

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Member Update - October 2019

Vaping Related Respiratory Illness Outbreak

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has identified an outbreak of respiratory illness linked to e-cigarette products. Symptoms include:

- Cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain
- · Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- · Fatigue, fever, or weight loss

Seek medical care immediately if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with vaping-related respiratory illness. DDD recommends not using vaping products while their effects are under investigation. Learn more about the dangers of vaping at the <u>ADHS website</u>.

New DDD Health Plans

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, through a contract with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), offers health care coverage to members who are eligible for the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS). This coverage includes physical health services, behavioral health services, Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) and limited Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). Mercy Care and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (UHCCP) will provide the new DDD Health Plans effective October 1, 2019. Call DDD Member Services at 1-844-770-9500 ext. 7 if you have any questions regarding your DDD Health Plan or visit the DDD website for plan information.

Raising Special Kids (RSK) Family Forum Report

In Spring 2019, Raising Special Kids (RSK) in conjunction with DDD, hosted 53 family forums across Arizona. The forum goals were to gather feedback regarding Division services and how they can be improved. Attendees were also asked to provide input regarding Governor Ducey's Executive Order on the protection of individuals with disabilities. The final RSK report is now available on the DDD website.

Happy Halloween

Halloween is a holiday that all people whether young or old can enjoy. Who doesn't like costumes, parties and sweet treats? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has great tips for trick-or-treaters of all ages to have a safe and happy Halloween. Learn more at **cdc.gov**. Also remember to limit the amount of candy you eat to avoid getting sick and to protect your teeth.



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Like DDD On Facebook

DDD now has its own Facebook page. Like DDD on Facebook, <u>@OfficialArizonaDDD</u>, and stay connected to the latest news from DDD.

Councils and Committees

There are many ways you can volunteer and positively impact the DD community. Visit the **DDD** website to see all of the councils and committees you can volunteer to be on.

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council Public Forum

The next Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

- Public Forum: 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Open for public comment)
- Meeting: 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. (Public welcome to observe)
- Location: TBD in Surprise, AZ

Visit the DDAC online for more details.

DDD is Here to Help

If you have questions, please contact your Support Coordinator or the DDD Customer Service Center at 1-844-770-9500 ext. 1 (TTY/TDD 711).

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