



# **DDDS Lifespan Waiver Amendment**



# Background:

- DDDS directed by Budget Act to plan for a  
“Family Support Waiver”



# Approach:

- DDDS will amend the current Medicaid HCBS DDDS waiver, to create the “Lifespan Waiver”
- The Lifespan Waiver will:
  - Add new services targeted to families
  - Add waiver slots to include people with IDD living at home with their family

# This Makes Sense for Delaware:

- Enable smooth transitions as needs change
- Increase Administrative Efficiencies
  - Performance measure tracking and reporting
  - Provider Enrollment



# How Much Will This Cost?

- Expected to be budget neutral for the service costs
- Uses current DDDS funding of \$1.2M for family support services to leverage federal Medicaid funds
- Preserves state funds for individuals who are not enrolled the waiver and for costs the waiver does not cover

# Who Will Be Served?

- Individuals already enrolled in the DDDS waiver
- Individuals, age 12 and above who currently receive DDDS Day Services plus new school graduates each year (about 1,100 initially)
- New individuals in need of residential services because they cannot be supported in the family home



# Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver:

- All DDDS waiver services currently provided

PLUS...



# Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver (cont'd):

## New Family Support Services:

- Community living support (respite & personal care)
- Community Participation



# Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver (cont'd):

## New Family Support Services:

- Home or vehicle modifications
- Assistive technology
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies



# What Is Different About The Lifespan Waiver Will Be Managed?

- Person Centered Planning
- Case Management



# Person-Centered Planning:

- **Lifespan Plan** for individuals in a residential setting

AND

- **Support Plan for Individuals and Families for individuals (SPIF)** living in the family home
- Both planning processes are designed to be fully compliant with the CMS HCBS Rule

# Case Management:

Targeted Case Management (TCM) will be available for:

- Individuals living in a DDDS residential setting
- Individuals living with their family



# Will The Staff Who Support Me Change?

- **For individuals living in a residential setting** -- DDS case managers will retain responsibility for case management
- **For individuals living with their family** -- The private TCM provider will hire Community Navigators to provide case management.



# Transition Process:

- In the Spring of 2017, DDDS will begin:
- A streamlined, phased in enrollment process
- Referrals to the Targeted Case Management Agency
- Information gathering to start developing the person centered plan

# Post Transition:

- After the initial phased-in mass enrollment...
  - As new individuals leave school, they will be assisted to apply for the waiver by their Community Navigator

