



## Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) ODS Acronym Tips

As the AE in Allegheny County ODS registers eligible Allegheny County residents with Intellectual Disability (**ID**), Autism, Developmental Disability (**DD**) prior to age 9, Medically Complex Condition (**MCC**) prior to age 22. ODS connects them to Supports Coordination and other supports and services.

Supports and services information and resources can be shared with all, regardless of eligibility. Refer to the Resource Lists under ODS Fact Sheets and Informational Documents. You can also contact the ODS Community Liaison or call 412-253-1251.

Learn more at [www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports) or the QR code below. There find many informational documents, including this guide. You can email the ODS Community Liaison from the link provided on that page.



### The Gold Book

“The service system that is supported by the Office of Developmental Programs (**ODP**) is varied and vast. For those new to the system this can be overwhelming. For individuals and families new to the system or for anyone interested in navigating ODP, the Gold Book is intended to be a guide to the system.”

<https://home.myodp.org/resources/odp-information/>

For those registered with their county **AE** (Administrative Entity) and working with an **SC** (Supports Coordinator) below are some common acronyms. Find them and more in the Gold Book. Details of all shared there. Your SC can also help explain acronyms.

Waiver administered by PA AEs include Consolidated, **CLW** (Community Living Waiver) and P/FDS or **PFD** (Person/Family Directed Support). These waivers fund Home and Community Based Services (**HCBS**).

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/home-community-based-services-hcbs](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/home-community-based-services-hcbs)

<b>SC</b> Supports Coordinator	<b>SCO</b> Supports Coordination Organization	<b>TSM</b> Targeted Support Management
<b>PCP</b> Person-centered Planning	<b>ISP</b> Individual Support Plan	<b>CtLC</b> Charting the LifeCourse
<b>PUNS</b> Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services	<b>SIS</b> Supports Intensity Scale	<b>HCQU</b> Health Care Quality Unit
<b>HRST</b> Health Risk Screening Tool	<b>IM</b> Incident Management	<b>IM4Q</b> Independent Monitoring for Quality
<b>CPS</b> Community Participation Supports	<b>DSP</b> Direct Support Professionals	<b>PDS</b> Participant-directed Services
<b>AWC</b> Agency with Choice	<b>VF/EA</b> Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent	<b>SSP</b> Support Service Professional



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### **AC DHS (ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES)**

AC DHS provides publicly funded social services for people in Allegheny County.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices)

#### **AAA (Area Agency on Aging)**

Assists Allegheny County residents, 60 years of age and older, to live safe, healthy and, when possible, independent lives.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Area-Agency-on-Aging](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Area-Agency-on-Aging)

#### **OBH (Office of Behavioral Health)**

Provides supports for services to adults, young adults and children with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Also oversees MATP.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Behavioral-Health](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Behavioral-Health)

**SC** (Service Coordination) assist individuals diagnosed with a mental health diagnosis find and connect to supports in their communities.

**MH** (Mental Health), **D&A** (Drug and Alcohol), **JRS** (Justice Related Services)

[www.alleghenycounty.us/files/assets/county/v/1/services/dhs/documents/publications/brochures/obh-where-to-call-booklet.pdf](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/files/assets/county/v/1/services/dhs/documents/publications/brochures/obh-where-to-call-booklet.pdf)

#### **MATP (Medical Assistance Transportation Program)**

If are receiving Medicaid, you may be eligible for free public transportation (bus, subway, incline) ahead of time tickets, or reimbursement for your use of public transportation/private vehicle, or free door-to-door service when medically necessary via a shared ride.

<https://connect.alleghenycounty.us/food-transportation-and-other-essentials/>

#### **CYF (Office of Children, Youth and Families)**

Mandated by law to protect children from abuse and neglect. Provides a wide range of preventive, protection, and supportive services to work with children and families, with emphasis on family preservation. Provides direct services through caseworkers, case aides, and a network of contracted agencies.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Children-Youth-and-Families](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Children-Youth-and-Families)

#### **OCS (Office of Community Services)**

Committed to providing human services that empower people and work to build a healthy, connected community. Through more than 100 community-based agencies and direct services, OCS offers programming that stabilizes housing, strengthens families, and supports community.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Community-Services](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Community-Services)



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### **ACMFF** (Allegheny County Music Festival Fund)

Has provided children and youth receiving services through the AC DHS...with life-enriching items and opportunities otherwise unavailable through traditional government funding. This includes those registered with ODS.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-News-and-Events/Events/Allegheny-County-Music-Festival/Allegheny-County-Music-Festival-Fund](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-News-and-Events/Events/Allegheny-County-Music-Festival/Allegheny-County-Music-Festival-Fund)

### **ODS** (Office of Developmental Supports)

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/DHS-Offices/Office-of-Developmental-Supports)



### **PA DHS (PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES)**



Our mission is to assist Pennsylvanians in leading safe, healthy, and productive lives through equitable, trauma-informed, and outcome-focused services while being an accountable steward of commonwealth resources.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs)

**COMPASS** is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs and manage benefit information.

[www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/](http://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/)

### **CHIP** (Children's Health Insurance Program)

Pennsylvania's program to provide health coverage to uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid/Medical Assistance.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/chip](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/chip)

### **CAO** (County Assistance Office)

A local government office that administers public assistance programs, such as Medicaid, food stamps, and cash benefits.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/contact/cao-information](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/contact/cao-information)

### **MA** (Medical Assistance) Also known as Medicaid

Pays for health care services for eligible individuals.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/mcicaid](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/mcicaid)



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### **MCO** (Managed Care Organizations)

HealthChoices is the name of Pennsylvania's managed care programs for Medicaid / Medical Assistance recipients. Through managed care organizations, eligible individuals receive quality physical and behavioral medical care, as well as long-term supports.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid)

Each HealthChoices consumer is assigned a Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization (**BH-MCO**) based on county of residence

The Allegheny County BH-MCO is **CCBH** (Community Care Behavioral Health Organization). Also known as Community Care.

[www.ccbh.com/](http://www.ccbh.com/)

### **EMSU** (Enhanced Member Supports Unit) Formerly known as Special Needs Unit

Each Physical Health Managed Care Organization has an EMU to assist members, navigate benefits and access services.

[www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/healthchoices/hc-services/documents/flyer-enhanced-member-supports-unit.pdf](http://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/healthchoices/hc-services/documents/flyer-enhanced-member-supports-unit.pdf)

### **EPSDT** (The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment)

The EPSDT benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health and specialty services.

[www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/early-and-periodic-screening-diagnostic-and-treatment](http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/early-and-periodic-screening-diagnostic-and-treatment)

### **SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Formerly known as Food Stamps.

People in eligible low-income households can obtain more nutritious diets with SNAP increasing their food purchasing power at grocery stores and supermarkets. Those who are eligible receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (**EBT**) ACCESS Card to make food purchases.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/snap](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/snap)

### **TANF** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

TANF is also referred to as cash assistance.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/cash-assistance/tanf](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/cash-assistance/tanf)



**PA DHS ODP (PA DHS Office of Developmental Programs)**





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This office administers the Commonwealth's intellectual disability and autism programs consisting of home and community-based services (HCBS) for individuals with an intellectual disability and/or autism, private ICF/IDs, and state operated Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/IDs) known as "state centers." ODP administers federal Medicaid HCBS programs in partnership with county/Administrative Entities.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/odp-info](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/odp-info)

ODP has shared the latest [External Acronym Guide](https://sau1.org/files/galleries/December%2024%20Office%20of%20Developmental%20Programs%20(ODP)%20External%20Acronym%20Guide.pdf). The Acronym Guide is a helpful tool to identify the many acronyms that ODP uses in their communications. [https://sau1.org/files/galleries/December 2024 Office of Developmental Programs \(ODP\) External Acronym Guide.pdf](https://sau1.org/files/galleries/December 2024 Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) External Acronym Guide.pdf)

#### **HCBS** (Home and Community Based Services)

Also known as waiver-funded services or waiver programs. HCBS provides for supports and services beyond those covered by the Medical Assistance (also referred to as Medicaid) program that enables a person to remain in a community setting rather than being admitted to a Long Term Care Facility. Currently, the Department of Human Services administers 12 HCBS programs. Each HCBS program has its own eligibility requirements and services.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/home-community-based-services-hcbs](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/home-community-based-services-hcbs)

#### **AE** (Administrative Entity)

A county/jointer or non-governmental entity that enters into, and maintains a signed current agreement with the PA DHS to perform administrative functions delegated by the Department, as the Department's designee, and Level of Care (LOC) evaluations in compliance with the Department's approved Intellectual Disability/ Autism (ID/A) Waivers... *The Allegheny County AE is ODS.*

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/ecm/ecm-stakeholders/ecm-administrative-entities](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/ecm/ecm-stakeholders/ecm-administrative-entities)

#### **BSASP** (Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations)

Provides administration and program support for ODP's two programs for adults with autism, the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and the Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP). *The ACAP program is not available in Allegheny County.* This Bureau also provides training, resources and technical assistance related to supporting special populations (i.e, deaf/hard of hearing, children with medical complexities).

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/odp-info/odp-bureau-autism-services](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/odp-info/odp-bureau-autism-services)

#### **AAW** (Adult Autism Waiver)

The program is designed to help adults with autism spectrum disorder participate in their communities in the way they want to, based upon their identified needs.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/intellectual-disabilities-autism/autism-services/adult-autism-waiver](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/intellectual-disabilities-autism/autism-services/adult-autism-waiver)

#### **ASD** (autism spectrum disorder)



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### **ASERT** (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (Collaborative))

A key component of the Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations' strategy for supporting individuals with autism and their families throughout PA.

<https://paautism.org/>

### **HCSIS** (Home and Community Services Information System)

#### **HCSIS SSD** (HCSIS Services and Supports Directory)

A tool for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism (ID/A), their families, and circle of support to locate services and service providers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The directory can help you locate particular service providers or search for services and supports provided in an individual's community. It is an online resource that lists available programs, services, and providers for individuals with disabilities.

[www.hcsis.dhs.pa.gov/hcsis-ssd/ServicesSupportDirectory/ServicesSupportHome](http://www.hcsis.dhs.pa.gov/hcsis-ssd/ServicesSupportDirectory/ServicesSupportHome)

### **PCCRC** (Pediatric Complex Care Resource Centers)

The Department of Human Services' Offices of Medical Assistance Programs (**OMAP**) and Development Programs (**ODP**) have developed a system of supports to better serve children and adolescents living in the community who receive pediatric home health care (in-home shift nursing or home health aide services) by supporting their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid/pediatric-complex-care-resource-centers](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid/pediatric-complex-care-resource-centers)



## REPORTING NEGLECT AND ABUSE

### **OAPS** (Older Adult Protective Services)

Reporting the Abuse or Neglect of an Older Adult (60 years of age and older)

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Older-Adult-Abuse-or-Neglect](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Older-Adult-Abuse-or-Neglect)

### **APS** (Adult Protective Services)

Report neglect or abuse of an adult (18 through 59 years) with a disability.

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Abuse-or-Neglect-of-Adults-with-a-Disability](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Abuse-or-Neglect-of-Adults-with-a-Disability)

### **ChildLine**

Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect (younger than 18 years of age)

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Child-Abuse-or-Neglect](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Human-Services-DHS/Contact-Information-for-DHS/Reporting-Child-Abuse-or-Neglect)



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### ADDITIONALLY



#### **EI** (Early Intervention)

Pennsylvania's Early Intervention program provides coaching support and services to families with children, from birth to age five, with developmental delays and disabilities.

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/early-learning-child-care/early-intervention-services](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/early-learning-child-care/early-intervention-services)

#### **AFIT** (The Alliance For Infants and Toddlers)

Early Intervention Service Coordination for Children from Birth to Three.

[www.afit.org/](http://www.afit.org/)

#### **IEP** (Individualized Education Program)

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a personalized plan for education services catering to disabled or gifted students.

[www.pattan.net/Special-Education-Forms/IEP-Information](http://www.pattan.net/Special-Education-Forms/IEP-Information)

#### **FBA** (Functional Behavioral Assessment)

A process that helps figure out the reason(s) for your child's behaviors.

<https://members.ccbh.com/health-topics/resources/what-is-a-functional-behavioral-assessment>

#### **ABA** (Applied Behavior Analysis)

The science of studying how people learn and behave. ABA therapy is helpful for children who have autism. The main goal of ABA is to help your child make positive behavior changes.

<https://members.ccbh.com/health-topics/resources/what-is-applied-behavior-analysis-aba>

#### **Pre-ETS** (Request Pre-Employment Transition Services) for Students with Disabilities

Can include group and individual services and may be provided by a combination of OVR staff, Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs) and/or other agencies.

#### **OVR** (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation)



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Provides individualized services to assist people with disabilities to pursue, obtain, and maintain satisfactory employment. ...OVR placement services are provided at no cost to eligible individuals with disabilities.

Includes an Individualized Employment Services Plan (**IES**).

[www.pa.gov/agencies/dli/programs-services/disability-and-vocational-rehabilitation](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dli/programs-services/disability-and-vocational-rehabilitation)



### WANT TO LEARN MORE ACRONYMS?

#### **PaTTAN Education ABCs**

This card identifies commonly used acronyms and initialisms used in the field of special education.

[www.pattan.net/Publications/Education-ABCs](http://www.pattan.net/Publications/Education-ABCs)

#### **Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania**

Acronyms and definitions commonly used in the affordable housing field

[https://housingalliancepa.org/wp-content/uploads/Housing-Acronyms-Pa\\_Health-Sector.pdf](https://housingalliancepa.org/wp-content/uploads/Housing-Acronyms-Pa_Health-Sector.pdf)

#### **Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council**

<https://pasilc.org/resources/acronyms/>

#### **Administration for Community Living Housing and Services Resource Center**

Common Acronyms in Aging, Disability, and Health Services Sectors

<https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices/acronyms>