

Montana Developmental Center Closure
Department of Public Health & Human Services

Audit Objectives: *(what is the audit intends to accomplish or questions auditors will answer)*

1. Did DPHHS follow applicable statute and policies, as well as closure strategies used by other states, in closing MDC and transitioning clients to alternative placements?
2. Has serving former MDC clients in alternative placements impacted cost savings for the state?
3. Has MDC's closure ensured safety and community inclusion outcomes for former clients?

Audit Scope: *(the boundary of the audit & subject matter auditors will assess)*

- Audit scope will focus on the 53 clients residing at MDC at the time SB 411 was signed into law (May 6, 2015)
- Determine clients' current status and examine the client transition process
- Map the closure process, including roles played by the department and the MDC Transition Planning Advisory Council
- Conduct cost analysis to compare state expenses of serving former clients at MDC versus in the community
- Analyze client assessment data, support plans, and incident reports to determine whether clients' safety and personal goals are being met post-transition
- Assess the present status of the Intensive Behavior Center