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To kick off the Be Safe Resource Collection, ASERT created the [**Ask, Listen, Respect Pledge in 2018**](#). ASERT called on family members, caregivers, and support staff to pledge that they will respect and promote the body autonomy of individuals they care for.

This year, ASERT will also be promoting the [**Be Safe Resource Collection**](#) in honor of April's Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month



and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Be Safe Resource Collection aims to provide resources and knowledge to individuals, caregivers, and professionals about the prevention of sexual abuse and sexual assault of individuals with autism.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

I pledge to...

- ASK an individual before touching them when providing support.
- LISTEN to what the individual says and empower them to make choices about their body.
- RESPECT the individual's choice about their body.



Announcements

ASD SEMINAR 2019; Being an Informed Supporter: What You Should Know About Autism

Registration is open for a free statewide professional training: *Being an Informed Supporter: What You Should Know About Autism* by the Office of Developmental Programs/Bureau of Autism Services (ODP/BAS) Clinical Team.

Offered in four locations around the state, during April and early May. Details available on MyODP, [Announcement 19-026](#).

2017-2018 Annual Data Report

ODP has published the 2017-2018 Annual Data Report, which is available online via the MyODP and the Department of Human Services websites. [The 2017-2018 Annual Data Report](#) is a good companion to the annual report *Everyday Lives: Values in Action Information, Sharing and Advisory Committee (ISAC) Recommendations, Strategies, and Performance Measures*.

Click Here for ASD Seminar Registration!

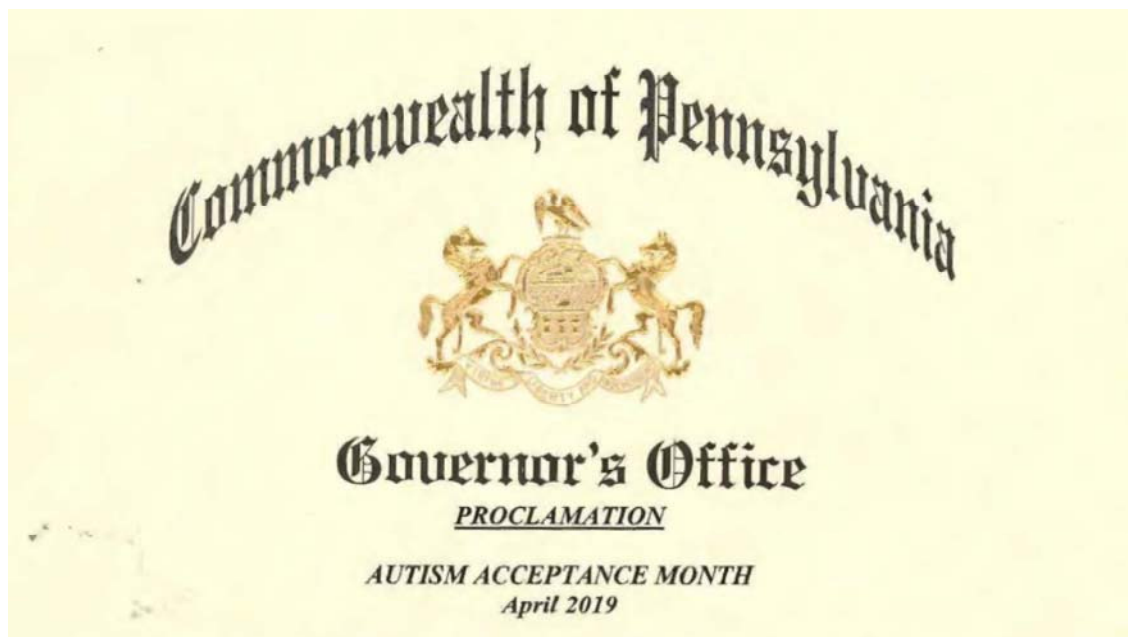
April 9th
Montgomery County
Community College

April 17th
East Stroudsburg University

April 22
PA Child Welfare Training
Center (CWTC)

May 7
Community College of
Beaver County

Governor's Proclamation This Year's Autism Acceptance Month!

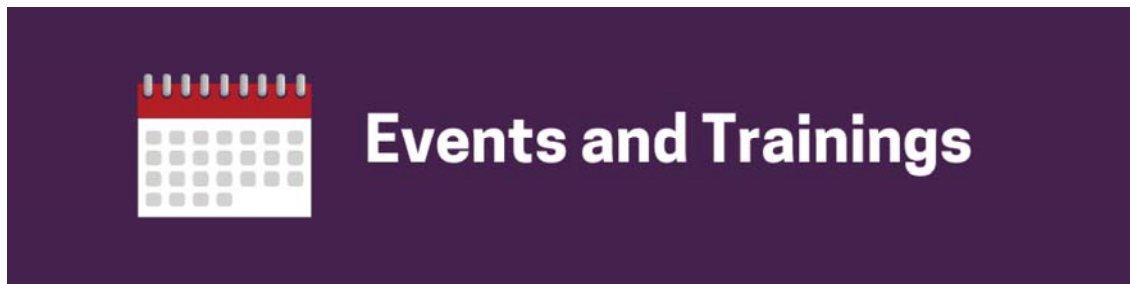


Quality Assessment & Improvement Process Training

With the implementation of the Quality Assessment & Improvement Process in July 2017, each Administrative Entity is expected to have one staff person who is ODP Quality Management Certified on its provider review team. To meet this demand, ODP is offering four classes in the spring of 2019. These classes are located throughout the Commonwealth to make them more accessible. Please read [ODP Announcement 19-004](#) for details on the application process.

Stay Connected!

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Featured Events

4/2/19- [Creating a Vision for a Good Life, Lebanon County](#)

4/2/19- [Creating a Vision for a Good Life After High School, Luzerne County](#)

4/2/19- [Introduction to Autism for Parents and Caregivers](#)

4/2/19- [World Autism Awareness Day](#)

4/3/19- [A Snapshot of Transition: Picture Your Future!](#)

4/4/19- [Autism Society Of Pittsburgh Annual Capstone Assembly](#)

4/5/19- [Temple University: Competence and Confidence Partners in Policymaking](#)

4/6/19- [A-Team Spring-Ford Family Fun Day & Resource Fair](#)

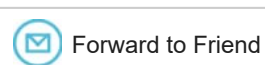


Be Safe Resource Collection

The Be Safe Resource Collection is comprised of infographics, social stories, eLearning courses and other resource materials focused on the prevention of sexual abuse as well as intervention strategies to support individuals who experience abuse.



Help us spread the word!



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