

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION
COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PROVIDER INFORMATION**

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WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?	
The philosophy of the Dorchester County Health Department is to respect the principle of self-determination and choice. It is our philosophy that these principles should be incorporated in all facets of life of a person with developmental disabilities, including where a person wants to live, how they want to spend their time, and their choice of resource coordination provider.	
HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?	
DCHD Resource Coordination has provided services to individuals deemed eligible by DDA for over 25 years. The DCHD is currently a Medical Assistance provider and is licensed as a Resource Coordination agency by DDA within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.	
HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?	
The Dorchester County Health Department is a participant in the Eastern Region Resource Coordination Partnership (ERRCP) which provides for interagency unity in providing quality. We are unique in the services we provide to the residents of the Holly Center in Salisbury as well as optimizing opportunities within a 3 county region due to our close proximity to our neighboring counties.	
WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?	
Our primary service is to the residents of Dorchester County. We also provide Resource Coordination Services to the residents of Holly Center located in Wicomico County. In addition, we provide Resource Coordination to individuals who receive Day only services in Caroline, Talbot and Wicomico.	
WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?	
All of our staff receives all trainings as mandated by DHMH. We offer no particular specialties.	
HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?	
The resource coordinator that knows the individual best talks with the individual to determine if they have preferences for specific attributes in a coordinator and to make them aware of possible choices. Then the staff of the DCHD meets as a team for assignment of individuals with coordinators and team considers the individuals desires as well as the strength of the staff and an assignment is made. The coordinator then meets with the individual and advises them they have an option to change coordinators at any time.	
DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?	
To date there has been no requests for references; however, we would be happy to provide references upon request. Any requests should be made to the program manager.	