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Welcome to MyODP News Online Digest, a virtual publication from the Office of Developmental Programs. **The Digest now features a listing of recently published ODP webinars!**

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News Stories

[Register Now for the Supporting Families Best Practices Series](#)

The National Collaborative for Supporting Families invites you to register for the Supporting Families Best Practices Training Series. The next available session, held via Zoom, is on November 21 from 1 PM to 2:30 PM and will discuss respite for families. [Read More.](#)



[9th Annual Charting the LifeCourse Showcase 2025](#)

Early bird registration is now open for the 9th Annual Charting the LifeCourse Showcase April 28 through May 1, 2025. [Read More.](#)



[Free COVID-19 Tests Available by Mail](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is continuing to offer free COVID-19 at-home testing kits. Kits are available by mail without shipping fees. [Read More.](#)





Move Your Way® with Keystone Safari

On September 26th, Milestone Health Care Quality Unit (HCQU) West hosted over one hundred and fifty (150) self-advocates from the western region for a wild day of safari fun. [Read More.](#)



Department of Aging Seeking Input for Caregiver Toolkit

Caregivers played a crucial role in developing ***Aging Our Way, PA***, and they remain a key priority in transforming the aging experience in the Commonwealth. Through more than 200 listening sessions, emails, mails, and phone calls during the plan's development, caregivers from across the Commonwealth indicated they need more tools and resources to maintain the level of care for their loved ones to remain in their homes and communities. [Read More.](#)



Communication Corner – October is recognized as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness month!

Do you know what AAC is? AAC is any form of communication other than spoken language. It is so many things, but most people use the term to mean a Speech Generating Device or an AAC device. [Read More.](#)



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Although the work to support individuals to obtain and maintain competitive integrated employment continues throughout the year, NDEAM presents an opportunity to recognize, celebrate, and confirm our commitment to ensuring individuals with disabilities have access to employment opportunities. [Read More.](#)