

# Supports Coordination

Within the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities System



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## Topics

- How to register for Supports Coordination Services
- What Supports Coordination is
- What a Supports Coordinator does



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## Sorting Through the Alphabet Soup

- ID= Intellectual Disability
- DD= Developmental Disability
- SC= Supports Coordinator
- SCO= Supports Coordination Organization
- MA= Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
- ISP= Individualized Support Plan



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## When to Register

- The sooner the better!
- Suggestion is by 14 years old
- ID, Autism, DD diagnosis



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## How to Register

- Contact your local County Office for an intake to register for services:
  - Berks County: (610) 236-0530
  - Bucks County: (215) 444-2800
  - Chester County: (610) 344-6265
  - Delaware County: (610) 713-2406
  - Montgomery County: (610) 278-5666
  - Philadelphia County: (215) 685-4677
- You will choose a Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) once registration is complete.



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## Supports Coordination Overview

- Ensure happiness, safety, & quality of life
- Bridge between the individual and their services/supports
- System navigation



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## SC's Key Functions

- **Locating** supports and services
- **Coordinating** these supports and services
- **Monitoring** to ensure needs are being met and services are being provided appropriately



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## Additional SC Functions

- Team leader and facilitator
- Document and keep records



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## ID Waiver

- Medicaid program that funds services
- Needs-based
- Waiting list
- Determining services



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## Entitlement vs Eligibility

- **School-age students**
- Education
- Environment
- Specially designed instruction
- Preparation for the future
- Related services

- **After graduation**
- Services not guaranteed
- Importance of advocacy and the SC having current information

• Source: PA Department of Education: Bureau of Special Education- PA Training and Technical Assistance Network



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## Waiver Application Process

Step 1: Team meeting to determine service needs

Examples of services:

- Supported Employment
- Transportation
- Residential
- Nursing
- In-Home and Community Supports
- Respite



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## Waiver Application Process

Step 2: Completing PUNS and paperwork

Categories of PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Needs)

- Emergency (within 6 months)
- Critical (within 2 years)
- Planning (2-5 years)



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## Waiver Application Process

Step 3: SC completes and submits paperwork to the county

- Medical
- Functional-levels
- Financial

SC schedules service tours/meetings



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## Waiver Application Process

Step 4: County determines who receives waiver

- Waiver approval, being in the queue
- SIS assessment (Supports Intensity Scale)
- Service intakes
- Updating ISP



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## ISP and Waiver

- Monitoring visits
- Service
- Annual ISP meeting
- Living document



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## No Waiver?

- Natural supports
- Contact local legislators
  - Google: "PA legislators"
  - Visit: <http://thearcpa.org/>
  - Or visit:  
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>
- SC services still available
- Alternative waivers



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## Questions

- Contact The Arc Alliance:  
610-265-4700
- Quality Improvement Mgr: Amanda Hundley:  
610-382-5831 [ahundley@thearcalliance.org](mailto:ahundley@thearcalliance.org)

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