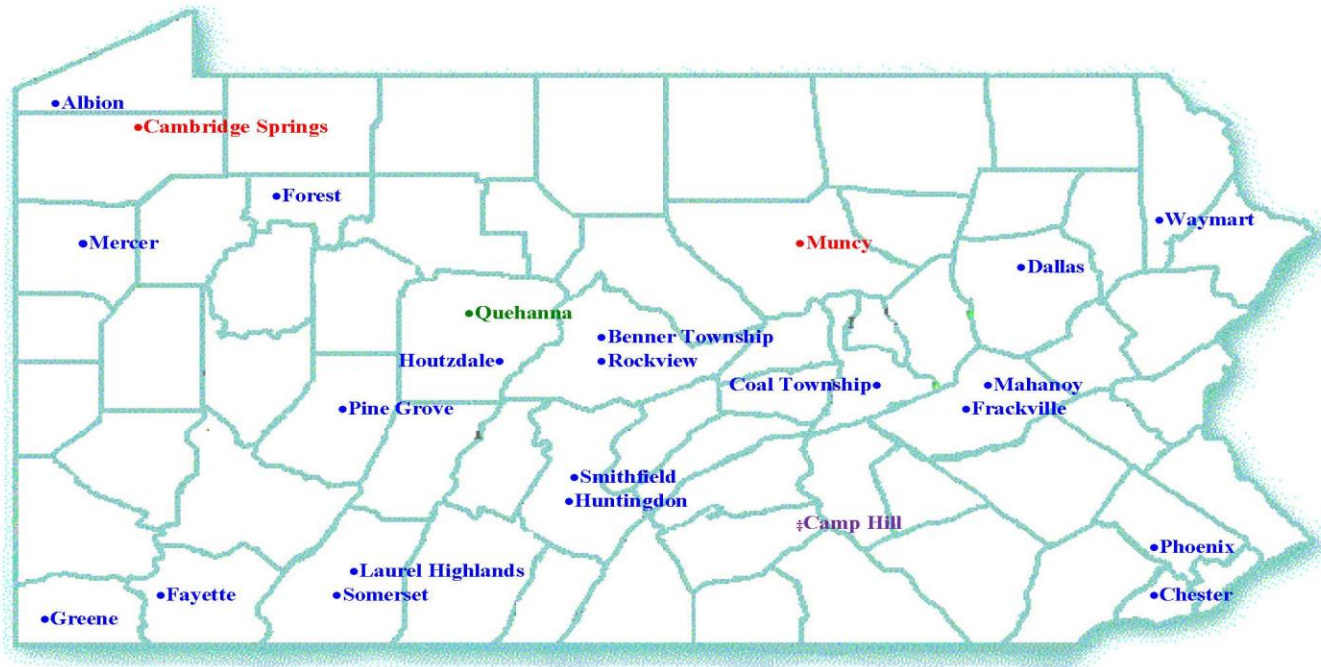




Identification and Assessment of IDD and ASD

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State Correctional Institutions (SCI)



•Male Institution •Female Institution ⚡Young Adult Offender Institution •Co-ed Institution

Locations depicted on map are approximate

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State Correctional Institutions (SCI)

- 23 SCI's
- Quehanna Boot Camp
- 13 SCI's Designated as D-Roster
- 2 Female SCI's
- SCI-Camp Hill is designated as Diagnostic Classification Center (DCC) for males
- SCI-Muncy is designated as DCC for females



Classification Process

- Psychology Classification process
 - Clinical Interview
 - Group IQ Testing (BETA IV)
 - Personality Assessment (PAI)
 - Review of outside records
 - MH/ID Roster Code assigned
- Custody Code and Offense-Based Programming assigned

MH/ID Roster Classification

- “A” Roster – An individual has no identified psychiatric/IDD or ASD needs or history of psychiatric treatment.
- “B” Roster (Inactive Roster)– An individual has an identified history of psychiatric treatment (other than SMI or ID history), but no current need for psychiatric treatment and does not require follow-up/support from Psychology on a regular basis.
- “C” Roster (Active Roster) – An individual is currently receiving psychological treatment but may or may not be receiving psychiatric (psychotropic medications) treatment and is not currently diagnosed with an SMI, or functional impairment and does not have an IDD, and/or ASD or is not Guilty But Mentally Ill (GBMI).
- “D” Roster (Active SMI)– An individual is currently diagnosed with an SMI, IDD, ASD, credible functional impairment, or is GBMI.

MH/ID Roster Classification

Mental Health/Intellectual Disability (MH/ID) classification rosters: A. B. C. D.

Total Male Population:	36,028	or	95%
Total Female Population:	1928	or	5%
Total Population:	37,956		
Males on MH/ID (C+D) Roster:	12,935/36,028		= 36%
Females on MH/ID (C+D) Roster:	1226/1928		= 63%
Total MH/ID (C+D) Roster:	14,161/37,956		= 37%
Seriously Mentally Ill (D) Males:	2547/36,028		= 7%
Seriously Mentally Ill (D) Females:	283/1928		= 15%
Total Seriously Mentally Ill Patients:	2830/37,956		= 7%

Data as of 12.31.2024



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Psychology Services

- Services to individuals with mental illness
- Crisis Services to all incarcerated individuals
- Assessment – classification, risk and treatment needs, some employee assessment
- Suicide Risk Assessments/Prevention/Training/Clinical Reviews (QI & QA)
- Therapy – group and individual
- Individual Treatment Planning –Psychiatric Review Team
- Offense based treatment –Sex Offender Programming
- Various institutional specialty teams



► Identification and Assessment of IDD and ASD

- All newly received individuals into PA DOC are seen by Psychology same day or within 72 hours for completion of Initial Mental Health Questionnaire
- In addition to MH and Substance abuse history, directly inquiring about ever being diagnosed with IDD or ASD
- Inquire about who/where diagnosed
- Obtaining community records to support diagnosis



Identification and Assessment of IDD

- In addition to clinical interview and requesting outside records, individuals are administered BETA-IV
- If IQ is 70 or below, administer WASI or WAIS, along with Adaptive Functioning Assessment (Vineland or ABAS) to rule-in/rule-out IDD
- Diagnosis given by Licensed Psychologist



Identification and Assessment of ASD

- In addition to clinical interview and requesting outside records, individuals are administered Autism Quotient-10 (Allison, C., Auyeung, B., and Baron-Cohen, S., 2012) as initial screener
 - If AQ-10 score is 6 or above, refer to Psychology for further review/assessment
- AQ-50 (Baron-Cohen, S., Wheelwright, R. Skinner, J. Martin, and E. Clubley, 2001) and diagnostic interview utilizing DSM 5 criteria to rule-in/rule-out ASD
- Diagnosis given by Licensed Psychologist

Individuals Diagnosed with IDD or ASD

- Less than 1% of total population for both ASD and IDD
- Data as of 1.29.2025

Gender	ID (F70, F71, F79)	ASD (84.0, 84.0A, 84.0AA, 84.0B)	Total
Males	164	48	212
Females	11	4	15
Total	175	52	227



Identification and Assessment of IDD and ASD

- If diagnosed with IDD or ASD, made “D” on MH/ID Roster
- Housed at D-roster facility
- Least-restrictive option considered first
 - General Population
- If increased level of care needed
 - Psychiatric Review Team (PRT) discussion
 - Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) consideration
 - Neurodevelopmental Unit (NRTU) consideration

Residential Treatment Unit

- Increased mental health contacts from Psychology and Psychiatry
- At least 35 hours of group programming per week
- Medication delivered to unit or separate med line
- Separate outdoor yard



➤ Neurodevelopmental Residential Treatment Unit

- Individual has demonstrated need for targeted supports beyond a typical RTU (e.g., patterns of clinically significant impairments or adaptive deficits, etc., which are believed to be a result of the Neurodevelopmental disorder)
- Individuals will be referred to PRT to determine if an individual meets criterion and requires this level of targeted mental health service
- Diagnosis must be fully supported with records from school and/or community and all testing (e.g. AQ, IQ, Adaptive Functioning) must be complete



➤ Neurodevelopmental Residential Treatment Unit

- The unit team strives to get to know their individuals assigned to the NRTU to identify ways they can help with specific needs
- The first "look" at an individual is through their initial paperwork completed in their "Orientation Paperwork" to include the completion of the "All About Me" and "Favorite Things" sheet
- Assess answers for therapeutic themes as well as level of functioning to include readiness skills such as writing and reading competencies
- Focus of NRTU
 - Recovery,
 - Wellness,
 - Skill-Building for Neuro-divergent individuals













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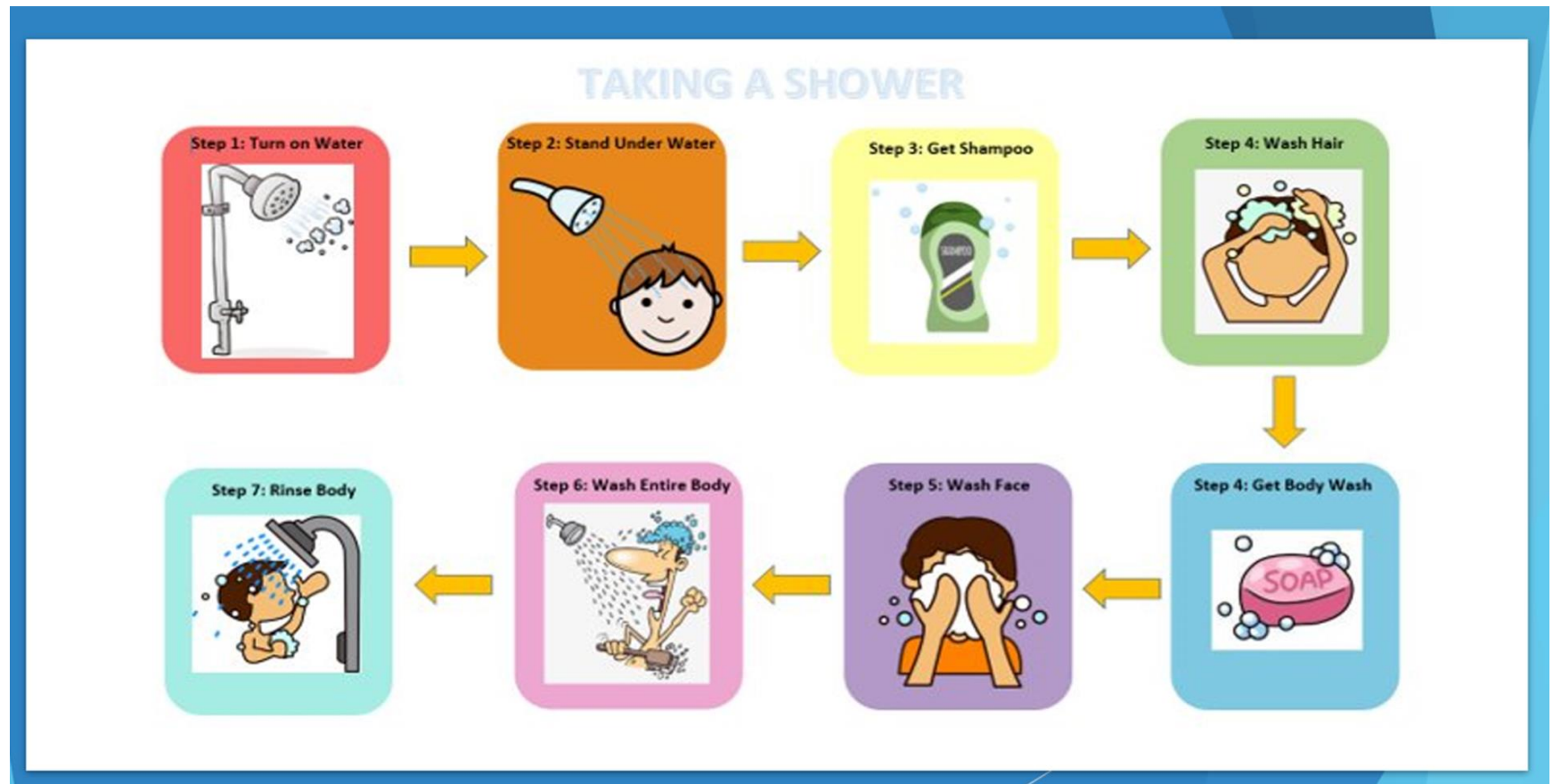


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PECS Daily Schedule



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Thank You

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