

## Listening Sessions for the Renewals of the Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers ODP Announcement 21-058

### **AUDIENCE:**

All interested persons

### **PURPOSE:**

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is holding 11 webinars with Deputy Secretary Kristin Ahrens to give all interested persons the opportunity to voice ideas for updating and improving the Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Supports (P/FDS) waivers.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS waivers are approved for a five-year period which expires on June 30, 2022. As a result, ODP is required to apply for renewals of these waivers with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

To develop the waiver renewals effective July 1, 2022, it is important for ODP to hear your ideas and suggestions for updating and improving the waivers. ODP has scheduled 11 webinars, during which Deputy Secretary Kristin Ahrens and Julie Mochon, ODP's Policy Division Director, will give a brief overview of the waiver renewal process, with most of the time reserved for your valuable input. Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) will be utilized during each Listening Session.

Registration is required for each session. Due to limited space, we ask that you only register for one session which is most pertinent to your role or involvement with the waivers. Participants can participate in webinar sessions by phone. When registering for the session, you must indicate that you would like to voice your ideas. To provide everyone an opportunity to provide verbal input, initial comments will be limited based

on the number of people registered to provide input during the session but may be no longer than 5 minutes.

For those who prefer to communicate in writing, or are unable to provide input during one of the Listening Sessions, ODP welcomes you to send your ideas to one of the following:

- Email: [RA-odpcomment@pa.gov](mailto:RA-odpcomment@pa.gov).
- Mail: Julie Mochon, Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, 625 Forster Street, Room 510, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

The Listening Sessions are not meant to replace the public comment process. Any proposed changes in the waivers will be published for public comment prior to submission to CMS for approval. At this beginning stage of waiver renewal development, ODP is looking only for input on updates and changes stakeholders desire to see in the waivers.

The following are the dates, times and registration links and intended audience for each of the webinars:

Audience	Date and Time	Registration Link
All Stakeholders	August 6, 2021 10am to 11:30am	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2039018341939210767">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2039018341939210767</a>
Families – Northeast Region	August 10, 2021 1pm to 2:30pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6543972567632237071">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6543972567632237071</a>
Administrative Entities	August 12, 2021 9am to 10:30am	To Be Announced
Families – Southeast Region	August 13, 2021 9am to 10:30am	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6228684309834142475">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6228684309834142475</a>

Providers	August 13, 2021 2pm to 3:30pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2349988817576536079">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2349988817576536079</a>
Self-Advocates	August 19, 2021 2pm to 3pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4489752794436817163">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4489752794436817163</a>
Families – Central Region	August 23, 2021 10am to 11:30am	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3951857412477519371">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3951857412477519371</a>
Supports Coordination Organizations	August 26, 2021 3pm to 4:30pm	To Be Announced
Self-Advocates	August 27, 2021 11am to 12pm	To Be Announced
Families – Western Region	August 30, 2021 1pm to 2:30pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2776029782129246731">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2776029782129246731</a>
All Stakeholders	August 31, 2021 2pm to 3:30pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4657276585069278479">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4657276585069278479</a>

**Questions:**

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