...so How Do I Register with the Intellectual Disability (ID) System?

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Why Do I Need to Register for Intellectual Disability (ID) Services?

In order for the state to plan and fund services and supports for people across Pennsylvania, it is important that the County ID Program offices and State Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) know you exist and that you need some type of support or service. You cannot receive Supports Coordination or funding for services and supports or be placed on the Waiting List for services unless you are registered with the County ID Program office.

How Do I Register for Intellectual Disability (ID) Services?

There are several simple steps you need to take in order to register with the ID system:

1. The Blue Pages of your telephone book list your County Program under Human Services or Intellectual Disability Services.
2. Call your County Program to register. They will set up an appointment with you to gather all of the needed information.

What Will Happen at Registration? What Do I Need to Bring with Me?

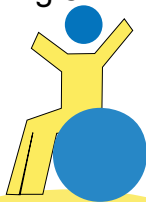You will be asked to bring information and documents with you including:

➤ Social Security Card (if you have one)
➤ Birth Certificate
➤ Proof of Address
➤ MA Card (if you have one—also referred to as Medicaid, Access Card, Medical Assistance)

The County Intellectual Disability Program representative will ask you to sign a *Release of Information* form. This form authorizes the County to obtain medical records, including a psychological assessment, and other supporting documents. If you need assistance with finding an evaluator to do the psychological assessment, your County can help you find someone or you may be able to use documentation from your school records.

How Do I Qualify for Intellectual Disability (ID) Services?

Eligibility for ID services is determined by the County ID program based on the following criteria:

1. Onset of disability must have been prior to 22nd birthday

2. Full scale IQ at least two standard deviations below mean (i.e., at or below 70)

3. Significant limitations in at least two of the following skill areas:

- Communication
- Social/Interpersonal Skills
- Self-care
- Self-direction
- Leisure
- Functional Academic Skills
- Work
- Health
- Safety
- Home Living
- Use of Community Resource

You will be notified about your eligibility determination within 30 days of receipt of the needed information at the County Program office. The letter should explain whether or not you are eligible, and if you are not, why not. You can appeal the eligibility decision (as per ODP Bulletin #00-08-05).

What Happens after I Register?

Once you are considered eligible and are registered, you are entitled to a Supports Coordinator. Your Supports Coordinator is your primary link to the Intellectual Disability (ID) system. Your Supports Coordinator will:

- Get to know you and your needs
- Help you apply for Medical Assistance (MA) if you don't have an MA Card
- Help you fill out the Home and Community Based or ICF Application and Service Delivery Preference form
- Complete the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services form (PUNS) with you
- Help you develop an Individual Support Plan (ISP) to get the services you need
- Find out if funds are available for the services you need
- Locate, apply for, coordinate, and monitor services and supports
- Get further information that you need or want

Where Can I Get More Information?

The PA Training Partnership for People with Disabilities and Families is available to answer questions about the ID system. For more information, please call 1-866-865-6170 or visit www.TheTrainingPartnership.org.

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