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## ODP and Institute on Disabilities at Temple Focus Groups for Stakeholders

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is partnering with the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University (IOD) to host a series of virtual focus groups to learn more about how Pennsylvanians with disabilities have been supported by ODP's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to identify areas of improvement.

### WHAT is a focus group?

A focus group is a conversation led by facilitators to gather information and experiences firsthand from people about specific issues, products, or services that affect them.



### WHY should you participate?

ODP would like to better understand how changes to ODP policies and provider practices have impacted the way you have received supports during the COVID-19 pandemic/Stay at Home order.



### WHERE can you participate?

Focus groups will be held on Zoom. If you would like support setting up and using Zoom, please mention so in your RSVP. Participants are invited to participate through video and audio but may participate with their audio only.

## WHEN can you participate?

### West Pennsylvania Counties:

**OCTOBER 16 – Friday**

Focus Group 1

*12:00 pm – 1:00 pm*

Focus Group 2

*7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

**Northeast Pennsylvania Counties:**

**OCTOBER 20 – Tuesday**

Focus Group 1

*11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Focus Group 2

*7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

**Southeast Pennsylvania Counties:**

**OCTOBER 21 – Wednesday**

Focus Group 1

*9:30 am – 10:30 am*

Focus Group 2

*7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

**Central Pennsylvania Counties:**

**OCTOBER 22 – Thursday**

Focus Group 1

*11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Focus Group 2

*7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

**HOW to sign up to participate?**

To participate, please contact IOD Research Associate  
**Eva Weiss** via [email](#) or phone [215-204-7177](tel:215-204-7177) with the following  
information:

*Your name*

*Your waiver type*

*Your county*

*Your preferred meeting time (morning or evening session)*

*Any accommodations required*

*Any Zoom support required*