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DESCRIPTION

People who receive support services from providers like The Arc Montgomery County represent a wide range of **intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD)**. To help you navigate support services in the state of Maryland, we have put together a list of commonly used acronyms and what they mean.

1:1 Support

One-to-one support is a term used to describe a situation where a person being supported needs a single support person dedicated to them.

BSS

A Behavior Support Specialist (BSS) is a professional who helps people with challenging behaviors related to disabilities or mental health conditions.

CCS

Coordinators of Community Services - DDA's Coordinators of Community Services (CCS), also known as Targeted Case Managers, ensure that people with IDD and their families get the support they need for independence, health, safety, and active community involvement.

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Meaningful Day Services

Meaningful Day Services are day programs designed to assist people in achieving their goals. Meaningful Day Services may also be referred to as Day Habitation (Day Hab), Community Development Services, or in some cases Employment.

DDA

Developmental Disabilities Administration - The DDA is the main Maryland state agency that pays for services in the community for people with IDD.

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EDD

Eligibility Determination Division - The division within the Maryland Department of Health that reviews and determines Medicaid eligibility.

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EID

Employed Individuals with Disabilities is a Medicaid program for workers with disabilities who would be ineligible for Medicaid because they have too many assets.

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ePREP

ePREP is an online platform for provider enrollment, reenrollment, revalidation, account updates and demographic changes.

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HCBS

Home and Community-Based Services - Receiving services in a person's home as opposed to an institution.

HHS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is a government agency that oversees programs and services to protect public health and provide essential human services, particularly for vulnerable populations.

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IFDGS

Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services are available to people that self-direct their services. Unallocated funding from a self-directed person's budget can be used to purchase services, equipment, activities, or supplies that can improve and maintain their opportunities. These services are not otherwise provided through this waiver or through the Medicaid State Plan. In addition to funding for staff recruitment and advertising, some examples of goods and services are community activities that promote fitness, such as fitness membership, personal training, aquatics, and horseback riding, among others.

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LTSS

The Maryland Long Term Services and Support System (LTSSMaryland) is an online system used to track data and documents for people supported, and ensure payment for services rendered.

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MACS

Maryland Association of Community Services - MACS is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening agencies/organizations to better support people with developmental disabilities and their families in their own communities.

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MD Excels

Maryland EXCELS is the state's quality rating and improvement system for licensed child care and early education programs that meet nationally recognized quality standards.

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MDH

Maryland Department of Health - The department tasked to promote and improve the health and safety of all Marylanders through disease prevention, access to care, quality management, and community engagement.

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MDTHINK

MDTHINK is an online services platform that will break down barriers between state agencies and provide integrated access to programs administered by agencies including Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Department of Health.

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MSDE

Maryland State Department of Education - The Maryland State Department of Education is a state agency that is focused on providing guidance and standards to schools in the state and regulates childcare centers.

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OHCQ

Office of Health Care Quality is the agency within the Maryland Department of Health charged with monitoring the quality of care in Maryland's health care facilities and community-based programs.

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PCP



Person-Centered Plan - A Person-Centered Plan is a written plan directed by the person with IDD that they developed together with their team. A person's team includes their CCS and other important people they've chosen to support them. Their team can also include a DDA provider(s) and or a Support Broker if the person is self-directing their services.

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PolicyStat



PolicyStat is an online platform for the DDA to publish and share policies related to DDA's programs, services, and procedures. Participants, families, and providers can view DDA's active policies at any time through the site.

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