on the Division's [Public Update Meetings](#) webpage.

# FY27 Proposed Budget

- On March 10, 2026, Governor Sherrill presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27).
- FY27 covers the timespan of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- The overall budget includes ~\$61B in total funding for all New Jersey operations.

# FY27 Proposed Budget

- FY27 proposed budget includes ~\$152M of new funding for DDD.
  - Addition of ~\$145M for *Trend*.
  - Addition of \$9.1M in state funding to annualize the January 1, 2026 DSP and DSP Supervisor Wage Increase.
  - Removal of ~\$2M in one time funding that was not renewed.
- While the proposed budget provides no funding for new or expanded initiatives, it is still a healthy budget that allows the Division to carry out its core mission.

## National Core Indicators® - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (NCI®-IDD) Surveys



The New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) participates in every survey cycle with [National Core Indicators® - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(NCI®-IDD\)](#), a national effort to measure and improve the performance of public developmental disabilities agencies through the use of surveys.

## National Core Indicators® - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (NCI®-IDD) Surveys



- For the 2025-2026 NCI®-IDD survey cycle, DDD is participating in the following:
  - **In-Person Survey (IPS)**
  - **Family Surveys**
    - Adult Family Survey (AFS)
    - Family/Guardian Survey (FGS)
  - **State of the Workforce Survey**
- To learn more, visit [NCI®-IDD](#)



## 2025-2026 NCI®-IDD In-Person Survey

- NCI In-Person Survey is voluntary and confidential – individuals are not required to participate.
- For individuals 21 and older who are receiving at least one DDD-funded service in addition to Support Coordination.
- Administered in-person or virtually by DDD staff with specialized training.
- DDD has been outreaching individuals since October 2025.
- Survey meetings with individuals who choose to participate will continue through June 30, 2026.
- Email [DDD.NCI@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:DDD.NCI@dhs.nj.gov) with any questions.
- All In-Person Surveys must be completed by June 30, 2026.



## 2025-2026 NCI®-IDD Family Surveys

- NCI Family Surveys are voluntary and confidential.
  - **ADULT FAMILY SURVEY** – for family members who have an adult, 21 or older, **who lives in the family home** and receives at least one DDD-funded service in addition to Support Coordination.
  - **FAMILY/GUARDIAN SURVEY** – for family members/guardians who have an adult, 21 or older, **who lives outside of the family home** and receives at least one DDD-funded service in addition to Support Coordination.
- **April 2026** – DDD will mail invitation letters to family members/guardians that will include a unique link to complete the survey online.
  - If you need a paper survey mailed to you and/or a survey in a different language, please contact [NCI.DDD@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:NCI.DDD@dhs.nj.gov).
- **All Family Surveys need to be completed by June 30, 2026.**



## 2025-2026 NCI®-IDD State of the Workforce Survey

- NCI State of the Workforce Survey collects data on the Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce that provides DDD-funded services to adults 21 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
- Survey results help state developmental disabilities systems examine workforce challenges, identify areas for further investigation, benchmark their workforce data, measure improvements made through policy or programmatic changes, and compare their state data to those of other states and the NCI-IDD average.



## 2025-2026 NCI®-IDD State of the Workforce Survey

- **March 2** – DDD sent emails, which included a survey link and instructions for completing the survey, to the agency email address on file in iRecord.
- If your agency did not receive the email and/or has questions about the survey, please contact [NCI.DDD@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:NCI.DDD@dhs.nj.gov).
- State of the Workforce Surveys can be completed Human Resource and Payroll managers, with input from agency leadership and managers who train or oversee DSPs if needed.
- **State of the Workforce Surveys must be completed by June 30, 2026.**

# DDD Office of Transition to Adult Life & Employment

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**Office of Transition to  
Adult Life & Employment**

- Provides monthly webinars and quarterly welcome sessions for students, families, and school personnel.
- Participates in a variety of community events throughout New Jersey, with speakers or panelists, and exhibit/information tables hosted by transition specialists.
- Maintains a Transition Listserv.
- Visit the [Transition to Adult Life](#) web page or reach out to [DDD.TransitionHelpdesk@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:DDD.TransitionHelpdesk@dhs.nj.gov) for more information or to join the Listserv.

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## DDD Welcome Sessions – Spring 2026

- April 2, 12 – 1 pm: [Lunchtime DDD Welcome Session](#)
- April 23, 6 – 7:30 pm: [Evening DDD Welcome Session with Topic Breakouts](#)

## Office of Transition In The Community

- 04/01/2026: [Buena Health & Wellness Fair](#), Buena, NJ
- 04/01/2026: [Autism Awareness & Special Needs Resource Fair](#), Phillipsburg, NJ
- 04/02/2026: [Spring Egg Hunt](#), Atlantic City, NJ
- 04/14/2026: [Partners I/DD Resource Fair](#), Mt. Holly, NJ
- 04/18/2026: [Autism Resources Fair](#), Toms River, NJ
- 04/29/2026: [2nd Annual Classroom to Careers: Transition Services & Vocational Rehabilitation Conference](#), New Brunswick, NJ

# DDD Office of Education on Self-Directed Services (OESDS)

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## Family Networking Sessions

In-person and virtual sessions for family members who have a loved one with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who is self-directing all or some of their DDD-funded services or who is interested in learning about self-direction.

### Spring 2026 Virtual Family Networking Session

Wednesday, April 28, 2026

6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom

[Register for Spring 2026 Family Networking Session](#)



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## Peer-to-Peer Networking Sessions

Virtual sessions for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are self-directing all or some of their service or are interested in learning about self-direction.



## Spring 2026 Peer-to-Peer Networking Session

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom

[Register for Spring 2026 Peer-to-Peer Networking Session](#)



**RUTGERS HEALTH**  
**The Boggs Center**  
**on Disability and Human Development**  
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

## Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series

SPRING 2026 WEBINARS

**Friday, March 27, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**In This Moment: Disability Policy, Systems, and the Power of Story**



**Emily Voorde, MEd, MPP**

Founder and CEO  
INTO Strategies, South Bend, IN

**Friday, April 10, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**FASD & IDD: Two Overlapping Developmental Disabilities**



**Natalie Novick Brown, PhD**

Clinical Assistant Professor  
University of Washington, Federal Way, WA

**Friday, April 17, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Supporting Autistic People to Thrive in Adulthood:**

**Lessons Learned from Research on Adult Transitions and Mental Health**



**Anne V. Kirby, PhD, OTR/L**

Researcher  
Salt Lake City, UT



**Friday, May 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Alternatives to Guardianship for People with Developmental Disabilities**



**Zoe Brennan-Krohn, JD**

Director, Disability Rights Program  
American Civil Liberties Union, San Francisco, CA

# The Boggs Center's Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series

- The Boggs Center's Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series is a community and continuing education program provided for professionals, policymakers, individuals with disabilities, and family members to enhance their knowledge and skills in innovative approaches and state of the art practices for people with developmental disabilities.
  - View the [Spring 2026 Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series Brochure](#)
  - Register on [The Boggs Center Online Registration System](#)

# Resources

## Community Resources

- [Disability Rights New Jersey](#)  
800-922-7233 (toll-free in New Jersey only)
- [Office of the Ombudsman for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families](#)  
609-984-7764
- [New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)  
800-792-8858
- [The Boggs Center on Disability and Human Development](#)  
732-235-9300

## DDD Resources

- For issues, call the DDD [Community Services Office](#) for your county or 800-832-9173.
- For routine questions:  
[DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov)
- To report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation:  
Call 800-832-9173, then press 1