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The Community Autism Peer Specialist (CAPS) training pairs an individual with autism who has completed a peer support training program with other individuals with autism to achieve personal wellness and community integration goals. See what a few of the specialist-in-training have to say about the program!

"The curriculum that was developed for the CAPS program should not be exclusively taught to those with autism. These skills and lessons should be taught to all students." -Matthew Walsh

"I believe that CAPS has changed the way I think about my future. Just three weeks ago I never thought that I would be interested in becoming a peer specialist. Now I realize the impact that one can make. I highly recommend this training to anyone with autism seeking to find out more about themselves." – Luke Tomczuk

“The training was more of an adjustment because there were so many things that were changing, I mean shoot...there were even times where we made rules and it had to be to changed because the topics in training gave us an 'Aha!' moment. I feel as though this will be the main thing that'll encounter in various sessions with our mentees. We will meet, we will adjust, and we will change.” - Khyliil Robinson



Announcements

Provider Profiles Now on MyODP

ODP has launched the [Online Provider Profiles](#), a key effort to continuously improve quality and choice for individuals and families. Provider Profiles consist of a provider Summary developed and submitted by the provider and a provider Data Display showing the provider's performance in supporting individuals and families.

Electronic Visit Verification Requirements

Beginning in September 2019, DHS will roll out statewide EVV training to include 32 face to face trainings and a considerable number of webinars. Training details are still being finalized and will be disseminated by ODP at a future date. The next stakeholder meeting regarding EVV is Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

12th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) for Professionals
"PATC: Interact 2019"



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

TO REGISTER:

- Login or create an account on [MyODP](#). (To create an account go to www.myodp.org/login/index.php and follow the instructions.)
- Once you are logged in, under the **Trainings** tab, choose **All Autism Trainings**. Then select **PA Autism Training Conference (PATC) 2019**.
- You can go directly to the registration page with this link: <https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1508>
- Choose: **Click Here to Register**. This link will open a new window and take you to an external site.
- There you will be able to choose the days and the breakout sessions you want to attend, and pay by credit card, or indicate that you will be paying by check.

LOCATION: Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, 25 South Queen St, Lancaster, PA
Hotel Reservations: There will be a room block at the Lancaster Marriott with a special rate for PATC attendees. The rate will include free overnight self-parking in the Marriott garage. The link for hotel room reservations will be available shortly.

OVR Now Has Waiting List, ODP Offers Updates

As of July 1, 2019, OVR is operating under a closed Order of Selection. This means OVR now has a waiting list for new customers referred after 7/1/19. Because of this, some employment-related services can be accessed through ODP without a referral to OVR. ODP is providing guidance regarding employment-related services during this period when OVR's order of selection is closed.

Bulletin 00-19-02, [OVR Referrals During a Period when OVR's Order of Selection is Closed](#).

Attachment 1 – [ODP Referral Table for ODP Employment Services – 7/1/19](#)

Attachment 2 – [Process for Employment Services](#)



Events and Trainings

Featured Events

8.10.19 - [Little Lake Theater Sensory-Friendly](#)

- 8.11.19 - [4th Annual Autism Awareness Fun Day](#)
- 8.12.19 - [Autism Resource Fair: Free Library of Philadelphia](#)
- 8.13.19 - [Children's Museum of Pittsburgh: Sensory Friendly Afternoon](#)
- 8.14.19 - [PA ABLE: Learn about the PA ABLE Savings Program](#)
- 8.17.19 - [Spectrum Friends: PA Renaissance Faire](#)
- 8.21-23.19 - [National Sexual Assault Conference](#)
- 8.21-22.19 - [PA Dual Diagnosis Conference](#)
- 8.24.19 - [Autism Society NWPA: Get Air Trampoline Park](#)
- 8.25.19 - [Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University](#)
- 8.27.19 - [Creating a Vision for a Good Life: Wayne County](#)

[Click here for a full list of events.](#)



[Tips for Preparing for the New School Year](#)

With the end of summer quickly approaching, most parents have both a sense of relief and dread. The start of a new school year can sometimes bring about feelings of stress as to what the new year might bring. Here are a few ideas that might help prepare you and your child for a successful start to the school year.



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