

OID Key Communicator

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

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

Key Communicators include and share information with:

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

What kinds of information will I receive?

- Family and caregiver support and education opportunities
- Community programs and events
- 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 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

****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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Office of Intellectual Disability
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Office of Intellectual Disability

The Allegheny County Office of Intellectual Disability (OID) assists eligible children, graduating students and adults. This includes sharing helpful resources and connection to a Supports Coordinator (SC).

Those eligible to register with OID and access Supports Coordination services include

- ⇒ individuals with autism
- ⇒ individuals with intellectual disability
- ⇒ children with developmental delays

Everyone must meet all PA Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) established criteria.

You will be guided through the registration process by our Assessment and Resource Team. After OID verifies eligibility we will meet with you. There, we will complete required documents and share supports coordination organization choices. We can also assist you to navigate helpful community supports.

Your SC will learn what life experiences are important to you and your family and assist with creating a person centered Individual Support Plan (ISP). This may include ideas for you to

- ⇒ engage in a more meaningful life
- ⇒ be well supported in your home
- ⇒ fully access and participate in your community
 - ⇒ remain healthy and safe
 - ⇒ find and keep a job you like
 - ⇒ enjoy desired activities
 - ⇒ learn new things
- ⇒ successfully transition to adulthood
- ⇒ provide a break for a caregiver



Interested in eligibility criteria details, connecting with a SC or learning more about OID?

Would you like to receive regular communications with helpful information from OID?

Want to ask about outreach activities?

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