



ODP Guidance for Solving Disagreements and Individualized Planning for Individuals Receiving Residential Habilitation and Community Participation Support or Day Habilitation

[ODP Announcement 20-093](#) provides guidance to all Residential Habilitation, CPS and Day Habilitation providers regarding effective individualized planning and solving disagreements that may arise during planning.

Some Pennsylvanians are faced with challenging decisions as the Commonwealth has advanced Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania, balancing *personal safety* and a return to *community living* during the COVID-19 pandemic. Making these decisions can present unique challenges for teams supporting individuals receiving Residential Habilitation and CPS or Day Habilitation services.

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) acknowledges the creativity and planning that providers have exhibited to reopen facility-based CPS and Day Habilitation. Additionally, through weekly regional discussions, ODP has received questions and concerns from providers, Supports Coordination Organizations, and Administrative Entities about how to resolve disagreements when individuals receiving Residential Habilitation desire to return to facility-based CPS or Day Habilitation or other activities outside of their home and team members have concerns about these activities.

ODP provides recommendations regarding collaboration, Individualized planning using the Individual Transition Guide, and the importance of all team members involvement in the planning discussions. The goal is to honor the individual choices to the extent possible and as desired by the individual and enable the individual to make choices and decisions.

When a team has worked through the ITG process and has been unable to resolve disagreements associated with planning for CPS or Day Habilitation services to return, providers should contact their Administrative Entity for additional support. Some situations might not be resolvable through the team process and may require alterations to the way Residential Habilitation, CPS or Day Habilitation services are delivered.