

SDAN

Self-Directed Advocacy Network of Maryland, Inc.

WELCOME!

FMCS

History

EVV Advocacy

Support
Brokers



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Use Chat Box for questions

We will be recording

Close captioning available

FMCS Contacts for help....

- FMCS Rollout – SDAN has and continues to convey your outrage and frustration to DDA headquarters.
- Issues and problems are being worked through albeit slowly for some.
- Persistence!
- **The Arc Central Chesapeake Region**
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FMCS Contacts for help....continued

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- Cara Buckman, Western Regional Office SDS Lead - cara.buckman@maryland.gov
- **Kristi Culbreth – SD Statewide Coordinatior - Kristina.Culbreth@maryland.gov**

Quick SDAN History for New Members

- Membership has grown substantially – thank you!
- Established in 2016 in response to a waiver renewal which threatened the flexibility of Self Direction (SD)
- SDAN’s mission is to promote “Participant Choice and Control of DDA services” through education and advocacy
- There is power in our numbers so please join so you receive SDAN emails (www.marylandsds.org)

SDAN's All Volunteer Board

- Patti Saylor – Delegating Nurse, Mom to Ethan (SDS 18 years)
- Meg Carter – Support Broker, Mom to Lucy (SDS 13 years)
- Liz LaFrance – Support Broker, Mom to Brendan (SDS 10 years)
- Ginger Houston-Ludlam – Mom to Carmen (SDS 4 years)
- Carmen Houston-Ludlam – Participant (SDS 4 years)
- Sunny Cefferati – Participant (SDS 7 years)
- Carol Custer – Support Broker (SDS 13 years)
- Alicia Wopat – Mom to Al (SDS 8 years)

You can reach us at: info@marylandsds.org

SDAN Accomplishments and Negotiations

Together we are a
powerful force!

Developed this group (YOU) as a grassroots advocacy organization recognized in the state.

Developed relationships and meet several times a month with DDA administrators and legislators to share your concerns, and to advocate for person-centered policies.

Developed relationships with advocacy groups with shared concerns and issues e.g. ARC of MD, DRM, People On the Go, DD Council, MDAC, and others.

Developed videos on self direction – SD and The Good Life and Why Work in SD – view them here: <https://marylandsds.org/self-direction-and-the-good-life/>

Assisted membership through DDA abrupt changes in policy – forms and process changes

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Preserved your right to flexible budget modifications

Preserved your rights to employer authority and the right to hire family as staff.

Preserved your right to have a choice of at least 3 FMCS agencies to choose from.

Preserved your right to remain in SD regardless of the number of employee errors with EVV

Provided input to Waiver amendments and current Waiver renewal

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The Self-Direction Act in 2022

Overnight personal supports allowed

Hours approved for administrative supports

Increased limits and uses for IFDGS*

Participant access to MyLTSS* - Transparency

Increased the availability of Support Broker hours

*Individual Family Directed Goods and Services

*Long Term Services and Supports

SDAN Current Advocacy/Projects

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More volunteers
welcome!

Stopping or lessening the effects of EVV

Input on important DDA policies

Nursing Workgroup for SD

Budget Modification policy

Developing a Sustainability group

Survey Results and Followups

- Thank **you** for filling out the surveys. This information really helps DDA to realize what we all experience.
- We plan to repeat this survey before meeting with DDA at the end of the month.
- Be sure you have joined SDAN to take part in these future surveys and to receive our emails around important issues.
- marylandsds.org - Click join!

Support Broker - Your Advocate

- Can assist and inform the participant with any responsibility under SD as per the Participant Agreement.
- Valuable member of the TEAM
- Currently in discussions with DDA and FMCSes on getting SB access to portals.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) - Advocacy

- Difference between EVV and electronic timekeeping
- SDAN successfully advocated to remove threat of expulsion from SD due to employee EVV errors
- New MDH Secretary needs to know your thoughts on exempting live-in staff from EVV requirements -
- NEXT ADVOCACY!
- Further research ongoing to remove EVV requirements from PS and RS

Protect your employees pay—learn the systems!

Reminders...

- Date to allow alternative timekeeping will expire - currently 3/4/23
- We all will **have** to use electronic timekeeping EVV or not.
- **Protect your employees pay—learn the systems!**

- Make sure the nurse on your team has access to Participant's HRST if you have changed FMCS.

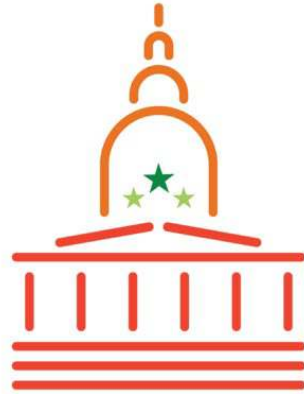
- FYI - Renewed Waivers to begin 7/1/23 (upon approval from CMS)

- [Family Supports Waiver - Renewal 2023](#)
- [Community Supports Waiver - Renewal 2023](#)
- [Community Pathways Waiver - Renewal 2023](#)



Presents

**Developmental
Disabilities Day
At The Legislature**



DD Day - February 22, 2023

- ARC of Maryland with the DD Council <http://www.thearcmd.org/dd-day/>
- Will be live streamed on Facebook
- You can meet with your legislators any day!

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Help each other!

Tell us what is most pressing for you!

QUESTIONS NEXT

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QUESTIONS?
THOUGHTS?
Whiteboard...stay on!

Put your questions in the chat box or if you are **unable** to do that, use the “raise your hand” function.

We will answer as many questions as possible!

Reminder: Please feel free to email any private/sensitive information to info@marylandsds.org