

Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services



Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Division of Disability and Aging Services

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History



1993

Closing of Brandon Training School

<http://www.mnddc.org/parallels2/pdf/90s/93/93-CDI-VAS.pdf>

Statute

(18 VSA Chapter 204A)

Developmental Disabilities Act 1996

- Written as a document that could be stable for 10-20 years; as needs and resources evolved
- Wanted system with creativity, that could flex and develop as our abilities and knowledge evolved about how to serve people with DD
- People with DD were just then finding their own voices, and we wanted ways for their evolving voices to be heard (GMSA, Voices and Choices)



<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=18&Chapter=204A>

Regulations

(18 VSA 8726)

Implement the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996

- Part 1. Definitions
- Part 2. Definition of Developmental Disability and Criteria for Determining Developmental Disability
- Part 3. Recipient Criteria
- Part 4. Application, Assessment, Notification, Support Planning and Periodic Review
- Part 5. Self/family-Managed Services
- Part 6. Recipient Financial Requirements
- Part 7. Special Care Procedures
- Part 8. Grievance and Appeal Procedures
- Part 9. Training
- Part 10. Certification of Providers

<http://www.dail.vermont.gov/dail-statutes/statutes-ddas-dds-documents/dd-regs-3-11>

State System of Care Plan

(18 VSA 8725)

- DD Act requires a System of Care plan.
- Purpose of SOCP = resource allocation
- Separates clinical eligibility from funding
- Proven mechanism to hear and incorporate the voices and needs of individuals and families.

<http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/what-s-new/whats-new-documents/fy-2013-system-of-care-plan-update-for-developmental-disabilities-services-final>

State Program Standing Committee

(18 VSA 8733)

Anderson, Emily (Professional)
Bakeman, Anne (Advocate)
Barrows, Max (Advocate)
Prine, Barbara (Professional)
Greenwald, Joe (Recipient)
Woodberry, Connie (Recipient)

Martin, Julie (Professional)
Moriarty, Kyle (Advocate)
Drum, Bethany (Recipient)
Sanville, Jessica (Recipient)
Mairs, Gregory (Professional)
Yuan, Susan (Advocate)

Place, Edwin, Co-Chair (Recipient)

Wood, Theresa, Co-Chair (Professional)

<http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-boards/boards-dds/boards-dds-spcs/boards-dds-spsc-default-page>

Services, Funding and People

(18 VSA 8725)

- **Home and Community Based Services**
(\$160M)(~2600 people) (\$28K, average cost)
- **Flexible Family Funding**
(\$1M) (~1000 people)
- **Public Guardianship**
(\$2M)(~650 people with DD)

<http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-publications/publications-dds/publications-dds-documents/dds-publications-annual-report/dds-annual-report-2012>

Services

Support people with developmental disabilities to:

- Increase independence
- Live dignified lives
- Find opportunities for community participation



HCBS Services

- Service coordination
- Employment services
- Community supports
- Respite
- Clinical interventions
- Crisis services
- Home supports
- Family supports

Funding

Priorities

- Prevent imminent risk to the individual's personal health or safety
- Prevent an adult who poses a risk to public safety from endangering others
- Prevent or end institutionalization
- Maintain employment upon graduation from high school
- Provide training in parenting skills for a parent with developmental disabilities to help keep a child under the age of 18 at home

Service Delivery System

(18 VSA 8730)



Designated Agencies

Specialized Service Agencies

Certified providers

<http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-dds/programs-dds-default-page#providers>

Office of Public Guardian

(18 VSA 9313)



Provides guardianship and other court-ordered supervision to people with developmental disabilities age 18 and older. When the person is unable to make basic life decisions to protect his or her rights or welfare, courts assign a public guardian when there is no friend or family member to serve as guardian.

Seek to diminish need for public guardianship by:

- Identifying, training, and assisting private guardians;
- Encouraging and preparing individuals to make their own decisions; and
- Developing supportive community resources.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=18&Chapter=215>

Questions?

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