

Information Sharing and Advisory Committee (*ISAC*)

Update: **Recommendation #12**

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Recommendation 12: Provide Community Services to Everyone



People with disabilities - whether living on their own, with families, or in institutions - are waiting for community services. The goal is to build a system having the capacity to provide services in a timely fashion for all people who need supports.

Overview



Review of Strategies:

#3. Conduct ongoing training on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) instrument for individuals, families, SC and AEs

#5. Develop expertise within AEs and SCOs and provide training for AEs and SCOs to navigate the criminal justice system to support diversion and improve outcomes for those who are arrested.

#7. Provide outreach and communication to autism community about the expanded eligibility in ODP Program

Strategy #3



Conduct ongoing training on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) instrument for individuals, families, SC and AEs.

Available training:

- Webinar developed Jan 2019 - Updating the PUNS Form and Process
- [Course: Supports Coordination Organization Education Webinars, Topic: Session #21 Updating the Prioritization of Urgency of Needs \(PUNS\) Form and Process Webinar \(myodp.org\)](#)
- PAFN discusses the PUNS in all Waiver Workshops
- PAFN and Temple University collaborated on training for PUNS for families

Strategy #5



- Develop expertise within AEs and SCOs and provide training for AEs and SCOs to navigate the criminal justice system to support diversion and improve outcomes for those who are arrested.

Justice Map Training and Distribution:

- Alleghany County Disability and Justice Workgroup
- DD Committee at PACA MH/DS.
- CJJ (Coalition for Juvenile Justice) Annual Conference
- RCPA (Rehabilitation & Community Providers Association) Conference
- Statewide Positive Practices Meeting
- JCJC (Juvenile Court Judges Commission) Conference
- Achieva Justice Workgroup
- ASD Seminar

Strategy #5 (cont)



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Justice Map Resources and Training Materials:

- ["Law Enforcement- Risk Domain" infographic](#)
- [Justice PREZI](#)
- [Utilized for ASERT's infographic development for Justice resources collection](#)

The current version of the map is Autism specific, directed to supporters. However, there are plans to make additional versions in the upcoming future.

Strategy #7



- Provide outreach and communication to autism community about the expanded eligibility in ODP Program

ODP has continued outreach efforts to those individuals on the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) list to encourage them to have their eligibility determined at their county/AE

- On July 1, 2022, letters were sent out to all individuals ages 18-22 on the current AAW list who have not yet had their eligibility determined.
- ODP continues to conduct individualized outreach to the individuals that are at the top of the AAW list in each region to ensure that their eligibility is determined so that when an AAW slot becomes available the enrollment process can begin immediately.

Strategy #7 (cont)

In January 2020, ODP began transitioning 2,228 individuals on the AAW interest list to ODP's waiting list, so that eligible individuals could be assessed for their urgency of need and prioritized accordingly for waiver enrollment.

- As of September 2022:
 - 537 of the 2,228 individuals are no longer on the AAW interest list due to their enrollment in a waiver, no longer being interested, or no longer meeting the eligibility requirements.
 - 445 of the 1,691 remaining individuals from the AAW interest list have completed their eligibility determination and are currently on the ODP waiting list.*
 - 1,246 of the 1,691 remaining individuals from the AAW list are pending transition to the ODP waiting list, upon completion of the process for determining eligibility.