

ISAC Recommendation #12: Provide Community Services to Everyone



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| <p>1. Individuals, self-advocates, and families with intellectual disability or autism should receive: supports coordination service; information about local resources and services (e.g. OVR, Medicaid, aging, housing supports, income supports); information to connect with family and self-advocacy support organizations; and Family Support Service (FSS) using Base and block grant funding.</p> <p>Supports coordination should provide individuals, self-advocates, and families with tools and support to create a vision of an everyday life that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Considers factors in an everyday life: daily and community living, social and spirituality, healthy lifestyles, security, and advocacy; b. Builds on the personal strengths, interests, relationships, resources, and opportunities within the person’s and family’s lives; and c. Serves as the overall framework for incorporating publicly funded services to support an everyday life. | <p>Expanded eligibility for targeted supports management to include people with autism only.</p> <p>Launched regional collaboratives to build capacity for embedding lifecourse framework.</p> <p>Contract with PA Family Network to provide and coordinate family advisors statewide</p> <p>Contract with Self-Advocate Power Network</p> <p>Developed and provide training on lifecourse – available face-to face and via web.</p> | <p>Retain</p> |
| <p>2. Expand service system capacity to be able to provide employment services, in home supports and community participation services to individuals and self-advocates with intellectual</p> | <p>Expanded eligibility for waivers and targeted supports management to people with autism only.</p> | <p>Revise</p> <p>Expand service system capacity to be able to provide employment services, in home supports and community participation</p> |

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| <p>disabilities or autism within 90 days of their eligibility determination. In the process of building capacity, prioritize and reserve capacity for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. High school graduates to begin services 30 days prior to graduation. b. People on the emergency list who have a caregiver over the age of 60. c. People who have caregivers who are unable to take care of their family member due to illness or an unanticipated life situation. | <p>Implemented new Community Living Waiver 1/1/18.</p> <p>During Governor Wolf’s first term, more than \$267 million was invested in expanding services to 4,560 individuals previously waiting for services.</p> <p>PUNS was revised to better capture who may need residential and caregiver status.</p> | <p>services to individuals and self-advocates with intellectual disabilities or autism within 90 days of their eligibility determination. In the process of building capacity, prioritize and reserve capacity for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school graduates to begin services 30 days prior to graduation. • People who have caregivers who are unable to take care of their family member due to illness or an unanticipated life situation. |
| <p>3. Improve the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) instrument and process to more accurately identify individuals with ID or autism in need of supports and services and the types of services needed. The work should be done with the advice of a stakeholder work group.</p> | <p>Revisions completed and implementation began 2/2019</p> | <p>Revise</p> <p>Conduct training on changes in the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) instrument (1) for individuals, families, SC and AEs and (2) for SCs on facilitating discussion to inform the PUNS.</p> |
| <p>4. All individuals waiting for services will have their eligibility for ODP Medicaid waivers determined.</p> | <p>Proposed amendments to the Adult Autism Waiver will be available for public comment in fall of 2019.</p> <p>Target Supports Management eligibility was expanded to include autism only.</p> | <p>Remove</p> |
| <p>5. ODP will provide instruction to professionals in the criminal justice system to minimize arrest.</p> | <p>- Participation on the Mental Health Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC)</p> | <p>Revise</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating information and generating interactive, supportive resources for judges, including the Judges Bench Book - Developing training content for Trial Judges Conference -February 2020 - Promotion and dissemination of existing ASERT Justice resources - Developing new resources for individuals and families focused on diversion and how to navigate the justice system - Developing strategic plan to guide and prioritize future training activities in the criminal justice system using the “Intercept” framework. - Provided targeted training and outreach to criminal justice professionals at the state and local levels | <p>ODP will provide training and technical assistance in the law enforcement and criminal justice systems to promote diversion and improve outcomes for those who are arrested</p> |
| <p>6. ODP will issue an annual report on progress in addressing the waiting list.</p> | | <p>Retain but implement through creating a separate report on waiting list progress.</p> |

New Strategies and/or Strategies that have been implemented but were not included in the original 2016 list

1. Provide outreach and communication to autism community about the expanded eligibility in ODP Programs

Number of People On and Off the Waiting List Compared to Number of People on the Waiting List

