

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Supports Coordination Guide for Community Reintegration ODP Announcement 20-056 Update

AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families/Caregivers

Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) (for the Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support, and Community Living Waivers [known collectively as the ID/A Waivers], the Adult Autism Waiver [AAW] and the Adult Community Autism Program [ACAP])

All Qualified Providers (ID/A, AAW, and ACAP)

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
(ICF/ID)Administrative Entities

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to release The Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) revised Individual Transition Guide. The Guide **has been renamed the Supports Coordinator (SC) Guide for Community Reintegration (the Guide)**. This guide is constructed for use during well-being check-ins with individuals, caregivers and/or staff, as appropriate, to gather information related to transition and preparation for the lifting of stay at home orders that had been put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. This guide can also be used by individuals, families, and providers to

prepare for reintegration activities.

DISCUSSION:

As communities begin to reopen on a larger scale, people will have different levels of readiness to return to pre-pandemic activities. This guide is designed for SCs supporting individuals, their families, staff, and other involved parties. The guide is designed to facilitate conversations to identify supports and services to assist in a successful reentry into the community.

The Guide can be used to start conversations during regular monitoring or wellness check-ins. Begin with the 'Brief Assessment Questions' to help determine which section(s) need to be addressed in greater detail. After going through the initial questions, move on to each section where the person may need support by clicking on the key area. Once in the area of need, use the detailed questions in those areas to guide discussion, consider the guidance, and access needed resources.

Please note these questions are meant as a guide and should be adapted to meet the person's communication needs and level of understanding. A table of contents (TOC) has been added so users can click on the needed sections and jump to that place in the document. There is also a 'TOC' at the top of each page, that when clicked will take people back to the table of contents. Radio buttons have been added for the brief questions, you can only choose one option for each question now.

This discussion is the first phase of transition planning and will evolve as the changes related to services due to COVID-19 outlined in *Appendix K* are revised. Teams should use the Guide in conjunction with the probe guidance in the ISP to assess COVID-19 related risks and determine, for each individual, what supports are needed for the individual to be able to safely resume activities or engage in

new activities.

For questions about the Guide, ID/A SCOs should contact their ODP SCO regional lead, AAW and ACAP SCOs should email the Provider Support mailbox at

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Attachments: SC Guide for Community Reintegration