

* Indicates an attachment

IM4Q NEWS

2025-2026 Cycle

- State Budget/IM4Q Allocations: The impasse prevents ODP from providing funding for IM4Q at this point. ODP fiscal staff will not issue allocation letters to the AEs until the budget has been passed, nor will ODP issue the IM4Q survey allocation spreadsheet until that time.
- Samples: Following multiple requests from local programs requesting the samples to begin preparations for when they could begin contacting individuals and scheduling interviews, ODP Central Office was granted permission to release the samples, and IM4Q regional leads have been instructed to distribute the samples, along with the instructions, to their AEs. If an AE has not received its sample by 10.31, please contact your regional lead. Reminder: This is not ODP sanctioning the scheduling and completion of interviews prior to having a budget. Local programs and AEs need to have those discussions individually.
- Survey Instruments and Additional Cycle Materials: the 2025-2026 survey instruments were issued to local programs and AEs on 8/14. The additional materials for the cycle will be issued during the first week of November. All will be posted to the IM4Q Team Member Resource page on MyODP within the next couple of weeks.

IM4Q Statewide Steering Committee Seeks New Members*

At its recent meeting, the Steering Committee noted that additional self-advocates and family members were needed. A one-page flyer was created to recruit potential new members, and it is attached to the announcement.

2025-2026 External Evaluation

As discussed at the regional meetings, the Steering Committee has decided to update the survey that was sent to ODP residential providers last year and use the revised version for this year's external evaluation.

Enterprise Case Management (ECM) Reports*

AEs and local programs are asked to review the reports currently in HCSIS to rate their relevance and suggest any changes to them. The IM4Q Reports Capacity Chart is attached to the announcement for reference. They are also asked for suggestions for new reports that would be useful to them. Comments and suggestions should be sent to [Lee Stephens](#). Prior to the Reports Epic sessions being held, the IM4Q ECM workgroup will meet to discuss possible future reports.

End of QA&I Cycle

Thank you to the local programs for their hard work in completing as many QA&I interviews as possible for this cycle. To continuously improve the process for next year, please share any lessons learned, concerns, or improvements that should be implemented for the next cycle with [Guy Caruso](#).

IM4Q Team Member Resources Page on MyODP

- This information was included in the August announcement, but the onboarding of new IM4Q staff since then warrants including it again. New local programs and AE IM4Q coordinators may either access the [IM4Q - Team Member Resources page](#) directly, or by following this path: www.MyODP.org > Resources > Quality Management > Independent Monitoring for Quality and National Core Indicators > IM4Q Team Member Resources. Once there, users will be prompted to either create a new account or log in, if they are not logged in already. After logging in, users will be redirected to a page asking for an enrollment key. Enter **IM4Qr35Tr1ct#D** and click on Enroll Me. Users should now have access to the page.

2025-2026 Contacts list*

The IM4Q Contacts List (**v1.5**) is attached to this announcement. If there has been a recent change at the local program or AE, please notify the statewide/regional leads and technical advisors at the earliest opportunity.

DATA ENTRY

HCSIS and ODESA Cycles

- **HCSIS:** the request to open the 2025-26 cycle will be submitted during the first week of November. As with last year, the combined sample list will also be provided to indicate who should have pre-surveys marked as already finalized so that local programs will only need to add considerations.
- **ODESA:** ODP and the technical advisors met with HSRI and Mutually Human, who is the vendor building the ODESA 2.0 customizations needed for Pennsylvania, to officially begin the project. Everyone was eager to get started and committed to staying on schedule to open ODESA in mid- to late January.

TRAINING

Mandatory Online Deaf Services Training Reminder

All new local program coordinators and monitors are required to take the updated [ODP Deaf Services Training](#) on MyODP. Returning coordinators and monitors may retake the training as a refresher if needed. This training has replaced the *Harry M.* training that had previously been required.

New Monitor Mandatory Online NCI Training Change

In response to feedback received from states, the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) has revised the mandatory online NCI training for new monitors and reduced it from six hours to two hours. Local program coordinators who have new monitors should contact [Mary Kay Cunningham](#) with names and email addresses so that she can register them on the platform. **In addition, local program coordinators are also expected to take the training so that they are familiar with it and can answer questions from their monitors.**

2025 Annual Statewide Training Recap

- **Evaluation Report:** This was shared at both committee meetings and the regional meetings. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact [Mary Kay Cunningham](#).
- **Materials Now Online:** PowerPoint presentations, photos, and graphic illustrations are now available on the Institute on Disabilities website at <https://disabilities.temple.edu/research-evaluation/im4q/im4q-2025-materials>. This is the only link that may be used to access these materials.
- **Graphic Illustrations:** Inky Brittany created five graphic illustrations during the AST, and they will be sent in a separate email following the announcement.
- **Patrice: The Movie:** Keynote speaker Patrice Jetter's film won the 2025 Primetime Emmy for Exceptional Merit in Documentary Filmmaking. For anyone who did not have the opportunity to view the movie prior to the AST, it is currently streaming on Hulu.

College of Direct Supports (CDS) to Update Curriculum

The College of Direct Supports will soon update its curriculum for Direct Supports Professions, which includes courses contained in the IM4Q module. Once this happens, a list of the new courses will be made available. Enrollment in CDS is free to local programs and can be completed by contacting cds@temple.edu.

October Meeting Minutes*

The Management and Steering Committee meetings were held earlier this month, followed by the three regional meetings. Minutes from the committee meetings and the combined regional meetings are attached to the announcement.

JANUARY 2025 MEETING DATES

1/6/26	Management Committee mtg.	10:00-12:00	Zoom
1/8/26	Steering Committee mtg.	10:00-12:00	Zoom
1/12/26	Central/Northeast	10:00-12:00	Zoom
1/14/26	Southeast	10:00-12:00	Zoom
1/21/25	Western	10:00-12:00	Zoom