



Adult Services Division Updates

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DAIL Advisory Board Meeting



ASD Overview

The Adult Services Division (ASD) supports older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities to live as they choose, pursuing their individual goals and preferences within their chosen communities.

ASD is responsible for managing a full array of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities. Vermont Medicaid, the federal Older Americans Act and State General Funds are the primary sources of funds for these services.

ASD operates with approximately 43 employees within four units: Long-Term Services & Supports Unit, Quality Management Unit, Money Follows the Person Project, and the State Unit on Aging.

Major Multi-year Projects

- HCBS Assurances: Quality Measures
- Conflict-free Case Management
- Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan
- Program Rate Studies/Methodologies/Models
- Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well
- Case Management Database Procurement

Additional Initiatives

- 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging Just Approved by ACL
- Online Training for Self or Surrogate Directed Employers and Employees
- Accessibility Pilot for Shared Living Homes
- Act 167 Extending HCBS Working Group & Report
- Money Follows the Person Capacity Building Grant Initiatives
- Cross-departmental work on complex cases
- Applied for ACL grants on dementia and LTSS access

Work to Strengthen Adult Day

- SFY23 Budget included \$1M for Adult Day stabilization plus 8% rate increase.
- Adult Day rate study is underway; report due to legislature in early 2023.
- Adult Day community meetings planned in Rutland and Barre in early October to explore building back capacity for Adult Day in those regions.
- Adult Day certification reviews underway
- Supporting innovative programming, such as ‘Adult Day Without Walls’ virtual services.

LTSS Workforce Shortage

- This is #1 challenge for our long-term care system, across all settings.
- Some facilities have closed, adult day centers struggle to rebuild, home health agencies have had to pause taking new clients.
- Addressing this challenge:
 - Act 183 workforce bill
 - \$60M in workforce recruitment/retention grants
 - MFP pilot to provide mentorships and scholarships to DCWs
 - DCW promotion campaign in 2023

September is...

Falls Prevention Awareness Month

- [Falls prevention is a team effort!](#)

National Senior Center Month

- ‘Strengthening Community Connections’: [NCOA's National Senior Center Month.](#)

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

- [Learn about 988 in Vermont](#)

Thank You!

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