RECOMMENDATION #1: ASSURE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Every person needs to have an effective way to communicate in order to express choice and ensure health and safety.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Expanded services & more people using them.

COMMUNICATION
Those who don’t communicate effectively through speech:

- Have a formal communication system in place: 32%
- Have a system, it works, and the system is in use: 90%

**Data from the Annual Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q) Survey FY 2015-2016

MORE ACCESS TO ASL SERVICE
Providers can request program exemptions in order to employ staff fluent in American Sign Language to work with participants who are deaf. Previously, these “Enhanced Communication Rates” were only available to participants in the Consolidated Waiver.

HELP FROM SPECIALISTS
Communication Specialist Services were added to Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers. These services support participants and caregivers who have nontraditional communication needs. Participants can receive up to 40 hours per year.

EDUCATION SUPPORT
Classes in American sign language, visual gesture communication, and others are covered for participants who are deaf.
RECOMMENDATION #2: PROMOTE SELF-DIRECTION, CHOICE, AND CONTROL

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Personal choice and control over all aspects of life must be supported for every person.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Greater participant utilization of self-direction opportunities.

PARTICIPANT-DIRECTED GOODS AND SERVICES
Addition of services to P/FDS Waiver to promote/maintain inclusion in the community, promote participant independence, increase participant safety at home, and develop/maintain personal, social, physical, or work-related skills.

CERTIFICATIONS
ODP began requiring supports brokers to complete an ODP-approved certification course.

PEOPLE USING SERVICES
Individuals who use Participant-Directed Services

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** Data from HCSIS 9/30/17
RECOMMENDATION #3: INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? The benefits of employment for people with disabilities are significant and are the same for people without disabilities.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE

More opportunities for individuals with a disability to be employed.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICE DEFINITIONS

Consolidated and P/FDS waivers now have four employment service definitions approved. Service definitions include Advanced Supported Employment (Outcome-Based Service), Supported Employment, Small Group Employment (formerly Transitional work), and benefits counseling.

EMPLOYMENT

Are there employment opportunities for all individuals in their communities?

- People who currently have a paying job in the community: 16%
- People who would like to have a paying job in the community: 35%

**Data from NCI PA Adult Consumer Survey FY 2015-2016

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) states that OVR must hire or identify at least one counselor to work specifically with individuals with a disability.

PROVIDER TRAINING

Fifty-five providers completed Provider Transformation Leadership Boot Camp. Discovery/customized employment training has become widely available throughout the commonwealth.
**RECOMMENDATION #4:** SUPPORT FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?** Listening to people with disabilities and their families is key to providing supports that help them achieve an everyday life.

**IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE**
Provided resources to help people with disabilities and their families live everyday lives.

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**PA FAMILY NETWORK**
Through this network 20 family members fully trained to teach LifeCourse Framework, workshops & activities reached nearly 6,100 people and touched more than 150 people though individualized mentoring.

**JOINED NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**
PA developed 25 regional collaboratives to support families while building integrated supports through relationships and community-based resources.

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**INCREASED INFORMATION NETWORK**
Created more pathways to communicate including social media accounts, electronic newsletters, myODP, and collaboration with system partners.

**FAMILY SUPPORT**
Do family members receive enough information about services to understand and help plan for their family?

- **Family members receive** enough information that helps them participate in planning services for their family: 78%
- **Family members report** that information about services is easy to understand: 79%

**Data from NCI PA Adult Family Survey FY 2015-2016**
RECOMMENDATION #5: PROMOTE HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Promoting physical and mental health, wellness, and personal safety can help individuals live the best lives possible.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE

Provided resources for individuals to better understand how to care for themselves.

ADDITION OF WAIVER SERVICES

Consolidated and P/FDS waivers include nutritional consultation and therapy services including art, music, and equine.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY UNITS (HCQU)

These entities developed outreach materials to promote wellness to individuals and self-advocates living with families and people on the waiting list. Outreach includes Day of Wellness, good nutrition, exercise DVDs, online trainings, and health fairs.

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

76%
Individuals who routinely engage in regular physical activity

29%
Individuals with normal (healthy) weight

66%
Individuals who are overweight/obese

**Data from NCI PA Adult Consumer Survey FY 2015-2016**
RECOMMENDATION #6: SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Opportunities for a full community life are dependent on adequate supports and the commitment to build capacity within the larger human services delivery system.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Provided more opportunities for individuals with complex needs to receive community care.

MORE SERVICES INTEGRATED IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS
The Consolidated Waiver now includes behavioral support and nursing services as part of residential services to provide higher quality, more integrated service for individuals with complex needs.

RATE CHANGE
The payment structure for residential services has changed to better support people with complex needs through needs-based fee structure.

CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE LAUNCHED
Fifty-one attendees participated from the government and private sector with the goal of bettering how the ODP and OMHSAS delivery systems work together as a whole.

PROVIDING SUPPORT
The number of people who use behavioral support services

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**Data from PROMISe paid claims 10/23/17**
RECOMMENDATION #7: DEVELOP AND SUPPORT QUALIFIED STAFF

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? People with disabilities receiving services benefit when staff who support them are well trained.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Provided more accessible training and resources for staff.

COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT
The number of learners has increased by more than 7,000 from September 2016 to September 2017.

SUPPORTS COORDINATORS WEBINAR SERIES
This webinar series reinforces the pivotal role Supports Coordinators play in the lives of the individuals they serve. Webinars focus on implementation of waivers and ODP initiatives such as employment, LifeCourse Framework, and related topics.

MYODP
ODP created MyODP, a website that holds 340 trainings covering topics from policy clarifications to certification courses. Since it launched in October 2016, over 20,000 users have registered.

STAFFING SUPPORT
Percent of staff observed who treat individuals with dignity and respect

89%

** Data from Annual Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q) Survey FY 2015-2016

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RECOMMENDATION #8: SIMPLIFY THE SYSTEM

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Supports must be straightforward and uncomplicated to allow for greater understanding and use of the system by everyone.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’RE WORKING TOWARD
Create business processes that focus on individuals and families.

ALIGN BUSINESS STRATEGY WITH EVERYDAY LIVES VISION
Improve the system’s interaction with individuals and families at the point of first contact and throughout the lifespan. Address business strategies and options across intake, planning, financials, supports, and quality.

ACHIEVING RESULTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

92%
Supports Coordinators ask individuals what they want (FY 2015-2016)

89%
Supports Coordinators help individuals get what they need (FY 2014-2015)

** Data from NCI PA Adult Consumer Survey
**RECOMMENDATION #9: IMPROVE QUALITY**

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?** Together we must plan and deliver services and supports that adhere to our values and measure person-centered outcomes, to continuously improve an individual’s quality of life.

**IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE**

Engaged stakeholders in the process of measuring how well services assist people to achieve an everyday life.

**QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT (QA&I) PROCESS**

Revised ODP stakeholder monitoring processes to center on improving the quality of individuals’ everyday lives and their experiences interacting with Administrative Entities, Supports Coordinators, and Providers. Incorporated interviews with a sample of individuals.

**QUALITY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION**

This curriculum includes training in quality management principles, practices, and tools for improvement. 239 participants are certified to date.

**IM4Q SURVEY UPDATE**

New questions were added to the Annual Independent Monitoring for Quality survey to collect feedback from individuals and families on the ISAC recommendations.
RECOMMENDATION #10: EXPAND OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Listening to people with disabilities and their families, providers, and Support Coordinators will help people locate affordable accessible housing.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Created more opportunities for individuals to have a say in where they live and with whom they live.

ADDITION OF WAIVER SERVICES
Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services became available for participants. These are services to assist individuals and self-advocates with planning, locating, and maintaining a home of their own. Expanded Lifesharing service is now available for waiver participants allowing birth families to enroll as Lifesharing providers and service to be provided in the participant’s own home. Supported Living Services became available for waiver participants, assisting them with tools and resources to live in their own home.

SUPPORTS COORDINATION TRAINING
ODP trained Supports Coordinators on the addition of community living services to the waivers.

HOUSING INPUT
Individuals have a say in where they live and with whom they live.

55% Had input or chose their home
46% Chose or had input in choosing their roommate

**Data from NCI PA Adult Consumer Survey FY 2015-2016**
RECOMMENDATION #11: INCREASE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Being involved in community life creates opportunities for new experiences and interests, potential to develop friendships, and the ability to contribute to the community.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Provided more opportunities for individuals to interact with their community.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUPPORT SERVICE
This service replaced pre-vocational and day habilitation services in the Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers. It supports provider transformation by targeting services to the community rather than facility settings.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUPPORT SERVICE TRAINING
All program specialists, and direct support professionals and their supervisors, who provide Community Participation Support, are required to complete a training on the service by July 1, 2018.

PARTICIPATION
Weekly participation in community activities:

- **VISITED WITH FRIENDS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS**
- **WENT TO A RESTAURANT**
- **WENT TO CHURCH**

Family satisfaction with opportunities for individuals:

- **90%** Opportunity to learn new things
- **89%** Opportunity for community activities

**Data from Annual IM4Q Survey FY 2015-2016**

**Data from Family/Friend/Guardian IM4Q Survey FY 2015-2016**
RECOMMENDATION #12: PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO EVERYONE

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? People with disabilities — whether living on their own, with families, or in institutions — are waiting for community services.

IMPROVEMENTS WE’VE MADE
Expanded services to more individuals.

EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY
Eligibility for Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers now includes individuals with Autism without ID and eligibility determinations for all people who qualify.

INCREASED INFORMATION NETWORK
Connected more than 77,000 people to resources through the ASERT Resource Center, trained more than 3,000 Criminal Justice professionals to improve their interactions with individuals with Autism, and provided important ACT 62 information to families.

BUDGET INCREASE
Governor Wolf included an additional $200 million in his FY 17-18 budget for enhancement of rates and new service provision in the ID/Autism system.

SERVING MORE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY
People moving to Consolidated, P/FDS, and Adult Autism Waivers in FY 2106-2017

P/FDS GRADUATE INITIATIVE
This initiative is included in the FY 17-18 budget to serve 820 new individuals from the Consolidated/P/FDS waiting list, AAW/ACAP interest list, and the Community Living Waiver.

1,586 TOTAL
1,294 ID Waiting List
131 Autism Interest List
100 ICFs/ID
41 Nursing Homes
20 State Centers

** Data from HCSIS 10/31/17; PROMIsse 11/6/17; State Centers Tracker 12/7/17