

## Calendar of Events

April 2, 2026

### **Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) - Using the HRST Considerations**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Date: 4/2/2026*

*Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

*Description: This webinar will highlight the essential components of the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) that can assist support coordinators in strengthening service delivery.*

*Audience: Support Coordinators (SCs)*

April 3, 2026

### **Resource for Communicating with Individuals who are Blind or have a Vision Impairment**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

*Date: 4/3/2026*

*Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM*

*Description: The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) has shared a new resource, "Communicating with Individuals who are Blind or have a Vision Impairment". The key to achieving effective communication with a person with a vision impairment is to consciously accept the responsibility for it. How an individual is impacted will vary and communication access depends on individual needs, looking different for each person.*

*This training will provide some basic information on vision, the most common eye disorders and how they impact a person's vision, as well as strategies for effective communication when supporting individuals with a vision impairment. Audience: All Interested Stakeholders*

April 9, 2026

### **ODP ASD Seminar 2026 Track 1**

Times vary for each session date

*Description: Best Practices in Behavioral Assessment and Treatment"*

*Presented by the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Clinical Team Regardless of our role, we should all continuously strive to implement best practices when supporting someone who may have behaviors that are challenging or not yet understood. This training will focus on ways that, within your role, you can ensure that the behavioral support you are providing is sound, appropriate, and implemented with fidelity and integrity. We will offer two tracks held across different days and times that focus on the role you play in this process.*

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April 10, 2026

**Celebration of Direct Support Professionals - Live at The Waterfront, Homestead PA**

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM EST

*ABOUT THE CELEBRATION: This special event will be filled with information, training, and resources designed to assist the Direct Support Professional (DSP) in professional and personal everyday lives. It is a day designed to celebrate the DSPs, who are the backbone of the provider agencies. We want to acknowledge the hard work that you do every day.*

*Sponsor and exhibitor packages available and greatly appreciated! Show your support for your DSPs and DSPs across the Commonwealth!*

*Click below for the full conference brochure.*

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## **ODP ASD Seminar 2026 Track 2**

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*Where and when will Track 2 sessions be held?*

*Virtual Session on Microsoft Teams. Please attend only 1 session. All sessions will cover the same material.*

*April 10, 12:00pm – 2:00pm*

*April 15, 11:00am – 1:00pm*

*April 17, 11:00am – 1:00pm*

*April 23, 2:00pm – 4:00pm*

*Note: Both tracks will provide best practice information grounded in peer-reviewed and evidence-based research and will not address ODP program-specific service definitions, procedures, or guidelines.*

*This training fulfills §6100.143 ongoing training requirements.*

*Please contact the Bureau of Autism Training Mailbox at [RA-BASTrainings@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BASTrainings@pa.gov) with questions.*

*Credit hours: 2*

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April 13, 2026

**Diagnosis and Management of Dementia in Adults with IDD**

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST

April 15, 2026

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April 20, 2026

### **ID/A Five-Year Waiver Renewal Listening Session**

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

*Waivers must be renewed every 5 years. The Consolidated, Community Living, and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers (ID/A Waivers) will be renewed effective July 1, 2027. A general overview of the ID/A Waivers and the renewal process will be provided during this webinar. Attendees will then have an opportunity to provide comments on how to make the waivers and services better! ODP will take this opportunity to listen to stakeholders and use this input for the ID/A Waiver renewal process. Session Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EST (1.5 hours).*

April 23, 2026

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April 24, 2026

## **TPA Membership Meeting (Apr.2026)**

**Virtual Event**

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

- April 24, 2026                    **April Employment Virtual Office Hour (VOH): Using Wrap Around Services to Support Compet**  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
- April 30, 2026                    **ID/A Five-Year Waiver Renewal Listening Session**  
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST  
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- May 7, 2026                        **13th Annual Disability & Mental Health Summit - Live at CCAC Pittsburgh Northside Campus**  
08:45 AM - 04:00 PM EST  
*The 13th annual Disability & Mental Health Summit is a free, one-of-a-kind event in Western PA that brings hundreds of people and participating organizations together to share information on a wide range of topics in the disability and mental health arena each year. The Summit, previously operated by retired representative Dan Miller, has always been designed with the goal of bringing resources and experts out of their offices and into a single, easy-to-access environment, where people can meet face-to-face to better solve problems and enhance futures.*
- May 22, 2026                        **TPA Membership Meeting (May.2026)**  
**Virtual Event**  
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- June 26, 2026                        **TPA Membership Meeting (Jun.2026)**  
**Virtual Event**  
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- July 31, 2026                        **TPACON 2026 (Jul.2026)**  
**RLA Learning and Conference Center**  
**850 Cranberry Woods Dr.**  
**Cranberry Twp. , PA 16066**  
08:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST
- August 28, 2026                    **TPA Membership Meeting (Aug.2026)**  
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- September 25, 2026                **TPA Membership Meeting (Sep.2026)**  
**Virtual Event**  
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- October 30, 2026                    **TPA Membership Meeting (Oct.2026)**  
**Virtual Event**  
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

November 20, 2026

**TPA Membership Meeting (Nov.2026)**

**Virtual Event**

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST