

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania

We help people improve their quality of life through work and related services.



Disability Services **Waiver Implementation Updates**

Office of Developmental Programs

July 1, 2017

Reason for Changes in Services

- Recent enforcement by the U.S. Department of Justice of the Olmstead decision (based upon the Americans with Disabilities Act) requiring that employment and vocational services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities occur in the most integrated setting possible.
- Adoption of an Employment First model by the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP.) According to ODP's published Futures Planning goals, Pennsylvania will be an Employment First State. This means that while workshops are still allowable in Pennsylvania, they are expected to be limited or disallowed eventually.

Reason for Change

- The recently passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 requires that any participant under the age of 24 may only have prevocational services authorized as a new service in their individual support plan when documentation has been obtained that OVR has closed the participant's case or that the participant has been determined ineligible for OVR service.
- Recently, younger individuals with I/DD have been mainstreamed in school and have had more opportunities to participate in their communities, meaning that the market for the traditional sheltered workshop program model is going to shrink significantly in coming years.

Reason for Change

- The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) submission of renewals of the Consolidated and P/FDS The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) submission of renewals of the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) were approved by CMS on June 28, 2017 to be effective July 1, 2017. Significant changes to the waivers include community participation support, which sets requirements for the amount of time participants spend in community and facility based programming. Training and certification requirements for staff are also included.

Center for Medicaid Services (CMS)

Federal oversight of services for individuals with disabilities. Sets the standards for services

Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)

State oversight of services for individuals with disabilities. Determines how the standards will be implemented (service definitions/rates)

Administrative Entity (AE)

Local county oversight. Provides technical assistance for the implementation of standards.

GOVERNING ENTITIES

New services should result in the person:

- Increasing potential for employment;
- Developing and sustaining a range of valued social roles and relationships;
- Building natural supports;
- Increasing independence; and
- Experiencing meaningful community participation and inclusion.

What's Changing

Pre-Vocational Services (2390 regulations)

Workshop

Adult Training Facility (2380 regulations) Curriculum based skill development in independence, daily living and job readiness

Aspire

Home and Community Hab. (unlicensed)

Elderberry Junction

Community Now!

100% community activities

Transformed to the fully integrated Donation Processing Center. Participants are now employees of Goodwill's Retail Division.

Community Participation

Providers must be prepared to offer community activities no less than 25% of the participant's time in the program.

Community Participation Supports

This service involves participation in integrated community settings, in activities that involve persons without disabilities who are not paid or unpaid caregivers.

Volunteering

Community Outings

Senior Centers

Community Classes

Senior Games

Available Training

**Transitional
Employment**



**Small Group
Employment**

Food Service
Housekeeping
Construction Junction
Retail

