



## Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) May 2026

### Training and Events Calendar

#### [Appeal and Fair Hearing Webinar: For Individuals and Families](#)

**Date:** 5/1/2026

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Description:** The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is anticipating the release of a new bulletin on the Appeal and Fair Hearing process. ODP is scheduling this webinar for individuals and families and Supports Coordinators (SCs). This webinar will explain the information that is included in the bulletin, the process of appealing a decision, and what a Fair Hearing is.

This webinar was developed for individuals and families, but we encourage SCs to attend so they understand the Appeal and Fair Hearing process. Supports Coordinators are responsible for understanding this process so they can assist their individuals and families when they have questions. There will be time throughout the webinar for individuals and families or SCs to ask questions directly to ODP staff about the topic.

**Audience:** Individuals and Families and Support Coordinators (SCs)

#### [Learn About PA ABLE With the Department of Human Services](#)

**Date:** 5/4/2026

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Description:** The PA ABLE Savings Program gives individuals with qualified disabilities a tax-free way to save for a wide range of disability-related expenses while maintaining important benefits.

Some of the topics we will discuss include: eligibility requirements for opening a PA ABLE account, the federal and state tax benefits, and how PA ABLE interacts with important benefits.

If you require accommodations to participate in this webinar, please contact us at [info@paable.gov](mailto:info@paable.gov).

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

### [2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Dual Diagnosis Pre- Conference \(Day 1\)](#)

**Date:** 5/6/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Description:** Each section (excluding the post-conference) will include presentations for all Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) stakeholders, but some sessions may cater more to one audience than another. Regardless, we invite all audiences to attend every session. Content will be accessible and relevant to all. Theme- Understanding the Vagus Nerve. A program to introduce professionals to Polyvagal Theory and its applications to therapies. Certificates of attendance will be issued for the Dual Diagnosis Pre-Conference.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

### [2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Dual Diagnosis Pre- Conference \(Day 2\)](#)

**Date:** 5/7/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Description:** Each section (excluding the post-conference) will include presentations for all Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) stakeholders, but some sessions may cater more to one audience than another. Regardless, we invite all audiences to attend every session. Content will be accessible and

relevant to all. Theme- Technology and Mental Health. A program for individuals and families to explore the intersection of technology, independence and mental health. Certificates of attendance will be issued for the Dual Diagnosis Pre-Conference.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

[2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Breaking Barriers and Building Futures \(Day 1\)](#)

**Date:** 5/12/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Description:** The 2026 Everyday Lives Conference (EDL) will be held virtually throughout the first two weeks of May 2026. The conference theme for 2026 is “Breaking Barriers and Building Futures”. Theme- Accessibility in the Digital Age. A clear-eyed look at how technology affects our everyday lives and how we may harness it for good. Certificates of attendance will be issued for The Everyday Lives Conference.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

[2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Breaking Barriers and Building Futures \(Day 2\)](#)

**Date:** 5/13/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Description:** The 2026 Everyday Lives Conference (EDL) will be held virtually throughout the first two weeks of May 2026. The conference theme for 2026 is “Breaking Barriers and Building Futures”. Theme- Person-Centered Approaches. Presentations highlighting the importance of person-centered planning

throughout every step of the journey – from systems changes to individual support plans. Certificates of attendance will be issued for The Everyday Lives Conference.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

### [2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Breaking Barriers and Building Futures](#)

#### [\(Day 3\)](#)

**Date:** 5/14/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Description:** The 2026 Everyday Lives Conference (EDL) will be held virtually throughout the first two weeks of May 2026. The conference theme for 2026 is “Breaking Barriers and Building Futures”. Theme- Everyday Lives for Everyone. Discussions of advocacy, resilience, and building networks of natural support in your community. Certificates of attendance will be issued for The Everyday Lives Conference.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

### [2026 Everyday Lives Conference: Post- Conference for Individuals and Families](#)

**Date:** 5/16/2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Description:** An opportunity for individuals and family members to discuss Everyday Lives (EDL) presentation materials and form connections.

**Audience:** Individuals and Families

## [Family Medical Support Assistance \(FMSA\) Webinar for Professionals](#)

**Date:** 5/21/2026

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Description:** In 2022, the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) created a new waiver service, Family Medical Support Assistance (FMSA). ODP is scheduling webinars to explain what this service entails, how it programmatically works, and who it applies to. ODP is encouraging all professionals (providers, Supports Coordinators (SCs), Administrative Entities (AEs), and others who work with individuals and their families) to attend this webinar to learn about this waiver service. There will be time during the webinar for questions to be asked directly to ODP.

**Audience:** Professionals

## [The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services \(BBVS\) Overview of Supports and Services](#)

**Date:** 5/22/2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Description:** This training, provided by the Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS), will offer an overview of the wide range of supports and services that they provide to individuals who are blind or have a vision impairment. Additionally, the training will also highlight how individuals with vision loss can connect to BBVS's resources, as well as the process for receiving services.

**Audience:** All Interested Stakeholders

## [Family Medical Support Assistance \(FMSA\) Webinar for Individuals and Families](#)

**Date:** 5/29/2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Description:** In 2022, the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) created a new waiver service, Family Medical Support Assistance (FMSA). ODP is scheduling webinars to explain what this service entails, how it works, and who it applies to. ODP is encouraging individuals and families to attend this webinar to learn about this waiver service. There will be time during the webinar for questions to be asked directly to ODP.

ODP encourages professionals to share this webinar broadly with the individuals and families they support. Please note that this session is intended specifically for individuals and families. ODP is offering a separate session for professionals. A recording of the webinar will be made available on MyODP following the event.

**Audience:** Individuals and Families