



The Provider Alliance

SHARING IDEAS, RESOURCES, AND PURPOSE

2022

TPA CONFERENCE

Doors open at 8:00 AM
July 29, 2022

The Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Dr
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066



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Welcome

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

July 29, 2022 - 9:00am to 1:30pm

8:00AM - 9:00AM

Continental Breakfast

Sponsored by K&L Gates

9:00AM - 10:15AM

Conversation with the Deputy Secretary



KRISTIN AHRENS, ODP DEPUTY SECRETARY

Kristin Ahrens currently serves as the Deputy Secretary for Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) within the Department of Human Services. Ms. Ahrens' more than 25 years of experience working with people with disabilities, spans from advocacy and community education to providing supported living, family support, and self-directed services and includes the development and management of several self-directed models. Ms. Ahrens has a Master's in Education and Disability Studies Certificate from Temple University.

10:15AM - 10:30AM

Break

Be sure to visit our Sponsor Exhibits

10:30AM - 11:30PM

Morning Breakout Sessions

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Join us for Lunch

Sponsored by Enkompas

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:30PM

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MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:30AM - 11:30AM

SESSION (A) HRST, FATAL-5, AND SEXUAL HEALTH

GREAT ROOM A

DR. GREGORY CHERPES

Dr. Cherpes will cover new developments in HRST data management and application, review Fatal-5 health concerns, discuss preventative measures including continued considerations related to COVID-19, and review ODP sexual health bulletin recommendations and policy considerations in mitigating sexual exploitation and promoting positive sexual health.



SESSION (B) ODP TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

GREAT ROOM B

JEREMY YALE & LAUREN HOUSE

ODP technology taskforce co-chairs Lauren House and Jeremy Yale will report on the latest progress on taskforce workgroups statewide, communications with CMS related to technology adoption, Pennsylvania's progress promoting assistive technology & remote supports, and removing barriers enabling more people to engage and benefit in technology support and solutions.



SESSION (C) RACIAL EQUITY & PERFORMANCE MEASURES

AUDITORIUM

KRISTIN AHRENS & SAMER ABDELHADI

Deputy Secretary Kristin Ahrens and Samer Abdelhadi, QM specialist in the Division of Quality Management, will review demographic data in service delivery and the waiting list from information compiled by the commonwealth. This information is being used and evaluated to improve experiences and inform the latest everyday lives recommendation addressing racial equity across ODP programs and services.



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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

12:30PM - 1:30PM

SESSION (A)

GREAT ROOM A

ODP RENEWALS, WAIVER AMENDMENTS, AND NEW SERVICES

JULIE MOCHON & MICHELE O'TOOLE

This session will review and discuss all pertinent changes to the forthcoming waivers including new service definitions affecting community transitions, remote supports separation from assistive technology, and services to children with complex medical conditions.



SESSION (B)

GREAT ROOM B

RESIDENTIAL VACANCY TOOL, ANNUAL RENEWAL ISSUES, & RATES

RICK SMITH & LAUREN HOUSE

Rick and Lauren will discuss the newly implemented residential vacancy reporting tool, annual renewal topics, issues affected by the extension of the public health emergency declaration, and review questions & answers on related ODP policy issues affecting services, rates, and reporting.



SESSION (C)

AUDITORIUM

TRAINING & CREDENTIALLING INITIATIVES

KRISTIN AHRENS & JEREMY YALE

Kristin and Jeremy will provide an overview of the training & credentialing programs supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and currently funded by ODP. They will also review and discuss the philosophy, intent, and long-term impact on workforce development and program stability.



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The Provider Alliance (TPA) supports agencies that serve people with intellectual disability and autism across Pennsylvania. We do this through collaboration, advocacy, innovation, and information-sharing across our membership. The Provider Alliance promotes best practices and workforce development to help our members deliver safe, supportive, and compassionate services that our part of the fabric of our local communities



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

These last few years have been extremely challenging for the ID/A community. Despite all of the unexpected changes and uncertainty experienced, you have persevered and continued to serve your missions. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication and fortitude, and for your continued support and participation in The Provider Alliance. Our members have stepped up to ensure care, create change, innovate new solutions, and advocate for our most vulnerable and valuable citizens. Thank you for all that you do, every day of every year.

Thank You

SPECIAL THANKS TO ODP

Our Gratitude to Kristin Ahrens and the Office of Developmental Programs for their time and commitment to engaging with our members, providing us with information, and listening to our feedback. We recognize and acknowledge the critical role that ODP plays in administering care and services across a diverse and complex system and appreciate the open relationship and accessibility that we are always afforded. Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and support.

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