



Date	Time	Title	Description of Session/Summary	Audience
3/4/2025	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<u>Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) 2026 Renewal Listening Session</u>	<p>The Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) administers 1915(c) federal waivers including the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW). Waivers are renewed every 5 years, with the AAW's next renewal scheduled for July 2026. This webinar will provide a general overview of the Adult Autism Waiver and the waiver renewal process. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on how to make services better! ODP will take this opportunity to listen to stakeholders and use this input for the AAW 2026 renewal process.</p>	Participants, Families, & Other interested parties

3/6/2025	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<u>Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)</u> <u>2026 Renewal Listening Session</u>	<p>The Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) administers 1915(c) federal waivers including the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW). Waivers are renewed every 5 years, with the AAW's next renewal scheduled for July 2026. This webinar will provide a general overview of the Adult Autism Waiver and the waiver renewal process. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on how to make services better! ODP will take this opportunity to listen to stakeholders and use this input for the AAW 2026 renewal process.</p>	Providers & Stakeholders
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<p>3/12/2025</p>	<p>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series</u></p>	<p>What is the Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series?</p> <p>The Department of Human Services' (DHS), Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) are pleased to announce the Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series, which offers presentations focused on supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A) and mental health needs. The selected presenters share their expertise on best and promising practices as well as provide general knowledge.</p> <p>Session topics, which focus on increasing capacity to serve individuals with dual diagnosis in the community, are chosen based on identified needs and with input from the field of professional stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The invited audience of all professional stakeholders, including direct and clinical supporters for individuals with ID/A are encouraged to attend. • Registration is required and at no charge to attendees. 	<p>Professional stakeholders, Including Direct and Clinical Supporters for individuals with ID/A</p>
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3/13/2025	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	PA ABLE	<p>Learn about the PA ABLE Savings Program! A PA ABLE Savings Program account gives individuals with qualified disabilities (Eligible Individuals) and their families and friends a tax-free way to save for a wide range of disability-related expenses, while maintaining important benefits. The state and federal tax-free investment options are offered to encourage Eligible Individuals and their families to save private funds to support health, independence, and quality of life.</p> <p>Some of the topics that we will discuss include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility requirements for opening a PA ABLE account,• The federal and state tax benefits of PA ABLE,• How PA ABLE account interacts with current benefits. <p>If you require accommodations to participate in this webinar, please contact us at info@paable.gov.</p>	All Interested Stakeholders
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<p>3/18/2025</p>	<p>5:30 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>After Hours with Policy from the Office of Developmental Programs: Interactive Session with Individuals and Families</u> <u>Using LifeCourse Tools to Explore ODP Services</u></p>	<p>The Office of Developmental Programs’ (ODP) invites individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or autism and their families to join in a virtual exploration and discussion with members of the Division of Policy and Program Innovation. These sessions are informal, meaning the conversation will not be recorded, and rules will be set before the session starts to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe to provide questions and comments. The session will be held through Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>What Will Be Covered?</p> <p>This will be an interactive session incorporating the use of some of the LifeCourse Tools to explore how services and supports can fit into an everyday life. Through the use of these tools and the LifeCourse Framework, this session will provide time to discuss and discover what individuals and families want and need in their life and how services and supports can help.</p>	<p>Individuals and Families</p>
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3/28/2025	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<p><u>Room and Board Training: For Residential Habilitation & Life Sharing Professionals</u></p>	<p>The Office of Developmental Programs’ (ODP) is excited to announce the upcoming release of the Room & Board bulletin. We anticipate the release in March 2025. ODP extends gratitude to all stakeholders who participated in the development of the bulletin. Please join us for a training opportunity, targeted towards professionals, Residential Habilitation and Life Sharing providers.</p> <p>The main training topic areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intent of Room and Board; • An explanation of Room and Board policies and regulations; • An explanation of how the policies should be implemented; and • An overview of the attachments to the bulletin. • Room & Board ODP Contacts <p>There will be time during the session for presenters to answer questions submitted by participants during the webinar. For this reason, ODP asks that stakeholders please save questions on the bulletin until after the training</p>	Residential Habilitation & Life Sharing Providers
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