



# MyODP News Online

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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



## PA Human Relations Commission 2025 Housing Equality Conference

*Navigating Today's Challenges and Building a  
Fairer Tomorrow*

April 8, 2025

Join the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission for a dynamic and collaborative event bringing together key housing stakeholders including community leaders, housing professionals, social service providers, fair housing partners, and others. [Read More.](#)



## **Helen Keller National Center Partners with Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs to Expand DeafBlind Immersion Experience Program**

Helen Keller National Center partners with Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs to bring specialized DeafBlind support directly to local communities. This innovative five-day immersion program empowers support teams with personalized strategies, ensuring DeafBlind individuals with intellectual disabilities can achieve greater independence in their home environments. [Read More.](#)



## **Communication Corner – April is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month**

Parkinson's Disease is a type of movement disorder that is chronic and progressive. It may affect the nerves and muscles that are used to develop speech. [Read More.](#)



## **April is Autism Acceptance Month**

Governor Josh Shapiro has signed a proclamation recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the diverse nature and qualities of individuals with Autism

throughout the month of April! [Read More.](#)



## **2024 PA Developmental Disabilities Council Impact Report**

The Pennsylvania Developmental

Disabilities Council (PADDCC) has published its 2024 Impact Report. [Read More.](#)



## **Jefferson University Seeking Participants for Health Passport Study**

The Jefferson Center for Autism and Neurodiversity at Jefferson University, in partnership with Special Olympics, is seeking

participants to take part in a study on enhancing healthcare experiences for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). [Read More.](#)



## Move Your Way® Into Spring!

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is currently seeking individuals that would like to record and share their physical activity participation and providers that would like to have their physical activity programs

featured with ODP's stakeholders across the Commonwealth. [Read More.](#)



## Children's Crisis Intervention Conference Registration Now Open

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) invites

professionals, families, and youth to register for its Children's Crisis Intervention Conference. The event, cohosted by Temple University, will be held at the Hilton Harrisburg on **April 29th and 30th of 2025.** [Read More.](#)



## **PADDCC Spring Listening Tour and LEAF Scholarships**

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDCC) invites individuals with disabilities and their families to join its Spring Listening Tour, and to apply for its LEAF

Scholarship Program. [Read More.](#)

### **Webinars**

- [March: The Office of Developmental Programs' \(ODP\) – Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy Virtual Office Hours \(VOH\) for Administrative Entities \(AEs\)](#)
- [Room and Board Training: For Residential Habilitation & Life Sharing Professionals](#)