



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Division of Developmental Disabilities

DDD Mission Statement



The Division of Developmental Disabilities empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to lead self-directed, healthy, and meaningful lives.

Division of Developmental Disabilities - DDD

DDD provides supports and services to individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities, such as

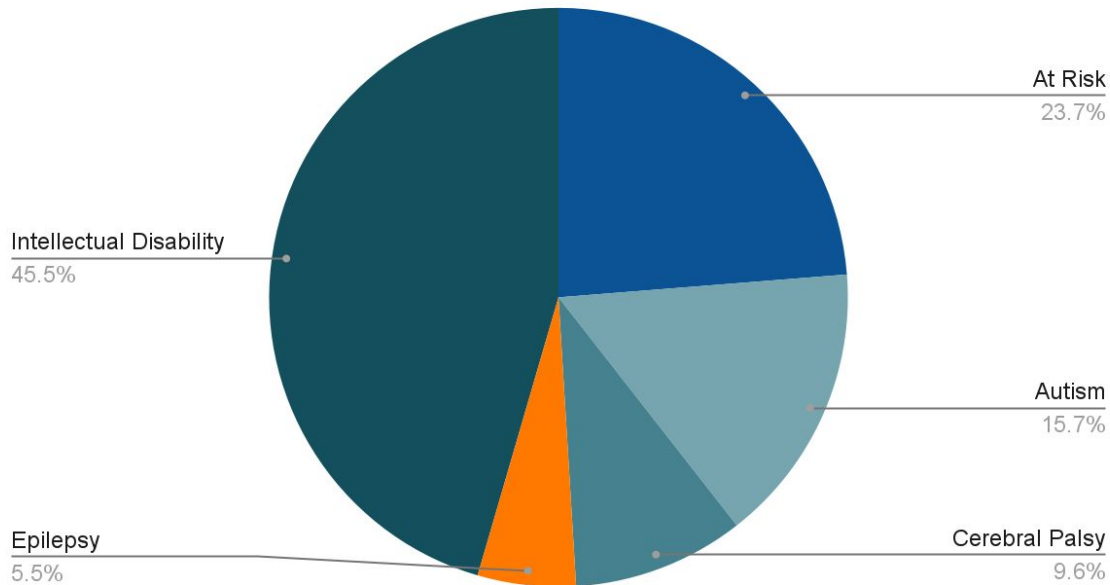
- Autism,
- Cerebral Palsy,
- Epilepsy,
- Cognitive/Intellectual Disability,
- Down Syndrome (added as a result of Legislation in 2022), or
- Children who are under the age of six and at risk of having a Developmental Disability.

DDD serves more than **48,000** Arizonans with developmental disabilities and their families each year.

DDD Membership: Primary Disability

Total Tribal Members Currently Served: 2,262

Membership Served by Diagnosis



as of: August 2022

Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

COVID-19 Flexibilities Ending April 1, 2023

- Virtual Person-Centered Service Plan Meetings
- Remote Learning Supports
- Assessing Risk for DDD Members Who Are At Higher Risk for Severe Illness From COVID-19 Guidance
- Requiring Qualified Vendors Providing Group Home or Developmental Home Services to Hold a Place for a Member Who Moves to Their Family Home Due to COVID Staffing Issues COVID Concerns

DDD Person-Centered Service Planning

- AHCCCS is requiring DDD to return to the in-person model that DDD was using prior to COVID.
- This will be effective April 1st.
- Currently these are meetings every 90 days using the hybrid model

Parents As Providers for Their Minor Children

On January 30, 2023 the federal government announced their intent to end the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023.

- Parents as Paid Providers for Their Minor Children is a flexibility approved at the beginning of the COVID-19 PHE.
- It continues to be a flexibility available to support members who need a direct support professional to deliver services.

Division information about this flexibility is available on the [Actions Related to COVID-19](#) web page.

Parents As Paid Providers *cont.*

When the federal PHE ends, this flexibility will still be available, but under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) plan submitted by AHCCCS to CMS. It will be available under ARPA through September 30, 2024.

There are a few changes under the ARPA plan:

- Parents will not be allowed to provide more than 40 hours of total paid care per ALTCS member in any given week.
- The member may be assessed for more than 40 hours based on their needs.
- Each ALTCS member who is under the age of 18 can receive paid care from a parent for up to 40 hours a week.
- AHCCCS has updated its [FAQ](#) related to the parents as paid caregivers for their minor children flexibility.

DDD Customer Service Center

Assists DDD members and potential members with a variety of questions, concerns and resources

Customer Service Center 1-844-770-9500, option 1

DDDCustomerServiceCenter@azdes.gov



Upcoming Disability Summits

“Gathering Native Voices to Learn from the Past, Prepare for the Future”

- American Indian Disability Summit March 24, 2023

This event is online or in person at the Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix

- American Indian Youth Disability Summit March 25, 2023

The youth summit is a virtual event.

- Registration links are available on the [Ability360](#) website.

DDD Presentation Requests

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Questions?