

Registration Now Open: Office of Developmental Programs’ (ODP) Policy Division’s Virtual Meeting & Conversation with Individuals and Families – Session 2

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AUDIENCE:

Individuals, Caregivers, Family Members, and/or Legal Guardians (referred to as “individuals and families” throughout the communication) who wish to learn the basics about the services available through ODP’s Home and Community-Based Services Waivers (HCBS) for Individuals with an Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism

Please note:

- This webinar/conversation is not for professionals, it is specifically for the stakeholders listed above.
- This webinar/conversation is geared towards individuals and families who are just beginning to learn about ODP or for those who want a basic understanding of the topic being discussed.
- ****ODP is asking and encouraging Supports Coordinators, Administrative Entities, Individual and Family Organizations, etc. to share this communication with any individual and family they support.***

PURPOSE:

Often, information is delivered in a way that makes more sense to providers than to individuals and families. ODP wants to begin closing that gap by providing a series of meetings intended for individuals and families to provide an opportunity for them to learn about topics of interest and ask questions or provide comments to people who work in ODP policy.

This series of virtual meetings and conversations will be on topics prepared by ODP through a webinar format (using a PowerPoint) but will be a conversational event between individuals and families and ODP's Policy Division. These meetings are intended to be informal. The conversation will not be recorded and rules will be set before the meeting starts to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe to provide questions, comments, etc. relating to the topic.

DISCUSSION:

ODP is excited to announce the next meeting and conversation event with individuals and families who are interested in learning more about the basics of ODP. As with the previous session, ODP intends for this to be a time where individuals and families are provided educational information in a conversational environment specifically about the topic discussed.

The topics for the next session will be: "Who is eligible for ODP services? What is ODP's organizational structure and Who do I Contact?" The session will be held **Thursday, October 26th, 2023** from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. The link to register is <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1631354632065845079>.

Questions about this individual & Family Conversations with ODP Policy Staff Series Can be directed to: [RA- ODPCOMMENT@PA.GOV](mailto:RA-ODPCOMMENT@PA.GOV).