



NASDDDS

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

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National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services Corporate Qualifications

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) assists its 51 member state agencies in building person-centered systems of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families that are effective, efficient and high-quality. The Association's staff of 8 skilled developmental disabilities professionals provides member state agencies with timely, in-depth analyses of federal and state laws, regulations and policies that affect people with disabilities, disseminates cutting edge information on state-of-the-art practices, and offers an highly interactive forum for the development of state and national policy initiatives. Association staff conduct high quality research, complex policy developmental implementation and analyses, special projects and studies, and direct technical assistance to states across a wide variety of areas including: resource allocation, outcome performance measurement, quality assurance, systems change, the design and implementation of Medicaid waiver programs, the development of effective strategies for changing state systems to improve employment outcomes, person-centered systems change, case management restructuring and others.

Research, technical assistance projects and studies include, among others:

State Strategies for Determining Eligibility and Level of Care for ICF/MR and Waiver Program Participants (July 2008). Analysis of the policies, procedures and practices employed by state DD agencies to determine eligibility and the annual level of care for individuals receiving services furnished through Medicaid waiver and ICF/MR programs. Review of all states' eligibility and level criteria.

State Quality Management Evaluation Project. Comprehensive evaluation to determine the validity and reliability of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs quality management system under a 3-year contract. The Association sub-contractors included the Center for Disability Resources at the University of South Carolina and the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota.

Money Follows the Person: Population, Functional, and Quality Indicators for People with Developmental Disabilities. Completed last Fall under a contract with CMS to gather information on key population data elements currently kept by the states on individuals receiving developmental disabilities services. (September 2007).

Having It Your Way: Understanding State Individual Budgeting Strategies. Research report summarizes the findings of an 18-month study of state individualized funding methodologies.

Medicaid and Case Management for People with Developmental Disabilities: Options, Practices, and Issues. Research report analyzing current federal regulatory changes and

issues affecting states in the delivery of Medicaid financed case management services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Current Projects and Technical Assistance

National Core Indicators (NCI)

Administration and management of the National Core Indicators program, in partnership with the Human Services Research Institute. The NCI multi-state performance measurement system utilizes a common set of data collection protocols to gather information on the individual and systems-level outcomes achieved by state developmental disabilities systems. In operation since 1997, the NCI is used by over 25 states and 24 counties/regions nationwide.

State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)

A membership-based network of state developmental disability agencies committed to making changes in their service systems to improve employment outcomes among individuals receiving support. Managed by NASDDDS in collaboration with the Institute on Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts/Boston, the program provides direct technical assistance to 25 participating states and has been in existence for six years.

Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities

Assisting the State of Arizona and key developmental disabilities stakeholders in developing recommendations for the long-term sustainability of the state's DD program. Following a series of working meetings, a Draft Report with Findings and Recommendations was completed and distributed to the Division of Developmental Disabilities October 2010.

Virginia Office of Developmental Services

Contract with the Virginia Office on Developmental Services to assist in developing a strategic plan with state agency staff and stakeholders. Like many states, Virginia is facing consecutive budget shortfalls and is interested in rethinking the service array in their state. The pressure of the waiting list compels the state to consider its heaving investment in community residential services as well as institutions.

State of the States in Autism Services

NASDDDS staff are working with Thomson-Reuters on a contract received by L&M Consulting from CMS to identify and describe the state of the states in autism services. The project will result in the identification of key issues and themes in autism services nationwide, development of a survey of state service options and the analysis and reporting of the results.

Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Knowledge Dissemination and Utilization Contract

NASDDDS recently received a contract with Boston University to assist in the identification and dissemination of research findings on employment for adults with DD to state DD directors and key policy-makers. Specific activities will include assisting in the systematic review of research on employment outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and in the development

and distribution of appropriate strategies for the dissemination of findings from the systematic review of employment outcomes.

Illinois Developmental Disability Planning Council

Project for the ICDD completed in collaboration with HSRI and Burns and Associates. The project assessed and made recommendations on service payment rates across the developmental disabilities system.

Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities

Assisted in the revision and renewal of the state's waiver program. Gathered public input through facilitating stakeholder groups, reviewed and gave technical assistance on waiver programs and documentation.

North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities

Provided input and assistance to improve North Carolina's 1915(b)(c) waiver program

Washington DC.

Performed a comprehensive assessment on behalf of the Washington DC Developmental Disabilities Council and in collaboration with the Department on Disability Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration of the service delivery system for persons with intellectual disabilities. Additional assessments were performed to estimate the service needs and costs of expanding the Districts eligibility criteria from persons with intellectual disabilities to include persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Acumen – Ongoing

Acumen is the CMS technical Assistance contractor for self-directed services. NASDDDS has worked under contract with Acumen to completed projects with Wyoming, Maryland, Nebraska, Missouri, California, Montana and Michigan.

NIDRR Grant Assessing DD System Performance. Performed in collaboration with University of Minnesota Research and Training Center and the Human Services Research Institute, the project assesses DD system performance utilizing the NCI data