

Children with Medical Complexities

Office of Developmental Programs
ISAC Meeting

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All children should have the opportunity to grow up in a family home within their community.





Governor's
commitment
to supporting
**Vulnerable
Populations**

DHS initiative
to use a
**“systems
approach”** to
understanding
the challenges
families are
facing

DHS

OMAP

Managed Care
Offices
Special Needs Units

Fee for Service

ODP

Bureau of
Community
Services

Bureau of Supports
for Autism and
Special Populations

OCYF

Medical Foster
Care

OLTL

Community
Health Choices

OBRA Waiver

OCDEL

Early
Intervention
Services

OMHSAS

Children's
Behavioral
Health Services



Ensure the health and welfare of children in facilities

Provide children living in facilities with the opportunity
for family life

Strengthen services to families to care for children
through age 21, reduce risk and prevent facility
admissions

DHS Accomplishments



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

50 Waiver Slots

Established a Statewide Coordinator

Established Department Wide Collaboration & Communication

Enhanced Licensing Inspection Teams

Monitoring of Children in Pediatric Facilities

Established Relationships with Hospitals

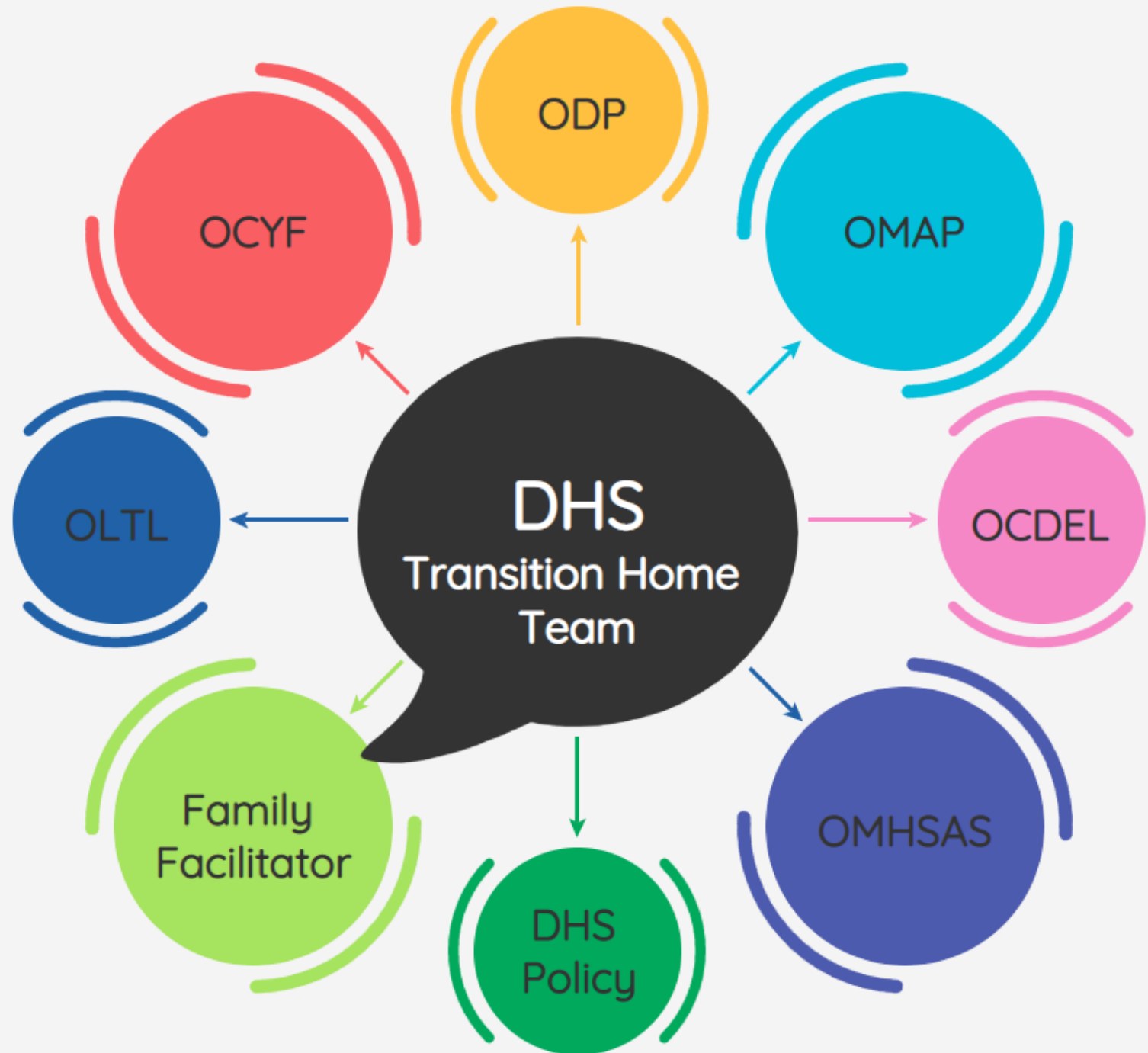
Family Facilitator

- **Work with families** to assist in planning for their child's return home from the hospital or residential facility.
- **Work with the child's system of care** including facilities, hospitals, physicians, the managed care organization, the early intervention program, county CYF, county ID/A programs and providers to plan for ongoing supports to the family.



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Transition Home Team



What we learned in 2020:

Children in Pediatric Facilities:

- Roughly 227 children living in facilities
- Roughly 47% have lived there for less than 3 years
- Roughly 42% have lived there between 3-10 years
- Roughly 11% have lived there longer than 10 years

Admissions:

- Less than 40 admissions in 2020
- Half were from hospitals (most under the age of 5) and
- Half were from family homes or foster homes (most over age 5)

Discharges:

- Less than 40 discharges in 2020
- The shorter the stay and the younger the child, the more likely the child will go home.



6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide (published February 2020)
6100 Regulatory Compliance Guide (coming later in 2020)

DHS Bulletin on Registering Children with County ID
Agencies

Waiver Modifications to Include Children with Medical
Complexities (target date 2022)

Questions??