

ROADMAP FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICE

1. Contact your local county office to register for services.
2. Choose a Supports Coordination Organization (SCO).
3. Meet with your Supports Coordinator (SC) to discuss your service needs. The SC completes the PUNS paperwork.
4. The local county office determines who receives the waiver based on individuals with the most urgent need. Your Supports Coordinator will advocate for your service needs, but does not decide who receives the waiver.
5. If approved for waiver funding, your SC will contact you to help set up the services you need.
6. Just like SCs & SCOs, you can change your service providers at any time.
7. Your SC continues to monitor your services to ensure satisfaction.

For additional information about

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Family Guide Obtaining Services in the Intellectual Disabilities System



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SUPPORTS COORDINATION

WHAT IS A SUPPORTS COORDINATOR?

Supports Coordinators (SCs) are the connecting bridge between the person and the services and supports they need. SCs locate, coordinate, and monitor services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities and autism.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR SUPPORTS COORDINATION?

Register by calling your county Intellectual Disabilities office;

- Berks County: (610) 236-0530
- Bucks County: (215) 444-2850
- Chester County: (610) 344-6029
- Delaware County: (610) 713-2451
- Montgomery County: (610) 278-5666
- Philadelphia County: (215) 685-4677

If eligible, you choose a Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) and are provided with an SC.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Supports Coordination services are available from birth throughout life.
2. It's recommended that someone register with SC services by age 14, but people can register at any time.
3. You can change SCs and SCOs at anytime by calling the SCO or County Office.



WHAT IS A WAIVER?

A waiver is a Medicaid program that pays for needed services. These services can allow people to stay in their community and provide support in people's daily lives.

Services include, but are not limited to: supported employment, nursing, respite, transportation, companion, residential, and assistive technology.

HOW MANY WAIVERS ARE THERE?

There are 3 waivers in Pennsylvania under the IDD system:

- ◆ Person Family Direct Support Waiver (P/FDS)- \$33,000 annual cap for services
- ◆ Community Living Waiver- \$70,000 annual cap for services
- ◆ Consolidated Waiver- No set dollar cap

AM I GUARANTEED A WAIVER?

Unlike school, which is an entitlement system, the waiver is a needs-based system. The county determines who receives a waiver whenever funds become available.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A WAIVER?

Here are some of the eligibility criteria, but there may be additional documentation requirements, which vary by county.

- ◇ Enrollment in Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
- ◇ An annual physical with a diagnosis of intellectual disability or autism
- ◇ Assessment with either an IQ below 70 or an autism diagnosis noting 3 areas of need
- ◇ Financial eligibility- assets less than \$2,000 for SSI or \$8,000 for SSD.

APPLYING FOR A WAIVER

To apply for waiver, meet with your SC to determine what services are needed. Then, your SC completes the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) paperwork. Your SC can help determine in which category to put the PUNS-emergency, critical, or planning. The PUNS can be updated and changed at any time.

Additional financial and medical information are also required and vary by county. Your SC will assist with every step of the application process and answer any questions.