

Self-advocate and family gathering

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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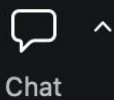
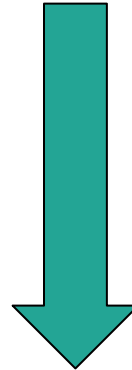
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Agenda

May 6, 2026

Announcements

DSPD updates

Partner updates

Q&A

Announcements

Safety Symposium - May 26

- Sessions with support coordinators, providers, families, and individuals to
- Subsequent open “town hall” to disseminate information and recommendations from discussion sessions (date TBD)

Upcoming MySteps updates and rollout

- New features for greater access to individuals’ information
- Phased rollout, beginning with families who have a minor under age 18 in services
- You will not lose access to MySteps during this process

Announcements

Refresher on waiting list process

- DSPD currently has **6,882 people** on the waiting list
 - 247 people transitioning from the waiting list into ongoing services
 - 152 people currently on the Limited Supports Waiver
- Why the wait? Funding not available for every new eligible person. Once qualified, they are placed on waiting list.
- The waiting list is based on:
 - Severity of need
 - Caregiver support
 - Time on the waiting list
- Contact waitlist case worker with questions or to update information
 - If you don't know who your waitlist case worker is, call 1-844-275-3773

DPSD updates

Noticias de DSPD

Contract updates

Peer Support Program Update: Two (2) new contracts for peer support to match individuals and families with a trained peer.

- Status: These contracts went into effect May 1st. Our waiting list team is currently reaching out to families to offer these services; please keep an eye out for that communication.

Utah Parent Center Amendment: TETONS program to provide education on healthy relationships for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Please reach out directly to the Utah Parent Center for more information

Administrative rule updates

Recent Public Comment: Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our recent rules (Eligibility, Self-Administered Services, Waiting List services, Definitions, and Caregiver Compensation). Your feedback is vital in helping us refine our language for clarity!

What's Next: Five (5) more rules for public comment in the near future. Part of DHHS initiative to modernize all administrative rules and internal policies.

- Please stay engaged and keep an eye out for these upcoming postings. Your input truly shapes the final version of these rules!

Looking ahead: contracts and rule updates

Budget Assessment Tool with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

- Workgroups to develop a new budget assessment tool
- Overview at today's meeting!

Caregiver Compensation Training

Caregiver Compensation Training: Due May 8th

- Required for anyone providing supported living through a caregiver compensation service code
- English: <https://youtu.be/95bdhuUvnrl>
- Spanish: <https://youtu.be/l6ZoNmFxhhM>
- Assessment:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuxH9rseUYfadZxTYwluGQnzeaioPfb666PySz0OwimrQmVw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Email questions to dspdcaregivers@utah.gov

Housing updates

New housing resource for Utah county

- NeighborWorks Mountain Country Home Solutions owns and manages several rental properties for low income families
- Rents range from \$750 to \$1400 for a three-bedroom, and \$975 to \$1550 for a 4-bedroom unit.
- Occasionally they have a 5-bedroom house for rent for \$1050 to \$1700.

If interested please contact our housing team at dspdhousingteam@utah.gov for a rental application or **call them directly at 801-375-5820** for more information

Legislative updates

Actualización de la Sesión Legislativa

Legislative updates

Legislative session summary

- Rate change 1.6% - effective July
- Funding to bring 100 people into services from waitlist
- Received \$12.5 million for MAN
- SB288 - 30-day advance notice for changes in contracts
- HB158 - clarifies when electronic monitoring of location is allowable

Partner updates

Actualizaciones de socios



Utah Assessment Selection Project Overview

May 6th, 2026



Human Services Research Institute

The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) is a national non-profit that was founded in 1976 to improve the availability and quality of supports for children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

Underpinning our work is a simple belief:

All people and their families have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community.

www.hsri.org



Project Purpose

- The Utah Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) has hired the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to help research and choose a standard assessment tool.
- The assessment tool will be used to figure out the level of support people with disabilities need.
- The assessment tool may be used to guide budgets, payment rates, and how services are planned and provided.



Project Timeline and Activities

April 2026

- Begin national scan of assessment tools and their pros and cons
- Review the Utah Comprehensive Assessment of Needs and Strengths (UCANS)



May 2026

- Listening sessions with people with disabilities, families, service providers, and Support Coordinators
- Small workgroups to review assessments



June 2026

- Submit final recommendations to DSPD
- Present final recommendations to the community
- Create a plan for DSPD to move forward with recommendations



Upcoming Listening Sessions

- **Monday, May 18th from 2:00-3:30 pm**
MT:
Service providers
- **Tuesday, May 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm**
MT:
People with disabilities, self-advocates,
families, and advocates
- **Thursday, May 21st from 1:30-3:00 pm**
MT:
Support Coordinators

- Download the listening sessions flyer:
<https://tinyurl.com/95y46hmr>





Thank You!

Reach out to Jasmine Hepburn (Project Coordinator) at jhepburn@hsri.org with questions.



Q/A

Preguntas y respuestas

Next meeting:
August 5, 2026

Find recordings of past meetings at dspd.utah.gov.

Click on the “Individuals & Families” tab, then “Resources, then “Be Informed and Be Involved.”

Nuestra siguiente reunión:
5 de agosto de 2026

Encuentre grabaciones de reuniones anteriores en dspd.utah.gov

Presione en “Individuals & Families”, luego presione “Be informed and Be Involved” (disponible sólo en Inglés)

**Next self-advocate and family gathering/
Siguiete reunión de Auto-defensa y Reunión familiar**

Next meeting:
May 19, 2-4 p.m.

The public is always
welcome

Find more information:
dspd.utah.gov/disabilities-advisory-council/

Siguiente reunión:
19 de mayo, 2-4 p.m.

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bienvenido.

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