

Statewide Residential Services Plan

Purpose: To create a regional structure comprised of regional County Board (CB) Superintendents and provider representatives to triage residential providers concerns or issues that arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Each CB and provider association regions will send their leadership contact information to DODD's Ginnie Whisman (ginnie.whisman@dodd.ohio.gov) and Sara Lawson (sara.lawson@dodd.ohio.gov).
 - DODD requests that regions include providers from their regions that are not part of a provider association in their discussions.
- DODD will compile the list and align regions, where needed, and send the information back out to each of their respective organizations.
- Regions will be asked to identify provider capacity that could be used to assist individuals displaced from their home due to provider limitations.
- Regions will be asked to identify buildings that could be used by ODH approved providers as Isolation Centers. Buildings to consider include, but are not limited to, empty CB buildings, unused day service buildings, provider vacant buildings or areas, respite homes etc.
- Regions will inventory beds, supplies, PPE, bedding, blankets, essential equipment etc. to determine what supplies can be used for these scenarios. Part of the inventory to indicate which counties have current requests initiated with their local EMAs.
- Once this is done, plans will be sent to Ginnie Whisman and Sara Lawson to share internally with DODD provider support teams.
- When an issue arises such as limited staff availability or need for supplies, etc., providers will be asked to [in order]:
 1. Exhaust own internal resources
 2. Call the local CB
 3. CB and provider will contact their identified CB and provider regional representative(s)
 4. CB and provider will contact DODD (Ginnie and Sara)
- DODD will then mobilize the provider support team in each region to help each region in a coordinated way and deploy regional resources, as available.
- DODD will monitor trends in each region and develop action plans with those regions in need of assistance.
- DODD will work with CB Quality Assurance nurses, nurse trainers and other nursing personnel by region who are willing and able to provide direct support to individuals who need this level of oversight.
- DODD will work with EMA, and/or facilitate CB with local EMA, to identify appropriateness/availability of local COVID-19 support Centers.
- DCs will be identified to be used as a last resort to serve people who need quarantine or support due to lack of residential options related to COVID-19. If their medical needs warrant it, a request should be made for the individual to be hospitalized rather than admitted to a DC.
- Weekly calls will be convened by DODD to talk to regional leadership (CB and provider regional leadership) about their opportunities and challenges and share notes after calls.