

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.

April 10, 2026

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 with questions.

Credit hours: 2

Note: The certificate and credit for this course will only be available to participants who attend the live, virtual session. The content in this course should only be used as reference material only.

April 12, 2026

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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 Compete**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
- April 30, 2026 **ID/A Five-Year Waiver Renewal Listening Session**
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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