

Registration Now Open: Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) Policy Division's Virtual Meeting & Conversation with Individuals and Families Session 3

Navigating ODP Resources

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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 the Office of Development Programs' (ODP) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism (ID/A).

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 interested topics 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. 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.

These meetings are informal, meaning 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 session with individuals and families who are interested in learning more about the basics of ODP, titled *Navigating ODP Resources*. This next meeting will consist of ODP policy staff showing and educating individuals and families on resources that are available for all stakeholders to use. ODP wants to empower the audience to be able to navigate available documents to become more knowledgeable about ODP's services.

For this session, individuals and families are asked to come to the meeting with questions about specific waiver services. During the meeting, ODP staff will navigate ODP resources in order to demonstrate to stakeholders how they can find an answer on their own in the future.

The next session will be held **Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 5:30 PM -7:00 PM**. The link to register is [ODP Policy Team Virtual Office Hours for Individuals and Families](#).

QUESTIONS:

Questions about this Individual & Family Conversations with ODP Policy Staff Series can be directed to ra-odpcomment@pa.gov.