Timeline for 2014 Graduates to Access Services/Supports after Graduation

2013 - What should individuals/families do now?

DDD eligibility

❖ If you have not already been deemed eligible for DDD, contact your DDD Community Services Office or start the application process through the DDD website at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/services/apply/application.html.

Medicaid eligibility

❖ DDD's eligibility regulations now require that an individual also be eligible for Medicaid.

❖ Information on Medicaid eligibility as it relates to DDD is available at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/services/medicaideligibility.html.

❖ If you need assistance with applying for Medicaid or have not been able to become eligible, complete the Medicaid Eligibility Troubleshooting Form available on the website provided above and send it to DDD.MediElighelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us.

❖ Questions can be directed to the DDD Medicaid eligibility help desk at DDD.MediElighelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us.

Research providers

❖ Obtain information about service providers in your area from the Employment/Day Services unit within your DDD Community Services Office and/or through the "Search Providers" database link at http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/sppp.html.

❖ A list of DVRS providers is available at http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/dvrs/vendor/CRPIndex.html.

❖ A list of Support Coordination Agencies is available on the DDD website at http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/Documents%20for%20Web/List%20of%20Support%20Coordination%20Agencies.pdf.

❖ Attend provider fairs offered throughout the state and through DDD's Planning for Adult Life.

Plan for life course

❖ It is always easier to identify support needs and access services more quickly when planning has been done prior to exiting the school system. You can use the Person-Centered-Planning Tool (PCPT) available at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/Documents%20for%20Web/PCPT.pdf to help you with this process.

❖ Discuss your 'vision' for life once school is over. Think about where you might work, live, and what supports you may need.

Participate in 'Planning for Adult Life' activities

- ❖ Training, information, resource materials, and webinars will be offered through DDD's Planning for Adult Life project. This project will be conducted by The Arc of New Jersey and Community Access Unlimited.
- ❖ Activities for students between the ages of 16-21 and their families include, but are not limited to the following: training sessions focusing on topics such as postsecondary education/employment; housing; legal/financial; self-direction; health/behavioral health; and friends/social.
- ❖ Information about events and activities will be available on the DDD website and at www.PlanningForAdultLife.org.

Spring 2014 - What should individuals/families do now?

Complete the Developmental Disabilities Resource Tool (DDRT)

- ❖ Correspondence including information about accessing and completing the survey has been sent to 2014 graduates. If you have not received the letter, please reach out to your Regional Office to update your contact information.
- ❖ The DDRT can be completed online or via phone call.

Complete Support Coordination Agency Selection Form

- ❖ Graduates will need Support Coordinators (SCs) from Support Coordination Agencies (SCAs) to assist them in writing their service plan and accessing needed services and supports.
- ❖ Sixty (60) days prior to graduation, complete and submit the SCA Selection Form in order for DDD to assign a SCA based on your indicated preference. If you do not have a preference, indicate that on the SCA Selection Form and a SCA will be auto assigned.
- ❖ The SCA Selection Form and list of currently approved SCAs can be accessed on the DDD website at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html.

Develop DDD's Individualized Service Plan (ISP)

- ❖ DDD will assign a SCA based upon your Selection Form. The SCA will then assign the Support Coordinator (SC) who will be responsible for writing the Individualized Service Plan (ISP).
- ❖ The Planning Team (individual, SC, family, etc.) will meet to initiate the Person-Centered Planning process and complete the PCPT.
- ❖ The SC develops the ISP with help from the DDRT, PCPT and the Planning Team to identify outcomes, supports, and service providers based upon the assessed level of need.
- ❖ The ISP should be completed and approved within 30 days of assignment to an SCA.

Summer 2014 - What should individuals/families do now?

Access DDD-funded services

- ❖ SC will make arrangements with the service providers to start services as identified in the approved ISP.

For additional information:

- ❖ Information about Medicaid eligibility and DDD is available at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/services/medicaideligibility.html.
- ❖ Information about the DDD Supports Program is available at http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html.
- ❖ DDD Help Desks on a variety of subjects are available to ask questions and/or provide comments.
    - ❖ Supports Program – DDD.SuppProgHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us
    - ❖ Medicaid Eligibility – DDD.MediElighelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us
    - ❖ Rate Setting – DDD.RateSetting@dhs.state.nj.us
    - ❖ Community Care Waiver – DDD.CCWHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us