



DRAZ GROUP HOME MONITORING PROGRAM (COMIT) JANUARY 2026

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers Providing Group Home Services

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On June 28, 2022, House Bill 2865 was signed into law. This law established a 3-year pilot for an independent group home monitoring program. This includes group homes, nursing-supported group homes, and behavioral-supported group homes. DDD contracts with Disability Rights Arizona (DRAZ), the protection and advocacy agency for Arizonans with disabilities, to operate the program. DRAZ refers to the program as COMIT, which stands for Compliance, Oversight, Monitoring, and Investigations Team. The [law was amended in 2025](#), which made the COMIT program permanent. While DDD conducts programmatic monitoring of its group homes for vendor compliance, DRAZ's monitoring efforts focus on quality of service provision and members' quality of life. DRAZ's COMIT staff does not monitor all DDD group homes. They are focused specifically on monitoring settings where members with complex needs live. "Complex needs" means a combination of service needs which include a behavior plan, behavior-modifying medications, and supports and strategies to address behaviors that may put a member at risk for institutionalization, involvement with law enforcement, or at risk for harming self or others.

Beginning in January 2026 and moving forward, COMIT staff will tour the home, request permission to view a member's room, and speak with direct support staff and other staff members, such as managers. They will ask permission to interview the member and the member's responsible person. **Member and family participation is completely voluntary.** COMIT staff will review records in the group home, including the member's person-centered service plan, to ensure they are receiving authorized services, that these services are effective, and that they had a say in choosing them. They will review incident reports and ensure members have approved behavior plans that are being followed, among other tasks outlined in the legislation. COMIT staff have the authority to review these records and will maintain the member's confidentiality.

COMIT staff will contact the Qualified Vendor providing the group home services to the member prior to their on-site visit. They will request member documents and other information that may be pertinent to their visit. Qualified Vendors must share the requested documents within the timeframes set out by DRAZ and maintain the security of the member records when sending them to the COMIT staff. As part of the permanent program, DDD is developing a dedicated team to work with Qualified Vendors to address any performance issues identified during the DRAZ monitoring review process.

Each month, DRAZ provides DDD with a report on its monitoring activities, including any findings. This includes observations, recommendations, and identified areas for improvement. These reports will be published on a dedicated page on the DES/DDD website, which is scheduled to be launched in January 2026. DDD will publish DRAZ's monthly reports and a quarterly DDD report, which will include information on how DDD is working with Qualified Vendors to address the findings and

recommendations.

Qualified Vendors with questions should submit them using the [Disability Rights Arizona Monitoring Program form](#).