

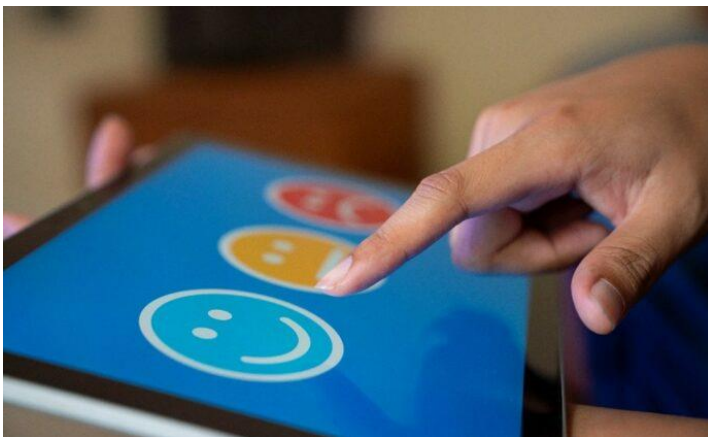
MyODP News Online – July 3, 2025

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



Communication Corner – July 17 is World Emoji Day

How many of us use emojis to communicate? Language comes in many forms and one of the most ancient types of language is visual symbols. Emojis are visual symbols that help enhance our written language. They can replace words or whole phrases and still be understood by many. [Read More.](#)



Move Your Way® – ODP Celebrates Physical Fitness & Sports with Special Olympics PA

This Spring, the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) celebrated Physical Fitness & Sports month with Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA). May was Physical Fitness & Sports month, and to celebrate, ODP visited SOPA's Central Spring Sectional competition at Saint Francis University. [Read More.](#)



Inclusive Recreation Resource Webinar
July 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm - The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDCC) will be hosting a webinar to share resources on inclusive recreation and inclusive play for families and individuals with disabilities. PADDCC invites you to join the discussion with experts from around the country who work in the field of inclusive play and recreation. [Read More.](#)



Introducing the PA CareKit
 As part of *Aging Our Way, PA*, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) was tasked with creating a dynamic, interactive, and comprehensive “caregiver toolkit” to address the key challenges faced by informal, unpaid caregivers and provide practical solutions and resources to support their entire caregiving journey. [Read More.](#)



Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission 2025 disABILITY Conference
 The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) announced its 2025 disABILITY Conference. The theme for the 2025 disABILITY Conference is Technology and Disability – The Intersection of Success. The conference will be held on July 31 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Hilton Harrisburg. There is a virtual option for online attendance as well. [Read More.](#)



Shapiro Administration Launches New Security Feature Allowing SNAP Users to Digitally Lock EBT Cards

SNAP recipients and all EBT cardholders can now lock their cards when not in use to protect against theft and skimming. The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of State Inspector General (OSIG) in May launched a new security feature that allows Pennsylvanians who receive public benefits to lock their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card when not in use to prevent those benefits from being stolen.

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Webinars

- [*Room and Board Training: For Individuals and Families*](#)
- [*Virtual Office Hour \(VOH\): Question & Answer \(Q&A\) on the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's \(OVR\) Order of Selection Announcement*](#)
- [*April: The Office of Developmental Programs' \(ODP\) – Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy Virtual Office Hours \(VOH\) for Administrative Entities \(AEs\)*](#)
- [*The Office of Developmental Programs' \(ODP\) – Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy Virtual Office Hours \(VOH\) for Administrative Entities \(AEs\) for June*](#)