



The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) Supports Intensity Scale-Adult (SIS-A)® 2nd Edition Pilot: Help Shape a Better Experience

Someone you support has been chosen to help with a special project called the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult Version®, 2nd Edition (SIS-A) Pilot. This is your chance to help the State of Montana learn how to better support people through the Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP).

HOW PARTICIPANTS WERE SELECTED

Individuals were randomly selected based on the services they receive from the state.

HOW YOUR PARTICIPATION SUPPORTS DDP IN IMPROVING SERVICE PROVISION

Case managers and provider staff may be appropriate respondents for the SIS-A interview and may be asked to answer questions about the individual's support needs.

Respondent teams can include family, DSPs, targeted case managers, friends, etc. To be a respondent, you must know the individual very well (for at least three months) and be comfortable discussing the supports the individual may need in settings such as at home, in a store, at work, or while learning new skills. Each interview must have at least two respondents willing to participate throughout the interview process.

Respondents know:

- What assistance individuals need so they are able to attend the interview.
- The best people to invite to the interview.
- How to get in contact with those people.
- Any accommodations that might be needed during the interview.

PLANNING FOR THE SIS-A INTERVIEW

The interview focuses on the individual receiving DDP services and the support they need.

- The SIS-A can be done in person or virtually.



- Plan for the interview to last three hours.
- The individual must be present when the interview begins and is encouraged to stay as long as they are comfortable.
- Respondents must stay for the whole interview.
- You will not need to bring any papers or other information.

WHERE THE INTERVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE

- If the interview is in person, a DDP scheduler will help find a time and place to meet.
- If the interview is online, a DDP scheduler will send the individual and respondents a link and instructions.
- The interview must be held in a private place where it is easy to talk.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

If the individual has a legal guardian or representative, the state will call them first. The legal guardian or representative must provide approval before the individual can join the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit Recommendation #1 on the [Approved BHSFG Recommendations](#) page for more information.