

- ▶ “The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives. The office seeks to continuously improve an effective system of accessible services and supports that are flexible, innovative and person-centered.”
 - www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/ofificeofdevelopmentalprograms/

- ▶ ‘Case management’ is provided by Supports Coordinators / Supports Coordination Organizations (SCs / SCOs) and is accessed through county offices called Administrative Entities.
- ▶ Funding for services is through the Consolidated, Community Living and Person Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waivers.
- ▶ Learn more at www.myodp.org/

Some eligibility criteria

- ▶ There is no age limit for individuals with an intellectual disability or autism. Individuals with a developmental disability with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism are eligible from age 0 through 9.
- ▶ Level of Care
- ▶ Medical Evaluation
- ▶ Diagnosis of an intellectual disability (ID), autism, or developmental disability (DD)

Some eligibility criteria, cont.

- ▶ Recommended for an intermediate care facility (ICF) level of care based on a medical evaluation
- ▶ Determined eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
- ▶ Meet the financial requirements as determined by your local County Assistance Office (COA).

- ▶ Additional eligibility and other information:
www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/consolidatedwaiverforindividualswithintellectualdisabilities/index.htm

Waiver Services may include:

- ▶ Advanced Supported Employment
- ▶ Assistive Technology
- ▶ Behavioral Support
- ▶ Benefits Counseling
- ▶ Communication Specialist
- ▶ Community Participation Support
- ▶ Companion
- ▶ Consultative Nutritional Services
- ▶ Education Support
- ▶ Family/Caregiver Training and Support
- ▶ Home Accessibility Adaptations
- ▶ Homemaker/Chore
- ▶ Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services
- ▶ In-Home and Community Support
- ▶ Music, Art, and Equine Assisted Therapy
- ▶ Participant-Directed Goods and Services
- ▶ Respite
- ▶ Shift Nursing
- ▶ Small Group Employment
- ▶ Specialized Supplies
- ▶ Supported Employment
- ▶ Supports Broker
- ▶ Special Therapies
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

Accessing Supports and Services in Allegheny County

- ▶ Supports Coordination and the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS waivers are accessed through county offices, called Administrative Entities (AE).
- ▶ In Allegheny County the AE is AC DHS Office of Intellectual Disability (OID)
- ▶ **Everyone registered with OID receives Supports Coordination.** The Supports Coordinators primary roles are to locate, coordinate and monitor services.
- ▶ **Waiver funding is based on availability and individual needs** that are identified through planning with the Supports Coordinator (SC).



Accessing Supports Coordination in Allegheny County

- ▶ Criteria if set by PA DHS ODP.
- ▶ There is no age limit for eligible individuals with an intellectual disability or autism. Individuals with a developmental disability with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism are eligible from age 0 through 9.
- ▶ To learn about additional criteria, the registration process and SCOs visit www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Disabilities/Intellectual-Disability.aspx or call 412-253-1251
- ▶ OID Main number 412-253-1399
- ▶ OID Intake and registration 412-253-1250



Accessing Information from OID

OID Key Communicator

Office of Intellectual Disability



Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS)
Office of Intellectual Disability (OID) invites you to become a Key Communicator

What is a Key Communicator?

A Key Communicator is someone who receives information from Allegheny County (AC) OID and, when possible, shares it to others who may also benefit from it.

Who are Key Communicators?

Key Communicators include:

- Persons registered with OID and family members, friends and caregivers
- Community and faith based organization members
- Human service professionals including Direct Support Professionals
- Supports Coordinators and other 'case managers'
- Special Education students, families and professionals

What kinds of information may I receive?

- Caregiver support and education opportunities
- Community and specially designed programs and events
- Community and human service system resources
- Information from the PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)
- New and updated FactSheets as developed by OID
- Resources and programs from AC DHS and DHS Offices
- Special education information
- Workshops, meetings and conferences

How will the information be made available?

- Through an email distribution list. The subject line of the email will say *A Message from AC OID* and will include the general nature of the email *
- Through the AC DHS Facebook page
- On the AC DHS OID webpage at www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/ID

Who could I share information with?

- Persons registered with OID and families, friends and caregivers
- Family/Support Groups
- Community and faith based organizations
- Human services professionals including Direct Support Professionals
- Supports Coordinators and other 'case managers'
- Special Education students, families and professionals

*If you want to be added to or removed from the Key Communicators email list, or if you have questions about the service, contact Mary (Figlar) Evrard at 412-253-1251 or mevrard@alleghenycounty.us



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Learn more about ODP, Autism, Intellectual Disability (ID) and Developmental Disability (DD)

- ▶ www.MyODP.org
- ▶ Autism Connection of PA: <https://autismofpa.org/>
- ▶ PA ARC: <http://thearcpcpa.org/>
- ▶ American Psychiatric Association:
www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/dsm/educational-resources/dsm-5-fact-sheets
- ▶ Alliance for Infants and Toddlers – AFIT (Early Intervention, ages birth to three years, who have developmental concerns): www.afit.org/



Additional Information and Support for people with Autism



The PA Department of Human Services Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) administers two programs for adults with autism, (including) the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)...

