

Hampton Township
School District
Special Education Advisory
Committee (SEAC)

**Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
(AC DHS)
Office of Developmental Supports
(ODS)**



**OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORTS
(ODS)**

**HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF SUPPORTS
COORDINATION**

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Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS),
www.alleghenycounty.us/human-services/index.aspx

Office of Developmental Supports (ODS), www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Disabilities/Intellectual-Disability-Autism.aspx

Community and System Resources

Social, Recreation and Lifelong Learning

Charting the LifeCourse (CTLC) Framework and Tools



ODS helps connect eligible individuals with Intellectual Disability (ID) and/or Autism to community resources, Supports Coordination, and services. This includes home and community-based services when accessed need is present and funding is available.

ODS strives to assist individuals, their families and the people that support them to

- ~live an everyday life
- ~plan for the future
- ~navigate significant milestones
- ~fully participate in their community



The Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) framework and tools were created to help individuals and families of all abilities and all ages develop a vision for a good life,

- **think about what they need to know and do,**
- **identify how to find or develop and advocate for**
- **discover what it takes to live the lives they want live,**
- **help organize ideas,**
- **plan for goals,**
- **problem solve and**
- **navigating systems.**

Then the CtLC tools are used to put the ideas and resources on paper, share with others and put them into action.



LEARN MORE AND GET SUPPORT

www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Disabilities/Intellectual-Disability-Autism.aspx under the Learn more about Charting the LifeCourse (CTLC) Framework and Tools Bar

Visit www.lifecoursetools.com/lifecourse-library/lifecourse-framework/ and scroll down for a 17-minute *Introduction to the LifeCourse Framework* video

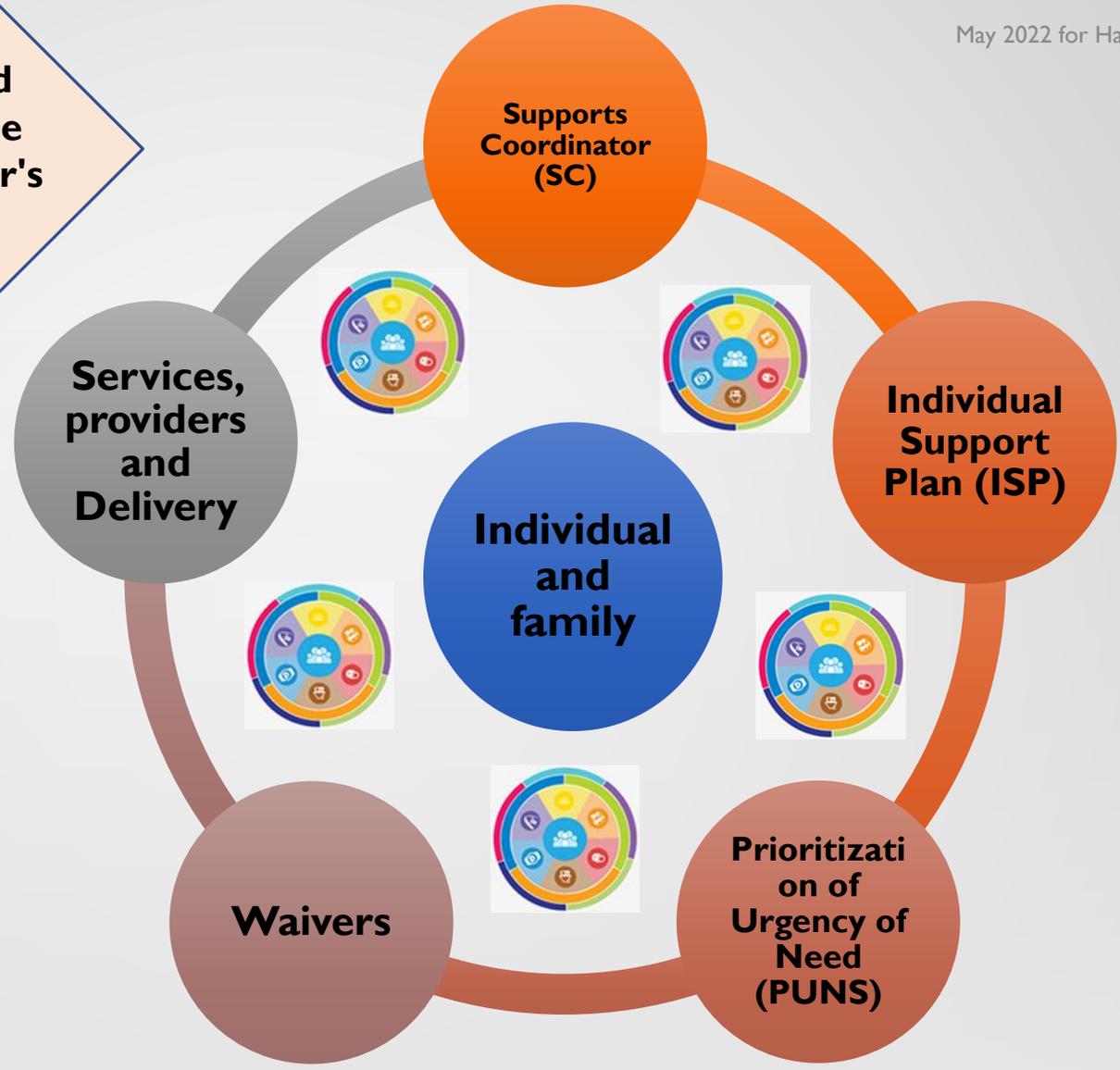
www.visionforequality.org/programs/pa-family-network/



After a call to the ODS Assessment and Resource Team (intake) a Community and Systems Resource Navigator will guide the individual and their families and supporter's through eligibility determination and, if eligible, registration.

For those not eligible for ODS registration

Community resources and other system supports



HANDOUT



Why connect with the Office of Development Supports (ODS) and get to know a Supports Coordinator (SC) now?
 Help receive things and services that you need and plan for the future!

Your orange bucket: resources

- the SCs role is to locate, coordinate and monitor supports and services

your SC can

- introduce you to resources in the community and other systems like mental health, autism supports or OVR for employment
- attend some meetings with you, like school, OVR or with service coordinators
- help with 'paperwork' from others, like medical assistance (MA)
- connection with other families and caregivers and community groups
- connection with self-advocate groups
- bring a fresh perspective to conversations

Your green bucket: stuff you need

- ideas for a break from and support in caregiving
- information about the Caregiver Support Program
- resources for food, housing, or utilities
- assistive technology like home and vehicle modifications or communication devices
- support for community participation: locate and find funding for things like summer camps, dance lessons, sports, discount admissions to local attractions
- navigate medical assistance and social security
- locate service providers and agencies
- access supports in the community

Your blue bucket: planning

- talk with your SC so they get to know your wants, needs and life choices.
- your SC will write an Individual Supports Plan (ISP) with you to focus on your strengths *and* needs
- your SC will share Charting the LifeCourse tools to encourage conversations about your good life
- talk about your vision for a good daily life now and in the future
- the SC will work with students, families, schools and providers as part of *your* team

Why connect now with ODS and build a relationship with a Supports Coordinator (SC)? **Registration and building a relationship with an SC takes time and early planning leads to better lives!**

How will this relationship help registered individuals, their families and people that support them? **The SC will be a valuable resource to help fill all three buckets!**

How do I get started? Call ODS at 412-253-1250.

What are waivers? Funding for home and community-based services (waivers through ODS) may be available to registered individuals. Funding is based on eligibility, assessed needs and availability. There are a lot of helpful and supportive resources that SCs and ODS can help connect you with that are not funded by waiver.

PA Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) waivers in Allegheny County (AC) are administered by the AC DHS Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) . All waiver participants receive Supports Coordination services with no impact to their annual budget.

Person Family Directed Support (P/FDS or PFD)

- no more than a \$41,000 annual budget (annual cap)
- the first \$15,000 of Supported Employment services do not count against the PFD cap
- Supports Broker service does not count against the PFD cap
- cannot support 'residential' services

Community Living (CLW)

- no more than a \$85,000 annual budget (annual cap)
- may include supported living or life sharing 'residential' services

Consolidated

- no annual cap
- may include any 'residential' services

ODP Announcement 22-026, Final Department-Established Fees and Fee Schedule Rates for Services Funded Through ODP's Waivers and Base-Funding

www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/ODP-Rates.aspx

WAIVERS PAY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT MAY INCLUDE...

- Residential Habilitation
- Respite
- Small Group Employment
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living
- Supports Broker
- Supports Coordination
- Transportation
- Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

- Advanced Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- 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
- Life Sharing





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Programs and Services



Basic Needs



Adults



Children and Families



Older Adults



Persons with Special Needs



Teens and Young Adults

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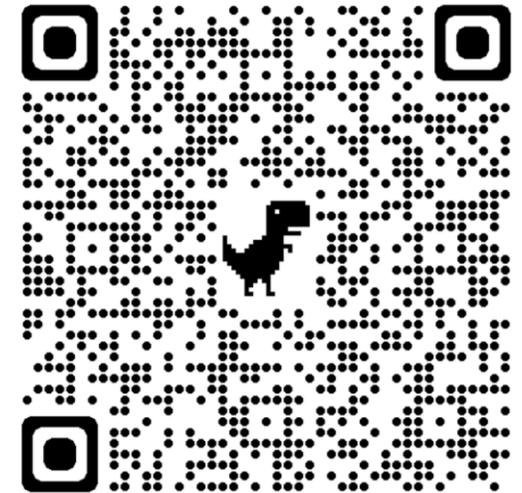


Resources for Persons with a Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability and/or Autism

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) assists Allegheny County residents with an intellectual disability (ID) and/or autism. Information and links to helpful supports and services can be shared with all. Learn more on this webpage. Learn more on our [brochure](#) and [related guides](#) or contact the [ODS Community Liaison](#).

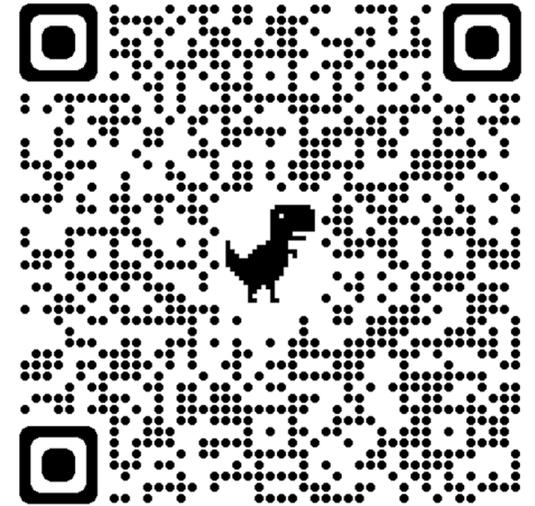
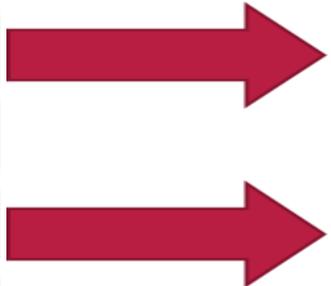
For general questions you can call ODS at 412-253-1399.

To reach our intake staff call 412-253-1250.



www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Disabilities/Intellectual-Disability-Autism.aspx

- + Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) Fact Sheets
- + Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Resources
- + Supports Coordination Organizations (SCO)
- + Choosing a Provider
- + Life Sharing
- + Sign up as a Key Communicator for Informational Emails
- + Timely and helpful information and resources
- + Connect with ODS
- + For Older Adults and Aging Caregivers
- + Community and System Resources
- + Social, Recreation and Lifelong Learning
- + Charting the LifeCourse (CTLIC) Framework and Tools
- + More about the ID/A System





Resource lists

[Community and service systems](#)

Find a wide range of resources for supports, services and information.

[Free clothing, furniture and basic needs resources](#)

Resources for nutrition, pet food, internet access, utilities, phone, employment, clothing, furniture and more.

[Connecting People Across Pa to Information and Resources](#)

Find a wide range of resources for supports, services and information with a focus on PA Department of Human Services and statewide resources that can be applied to Allegheny County as well.

[Social, recreation and lifelong learning opportunities](#)

Ideas for fun and entertainment in Allegheny County and Pennsylvania. Many are free and low cost. The list includes community offerings and specially designed programs.