



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
DESE/DDS Residential Prevention Program
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Dear Families,

The DESE/DDS Program is a collaboration between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for DDS-eligible students who are at risk of a future residential placement.

The program provides students and their families

- The chance to have in-home supports including senior level therapists and skills trainers
- A dedicated navigator agency to identify and hire staff
- Life-long skills development
- Opportunities to practice skills in their home setting and community

This Open Interest period is offered to refresh the list of interested students and families. The DESE/DDS Program is near capacity; however, there are students who leave the program because they turn 22 or for other reasons throughout the year. New participants are added from the Interest List as spaces become available.

It is a priority of the DESE/DDS Program to ensure that the process for requesting participation for the Program is fully accessible to families and children qualified for DDS services who are from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

Written materials are available in the following languages:

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| • Arabic | • Haitian Creole | • Simplified Chinese |
| • Cantonese | • Khmer | • Somali |
| • Cape Verdean Creole | • Nepali | • Spanish |
| • English | • Portuguese (Brazilian) | • Vietnamese |

Electronic versions of the Interest Form in the languages above can be found at:
<https://www.mass.gov/dese-dds-program>

For more information on services your child can access, please visit your local Family Support Center. A current listing of centers can be found by visiting:
<https://www.mass.gov/dds-family-support>



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Family Support
Center QR Code

Expressing interest in the program is not a guarantee of acceptance or enrollment in the program, and all funding is subject to change.