

A Report on Transitioning Youth Placements

The budget committees in the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate are concerned that individuals who are eligible for adult services funded by the Maryland Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are not starting these services in a timely manner after aging out of youth services. The budget committees request that DDA submit a report including:

- The number of transitioning youth referred to DDA who have exited the State educational system, have not received approval for DDA funding since exiting, and/or have not begun DDA-funded services (aggregated by fiscal year from fiscal 2018 to 2022 year to date);
- A list of reasons that transitioning youth who exited the State educational system and were referred to DDA in fiscal 2018 through 2022 year to date have not begun to receive DDA-funded services;
- Barriers and delays that have prevented transitioning youth from receiving approval and placement into DDA-funded services;
- DDA's plan to ensure that services for transitioning youth are approved and provided in a timely manner for individuals who exit the educational system in fiscal 2022;
- A timeline and necessary steps to ensure that all transitioning youth who are deemed eligible for DDA-funded services throughout fiscal 2022 are able to begin services by July 1, 2022; and
- A discussion of how the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioning youth's ability to extend services provided through the Autism waiver have impacted the approval and placement process for DDA-funded services.

Due Date: October 1, 2021