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Office of Developmental Supports



The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) registers eligible Allegheny County residents with

Intellectual Disability (ID)

Autism

Developmental Disability (DD) prior to age 9 and

Medically Complex Condition (MCC) prior to age 22

to connect 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 below. You can also contact the [ODS Community Liaison](#) or call 412-253-1251.

Interested in registering for Supports Coordination?

Use the ODS intake and registration online portal on any internet connected device including a tablet or smart phone. Begin there by signing up for a password protected account. Learn more and access the portal on this [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

Reach an Intake Specialist at 412-253-1250.

For general questions call the ODS main number at 412-253-1399.

Learn more:

- ★ [How a Supports Coordinator Can Help](#)
- ★ [Diagnosis Eligibility Requirements for Stakeholders](#)
- ★ [ODS Registration and Intake Process](#)
- ★ [ODS Brochure](#)
- ★ [ODS Palm Card](#)
- ★ [ODS Palm Card Español](#)

Who we support.

Connect with us. The ODS Community Liaison link to contact form and phone number. (Mary Evrard)

Apply for Supports Coordination

Get started in learning more with these basic documents.

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Join the Key Communicator email list and receive informational and resource emails.



Also, request ODS staff attend or present at your event or meeting.

ODS Fact Sheets and Informational Documents

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- [!\[\]\(5daa6eee1904cb6b9d765700250de764_img.jpg\) FS ISP Individual Support Plan](#)
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- [!\[\]\(0d2a89e6d0cbcd8e0459b972b9332401_img.jpg\) FS Waiver Services, Providers and Delivery](#)
- [!\[\]\(cdcd8a42e5993b465235781ccc1c8555_img.jpg\) FS Participant Directed Services – Financial Management Services](#)
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- [!\[\]\(db8bdec0696fd5238eefca5b38e3467b_img.jpg\) FS Communication with PA DHS CAO](#)

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[!\[\]\(cbe80b694ebd74fcfe136a095b608235_img.jpg\) Details of ODP Waivers Administered by ODS](#)

[!\[\]\(a03a7eb2f4046e1d3c76772003e549ea_img.jpg\) Wondering who the PA DHS ODP and AC DHS ODS are? Learn about them and how to receive regular communications at links included here.](#)

[!\[\]\(cbe2492b119e39e02a1dab2af4a4b296_img.jpg\) PUNS \(Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services\)](#)

Resource Lists

- [!\[\]\(e492b5d52ab457a7a3c2826c4091dfee_img.jpg\) Community and Service Systems](#)
- [!\[\]\(1d9440fab1f214291ce1c26a75f9c2cd_img.jpg\) Free clothing, Furniture and Basic Needs Resources](#)
- [!\[\]\(6be2e1cb461308cfbb51376f893366b1_img.jpg\) Connecting People Across PA to Information and Resources](#)
- [!\[\]\(9d1c9e561b4c39f4d970a841cbc526df_img.jpg\) Caring for Children and Youth with Medically Complex Condition](#)
- [!\[\]\(638c4e65afbf8f3994df6311f702c5cb_img.jpg\) Social, recreation and lifelong learning opportunities](#) including specialized programs and ideas for the Community Participation Supports waiver service
- [!\[\]\(ac8167fe1d77dc734374ed4531294f8f_img.jpg\) Medical Assistance Related Resources and Information](#)
- [!\[\]\(fff2f1ab464b6499fbd670c53975d01d_img.jpg\) If you have MA, you may be eligible for these](#)

Fact Sheets are one-page informational documents

Waivers fund home and community-based services. Receiving includes eligibility, need and availability.

When there is a need for waiver funded services a PUNS form indicates the emergent nature of the need.

Resource lists helpful to many – regardless of eligibility for ODS

Important System Information



- **Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP).** Their ASERT initiative website provides resources for Pa. residents of any age who have autism or who care for a person who has autism.
- **Appeals Options**
- **ODS Informational Document on Appeals Options.** PA Office of Developmental Programs offers a Fair Hearing (Appeal) Request Form that includes instructions.
- **Incident Management**
- **Guide to Victim's Assistance**
- **ODS Quality Management Plan**
- **Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q) Reports**
- **Your SIS-A and PA Supplement Assessment**

Other Resources You Might Find Helpful



Allegheny County Department of Human Services and Allegheny County wide resources

To Report Neglect or Abuse



Report neglect or abuse of a child (under 18 years) with or without a disability

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

Report neglect or abuse of an older adult (60 years and older) with or without a disability

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Fax: 412-253-1259

[ODS Profile](#)

One-page overview of ODS and a more detailed description of ODS including legal mandates, administration, fiscal and person statistics, programs and services, and contact information.

[Administration](#)

- Erin Dalton, DHS Director
- Brenda Bulkoski, DHS Deputy Director, Offices of Developmental Supports
- With local oversight by the [Mental Health/Intellectual Disability \(MH/ID\) Advisory Board](#)
- Commonwealth oversight by PA Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs
- Federal oversight by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

[Annual Plans and Budgets](#)