



Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) waiver funding is a combination of state and federal dollars. ODP waivers include consolidated, community living (CLW) and person/family directed support (P/FDS). When waiver funding is needed to meet your assessed needs, and is available, your Supports Coordinator (SC) will guide you through the process.

The funding is regulated on the state level by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (PA DHS) Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and on the federal level by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Any service that is paid for using this waiver funding must follow ODP waiver service guidelines and be provided by an ODP contracted Service Provider.

What are services that may be available?

Services available are determined on an individual basis. Important considerations are your preferences, assessed need(s) and available funding. Some service examples are:

- Employment
- Community Participation Support (CPS)
- Companion
- Family/Caregiver Training and Support
- In-Home and Community Support
- Life Sharing
- Respite
- Supported Living
- Transportation

Where can I find information on waiver services?

- Work with your team, including your Supports Coordinator (SC)
- The HCSIS (Home and Community Services Information System) Services and Support Directory (SSD)
- My ODP website at www.MyODP.org
- Ask your Supports Coordinator for a copy of the Individual Support Plan (ISP) Manual
- The PA Department of Human Service website (PA DHS)
- ASERT: paautism.org

Who can provide services?

Any service that is paid for with ODP Waiver Funding must be provided by a contracted willing and qualified Service Provider. This means that the agency receiving payment must be qualified and authorized by the state of Pennsylvania to provide these services.

How do I find information about Service Providers?

- The It's My Choice: Choosing an ODP Provider in Pennsylvania page at www.myodp.org (www.myodp.org/mod/page/view.php?id=22049)
- Ask your Supports Coordinator (SC)

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How do I choose a Service Provider?

Choosing a Service Provider is an important decision. You should work very closely with your SC during this process. They will be able to help you set up tours and ask questions about your own unique needs. Some things you may want to ask a potential Service Provider are:

- How long have you been providing services?
- What are the qualifications of your staff members? Can I meet some of them?
- What kind of training do you offer your staff?
- How long do your staff members usually work for you (is there high turnover)?
- Will you be able to meet my or my loved one's nutritional needs?
- Will you be able to meet my or my loved one's medical needs?
- What hours are your services available?
- What kind of transportation is needed to be able to use your services?

When touring a Provider's site you may want to consider:

- Is the area clean and safe?
- Will I get along with the people here?
- Can they meet my special accommodations?
- Are they able to meet my communication needs?
- Do I feel comfortable here?

How are services delivered?

Traditionally services are managed and delivered by provider agencies, often through Direct Support Professionals (DSP). However, you may choose to take a more active role in managing your services and staff through the Participant Directed Services (PDS)-Financial Management Services (FMS) model. For details about PDS-FMS, including what services are included and the responsibilities of the participant, refer to the ODS Fact Sheet and visit the My ODP and ASERT websites

Additional Fact Sheets about waivers, PDS-FMS and other relevant subjects can be found on the ODS web page here alleghenycounty.us/dhs/ODS



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For more information regarding ODS, including additional Fact Sheets visit alleghenycounty.us/dhs/ODS