

Eligibility for Intellectual Disability/Autism Services



Who is eligible for registration with the Allegheny County Office of Intellectual Disability (OID)?

Those who may be eligible to register with OID and then access Supports Coordination include:

- Individuals with intellectual disability
- Individuals with autism
- Children with developmental delays

For individuals with intellectual disability (ID) and / or autism the disability must be present by age 22. Everyone must meet all PA Department of Human Services (PA DHS) Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) established criteria. For complete eligibility criteria and requirements call 412-253-1250.

Those who qualify and are registered with OID receive Supports Coordination; **there is no waiting list for Supports Coordination services.** Your Supports Coordinator (SC) will help locate, coordinate, and monitor supports and services with you, including natural and community supports. If your assessed needs indicate that intellectual disability/autism system funding (a waiver) is required and a waiver becomes available to you, there may be additional eligibility requirements.

For more information on criteria for intellectual disability/autism services in Pennsylvania visit the PA DHS website, www.MyODP.org (PA DHS Office of Developmental Programs) and ASERT at www.paautism.org/

Find additional Fact Sheets at www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Disabilities/Intellectual-Disability.aspx

Are there different requirements to be eligible for an Intellectual Disability / Autism Waiver?

Yes, including that you must be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA), must not be receiving any other Waiver, and must meet financial eligibility. You will also need to have substantial limitation in three areas of major life activities and meet level of care (LOC) requirements . Your SC and OID will assist in your understanding of all eligibility requirements and guide you through any additional documentation needs.

Will I ever have to have my eligibility reviewed?

If you are receiving Waiver funding, your eligibility will be reviewed once a year by OID. You will receive a letter stating that this review has been completed, but you will not need to meet with anyone. Also, to retain waiver services, you must utilize them as stated in your Individual Support Plan (ISP) and remain eligible for Medical Assistance (MA).

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What is a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability (ID) ?

You must have a standardized intelligence and adaptive functioning test completed and signed by a licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, psychiatrist, or licensed physician who practice psychiatry. The results of the test must state:

- An IQ score (70 or below)
- An ID diagnosis
- Level of ID (mild, moderate, severe, or profound)
- Documentation must show that the onset of these conditions of intellectual and adaptive functioning occurred before your 22nd birthday
- Adaptive behavior assessment (typically the ABAS-II, SIB-R or the VABS-II) showing significant limitations in meeting the standards of maturity, learning, personal independence, or social responsibility of the individual's age and cultural group and substantial limitation in two or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - communication
 - self-care
 - home living
 - social/interpersonal skills
 - use of community resources
 - self-direction
 - functional academic skills
 - work
 - leisure
 - health and safety