

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

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9/9/22	Individual Skills and Socialization Project	Mary Jenkins
11/7/22	Individual Skills and Socialization Project	Mary Jenkins

STATUS SUMMARY

HHSC will replace existing day habilitation services in the DBMD, HCS, and TxHmL waiver programs with a new service for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This new, more integrated service is called Individualized Skills and Socialization services (ISS). Currently the stated has a start date for this service to begin March 1, 2023.

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	DRIVER	NOTES
Attend the information webinar for Individualized Skills and Socialization service.	100	8/22/22	Mary Jenkins	Implementation for ISS is set for 3/1/2023. This date is a firm date.
Attend the PPAT Conference in Austin September 14-16, 2022.	100	9/14/22	Mary Jenkins	Received information about the details of the ISS program.
Make an application for a Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS) license	0	11/30/22	Mary Jenkins	Complete the HHSC Individualized Skills and Socialization Provider Training –1- obtain the license for this service and –2- Preparing for an Inspection
Develop program for providing ISSP	25	11/20/22	Mary Jenkins	Waiting for TAC rules from HHSC (New Subcategory being developed by HHSC). Development team established and is meeting weekly.
Prepare for an inspection	0	2/1/2022	Mary Jenkins	Waiting on HHSC guidelines for ISS
Schedule IPC meetings to end DH on the Plans of Care and add ISS	0	Early 2023	Mary Jenkins	Waiting for HHSC ISS guidelines and LIDDA (Gulf Coast Center or Texana) to schedule the meetings.
Begin providing services	0	3/1/2023	Mary Jenkins	I expect our services to meet this deadline.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	SPENT	% OF TOTAL	ON TRACK?	NOTES
Facility	n/a		TBD	
HR	n/a		TBD	
Maintenance	n/a		TBD	

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

9/9/2022

As of March 1, 2023, HHSC will no longer be providing Day Habilitation through the HCS program.

A new contract with HHSC called "Independent Skills and Socialization Services" will be implemented March 1, 2023, to replace day habilitation.

- This is part of the HHSC DAHS (Day Activity and Health Services program) and interested parties can apply for this license while the state is setting up the Independent Skills and Socialization Services program. The Independent Skills and Socialization Services program will be like the DAHS program, however HHSC is in the process of making modifications.
- HCS providers are welcome to apply for this program, as well as other interested parties.

There is little information as they are developing this program. Of course, I am in the process of making changes so that all individuals in Above and Beyond Caring make transition smoothly.

Here is the link for Independent Skills and Socialization Services

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/individualized-skills-socialization>

11/7/2022

- I attended the PPAT Annual Conference September 14-16th this year. Providers were able to ask questions directly to HHSC employees. These questions were taken and are going to be incorporated into a comprehensive FAQ that will also include questions asked during the ISS information webinars earlier this year. It is not known when this document will be available.
- On 11/1/2022 HHSC published Information Letter (IL 2022-53) Requirements for Providers Seeking to Deliver New Individualized Skills and Socialization Services. See attached.
- We will not have to complete the "Heightened Scrutiny Process" because our two current sites are not part of an institutional setting such as a state school, hospital, nursing home and do not isolate individuals from the community.

- Pre-licensure Training: The information in this training is an introduction based on draft rules. Before applying for a license, I will refer to the published (final) rules. I will check the HHS website for the most current and up-to-date information before completing an application. This training will be updated when the final rules are published.
- We currently have a small group of parents who are working on ideas for how we will incorporate the ISS rules into our current environment.
- The most current and up-to-date information will be published on the HHSC website.
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/individualized-skills-socialization>
- I know that this is unsettling news that the state is making these changes so quickly for an important service for our individuals. Please understand, I will do everything in my power to make sure that the services provided meet everyone's needs. I continue to work hard to make sure this is a smooth transition.