

ODP SERVICES

A quick guide to the Office of Developmental Programs and services for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability, Autism, and Children with a Developmental Disability in Pennsylvania

What is ODP?

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) within the Department of Human Services is responsible for the oversight of intellectual and developmental disability services in Pennsylvania. Local County MH/ID Programs' verify program eligibility for services through ODP.



Program Eligibility

Must have a diagnosis of one of the following:

- Intellectual disability with a full scale IQ of 70 or below that occurred prior to the age of 22
- Autism diagnosis based on diagnostic tools that occurred prior to the age of 22
- Developmental disability between age 0 through 8 with a high probability of an intellectual disability or autism
- Medically complex condition between age 0 through 21 with a current medical evaluation from a licensed medical provider

And also have:

- Substantial adaptive skill deficits in 3 or more of these major life activities: self-care, understanding and use of receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living
- Intermediate care facility (ICF) level of care
- Medicaid eligibility (required for most services)



Where do I begin?

1. Make an appointment with your local County Office of Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID). If you need help locating your local county office, call ODP Customer Service Hotline at 1-888-565-9435.
2. Take documents to the appointment that will help establish that you are eligible for services. Some examples are medical, psychological, and school records.



What Happens Next?

Once program eligibility is determined, the County Office of Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID) will offer a choice of Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs). SCOs will assign a Supports Coordinator to help determine what services are needed and what resources are available to help plan for a good life, an everyday life.

