

Regional Residential Crisis Support Plan

Purpose: To create a regional team structured to triage crisis issues that residential providers experience as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has compiled a contact list of provider associations and county boards of developmental disabilities (DD) for each regional team and is sending the contact information to each of the respective associations and county boards of DD.
- Provider associations are asked to work with their members to identify residential capacity, including plans to staff individuals in their current homes or to assist individuals displaced from their homes due to provider limitations.
- Provider associations are asked to work with their members to identify buildings that can be used by providers should people get displaced. Buildings to consider include, but are not limited to, empty county board of DD buildings, unused day service buildings, vacant provider buildings or areas of buildings, or respite homes.
- Provider associations are asked to work with their members to provide an inventory list of beds, supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), bedding, blankets, and other essential equipment to determine what supplies can be used in the case of critical shortages or if groups of people are suddenly displaced.
- When a residential crisis arises due to a lack of staffing or a lack provider capacity, providers will be asked to do the following in the order presented:
 1. Exhaust own internal resources
 2. Call their local county board of DD and the regional provider association representative to problem solve the issue
 3. The county board of DD and provider association will contact DODD Statewide Support Teams if issues remain unresolved - <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/support-team/>
- DODD will mobilize the DODD Statewide Support Teams in each region to help in a coordinated way and deploy regional resources, as available.
- DODD Statewide Support Teams will monitor trends in each region and develop action plans with those regions in need of assistance.
- Calls will be convened, as needed, by DODD to talk to regional residential leadership and affected providers about their opportunities and challenges to problem solve through crisis situations.