

Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD)

Myths vs Fact Comparison Chart

Get the facts now, as these resources will be released July 1, 2021. so you can help your loved one choose to get off the waiting list for the HCBS-DD/Residential/Comprehensive waiver.

⑦ Myth		🖌 Fact
My loved one has to move out of the family home if they accept the DD-Waiver.	⑦	No, your loved one will <u>NOT</u> have to move out of the family home on the DD-Waiver.
My son or daughter will not be able to live in their own home/apartment or in a home that is held by a trust.	0	False, they can receive residential services in a myriad of ways. Ask an advocate for more information.
We have been on the waiting list for years, we can wait. We'll get a chance next year. We don't have to think about it right now, everything is going OK.	0	No, you will only have 30 days to accept the new resource, once offered. There is never a guarantee that there will be DD-Waiver slots offered in any year.
If we move to the DD-Waiver all of the providers and services will change.	0	Not likely, most service providers provide services in both the SLS and DD waivers. Ask an advocate for more information.
As parents we have to become employees of an agency in order for our loved one to live in the family home.	0	That's not true! Now parents or other family can be paid to provide services in the family home by be- coming an employee of a service agency, but they don't have to. Ask an advocate for more info.
If we chose for a family member to paid as the Family Caregiver, we are stuck with that residential services option.	0	No there is always choice, the residential setting, can always be changed. Your Case Manager and Advocate can help with this.
If we need to make a change to services, we will have to decrease other services. Like increasing behavioral, would mean they lose something else.	⑦ 🤆	No, the DD-Waiver is not like SLS which has a cap to the budget. If needs change the service plan can be amended and services can be added. Without reducing other services.
Being in the DD-Waiver requires a lot of people coming in and out of our home.	? (Yes, there will be some home visits, but it is usually only once/twice a month. Providers might come work with your loved one in the home, just like they did in SLS.
There is a lot of training and paperwork the family has to do in the DD-Waiver.	⑦ (If you want to be paid to provide services, you will have to go through training and complete paper- work, it is a job, but it is not unreasonable. If you are not paid, it is just like SLS.
As paid providers, We will never get a break, as there is no respite in the DD-Waiver.	?	If you need a break/respite, the residential service agency is responsible for you loved ones supervi- sion 24/7. They can support a break/respite, but know you may not be paid during said break.
My loved one uses massage therapy, Hippo thera- py or movement therapy under SLS, but this is not offered in the DD-Waiver.	0	Correct, Movement/Music and Hippo therapies are not services in the DD-Waiver. A case manager or advocate can help work out other creative ways to pay for those services.
If my loved one or the family don't like the DD- Waiver, we are stuck there. We can't go back to SLS.		Not true, your loved ones always has the right to choose, so if the DD-Waiver is not a good fit, talk with your case manager or advocate and we can look at going back to the SLS-Waiver.

Your chapter of The Arc (Arapahoe & Douglas) always recommends that the person accept the HCBS-DD waiver resource, when it is offered. The DD Waiver offers access to more services as the family caregivers get older and are less able to help.