

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS LIST

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HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

ACCES-VR

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation, formerly VESID, offers access to a full range of employment and independent living services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives. VR Coordinates policy and services relating to: transition and youth services, vocational rehabilitation, independent living services and business services. <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/>

BIP

New York State Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Transformation Fund offers a unique opportunity to engage New York's broad network of highly qualified Developmental Disabilities providers, advocates and local governments in developing systemic improvements that address barriers encountered when working to transform the system of care and non-institutional Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) for individuals with developmental disabilities. https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/balancing_incentive_program

BUDGET AUTHORITY

When an individual or designated representative has decision making authority over how funds from their PRA are spent on waiver services.

CAPACITY MANAGEMENT

Capacity Management team reviews placement opportunities in each region using a Federal priority system. Formerly New York State CARES. This was a plan to virtually eliminate the waiting list for residential services for people with developmental disabilities.

CAS

Coordinated Assessment System is a new assessment tool that has been specifically tailored to capture the unique health and support needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in New York State. http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/people_first_waiver/coordinated_assessment_system

CETERFIED COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS

For individuals whose needs require support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, OPWDD provides several certified residential settings: IRA, Family care, ICF, ICF/DC.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

A group of people consisting of family, friends, community members and support staff who have come together to assist a person to visualize, express and accomplish his/her life interests and goals resulting in a more self-directed life.

CONSOLIDATED SUPPORTS AND SERVICE

A Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver service option that has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS).

DDRO

Developmental Disabilities Regional Offices, formerly known as DDSO, are the starting point to apply for services. These five regional offices allow for better coordination of services with the State Office of Mental Health, State Department of Health and other agencies with whom OPWDD often partner in providing services. DDROs work with local voluntary provider agencies to improve access to and coordinate services within a region. The Bernard Fineson DDRO is the Queens office. http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_contacts/ddro

DISCO

Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Organizations are licensed managed care organizations that will coordinate care for the IIDD population on a capitated basis.

DSRIP

Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program is the main mechanism by which New York State will implement the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Waiver Amendment. DSRIP's purpose is to fundamentally restructure the health care delivery system with the primary goal of reducing avoidable hospital use by 25% over 5 years.

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/overview

EMPLOYER AUTHORITY

When an individual or designated representative fully controls all aspects of employing individuals who provide their services.

ETP

Employment Training Program offers individuals an opportunity to work in a paid internship that will lead to permanent employment in a community business. Services include increased job development and job coaching as well as assistance with other employability skills.

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/employment_for_people_with_disabilities/resources_for_employment_services_providers/opwdd_supported_employment_services

FMS

Fiscal Management Service sets up an individual financial account for each individual based on the approved CSS Plan and Budget.

FRONT DOOR

The Front Door process gives individuals and families a way to learn about and access services. Participants are offered an understanding of OPWDD's mission and purpose; the process to become eligible for OPWDD supports and services; types of supports and services available including self-directed service options; and where individuals and families can go to get assistance.

<http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/home>

Front Door Resource Booklet

http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/images/fd_resource_booklet_laurie_kelly_8-2013.pdf

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER SERVICES

HCBS Waiver: to be eligible for waiver services, a person must otherwise need Intermediate Care Facilities' (ICF) level services. The waiver allows OPWDD to purchase services in a much more flexible manner than would otherwise be possible under the State Plan. It also allows NYS to purchase Medicaid services for children under the age of 18 without "deeming" or taking into account their parent's income.

HOYO

Home of Your Own training program is open to income-eligible people with developmental disabilities and mental illness, and their parents or legal guardians. The program offers a wide range of supports, including information on low-interest mortgages, as well as homeownership counseling and training programs.

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_community_connections/housing_initiative/home_of_your_own_hoyo

IAC

The Interagency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc. (IAC) is a not-for-profit membership organization comprised of more than 120 service providers for individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages and their families in the New York City area. <http://www.iacny.org/>

ICF

Intermediate Care Facilities are designed for those individuals whose disabilities limit them from living independently. Services may be provided in an institutional or a community setting.

ICS

Individual and Community Supports is a platform designed to provide more flexibility and authority for individuals and families in choosing the supports and services to meet their needs.

INTEGRATED SETTING

Individuals should live, work and recreate in settings that are not segregated to serve only individuals with developmental disabilities.

IRA

Individualized Residential Alternatives is a certified setting that meets identified health and safety regulatory standards in which support services are delivered using residential habilitative waiver services. Includes supervised residences and supportive apartments.

ISS

Individual Supports and Services assists adults with developmental disabilities to live independently in non-certified settings by providing a housing subsidy calculated based on an individual's income and Housing and Community Renewal (HCR) payment standards. http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/supports_for_independent_and_family_living/individual_supports_and_services

OLMSTEAD DECISION

In 1999, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), have an obligation to provide services to individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

OMIG

The Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) is an independent entity within the New York State Department of Health to improve and preserve the integrity of the Medicaid program by conducting and coordinating fraud, waste, and abuse control activities for all State agencies responsible for services funded by Medicaid. <http://www.omig.ny.gov/>

OPWDD

The New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), formerly The New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), is a state agency that sets regulations and guidelines for agencies which provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. It is responsible for coordinating services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities.

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_about/overview_of_agency

NEW YORK STATE CARES

This is a five-year plan to virtually eliminate the waiting list for residential services for people with developmental disabilities in New York State. The initiative presumes that 7,500 individuals will be served by 2004. In Queens we anticipate the placement of approximately 600 individuals with developmental disabilities.

NYSARC

America's largest non-profit organization supporting people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families since 1949. NYSARC is the New York State Chapter of The Arc: <http://www.nysarc.org/>

NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

The Department of Health and Division of Mental Hygiene provide direction, planning, contracting, funding, and oversight for the provision of local mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services for New York State residents. The Department's funding is derived from a combination of sources, chiefly, New York City Tax Levy, New York State Local Assistance and Voluntary Agency contributions. Within the Department, there is the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities. This Bureau performs the above functions, as well as provides information and referral services.

PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

Pathway to Employment is a person-centered employment planning and support service that provides assistance for individuals to obtain, maintain or advance in competitive employment or self-employment.

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/employment_for_people_with_disabilities/pathway-employment

PCP

Person Centered Plan is a process that focuses on the capabilities and strengths of an individual in order to create a vision for a desirable future. It focuses on each person's gifts, talents, and skills, not on deficits and deficiencies.

PRA

Personal Resource Account is the annual target amount of individual funding provided by OPWDD for Consolidated Supports and Services and/or Room and Board supplements. It is determined by the person's level of ability as measured by the Developmental Disabilities Profile (DDP).

QUEENS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Queens Family Support Services Advisory Council, under the aegis of the Bernard Fineson DDRO, is comprised of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who come together to explore the evolving needs of people with developmental disabilities. Members represent This Council, not to be confused with the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities, meets the first second Monday of each month at Bernard Fineson Developmental Disabilities in Administration Building #80, Basement level Room 8019 or Conference Room at 10:00 A.M..

Participants discuss current matters and concerns related to programs and the services available to or attended by the family members. The meetings provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and considering suggestions for overcoming problems.

SELF-ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION FOR NEW YORK STATE

This organization provides outreach, training, meetings and conferences for individuals with disabilities to promote independence and the ability to speak for themselves or on behalf of others. <http://sanys.org/>

SELF- DETERMINATION

The principle that recognizes the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities to make their own decisions and choices.

SELF DIRECTION

Empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to determine a mix of supports and services that work best for their needs. It gives greater control over the services individuals receive, how they receive them and who provides them. <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/763>

SEMP

Supportive Employment provides the supports individuals need to obtain and maintain paid competitive jobs in the community.

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/employment_for_people_with_disabilities/resources_for_employment_services_providers/opwdd_supported_employment_services

START UP BROKER

An individual freely chosen and hired by an individual to assist in the development of a complete and approvable CSS plan and budget. This assistance may include helping potential participants to develop a Circle of Support, facilitate a Person Centered Planning process, create an Individualized Budget and write the CSS Plan. The funds for this service count against the individual's PRA and are incorporated on top of the individual's budget.

SUPPORT BROKER

An independent professional person, hired by an individual with a physical or cognitive challenge, who provides advice, information, and technical assistance to the individual. He/she and his/her family request support to identify ways to achieve personal goals or negotiate individualized funding to purchase desired community based supports and services. The funds for this service count against the individual's PRA and are incorporated within the individual's budget.

VOLUNTARY AGENCY

An agency, usually not-for-profit that receives funds from governmental agencies to provide needed services.

HELPFUL ACRONYMS

ACCES-VR	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation
ADA	Americans with Disability Act
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
BIP	Balancing Incentive Program
CMCM	Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management (now its MSC)
CMS	Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPSE	Committee for Pre-School Education
CQC	Commission on Quality of Care
CR	Community Residence
CSS	Consolidated Supports and Services
DC	Developmental Center
DDP	Developmental Disabilities Profile
DDPC	Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
DDRO	Developmental Disabilities Regional Offices
DOB	Division of the Budget (State)
DOE	Department of Education
DOH	Department of Health
DOPIS	Division of Post-Institutional Services
DSS	Department of Social Services (State)
ETP	Employment Training Program
FMS	Financial Management Services Agency
HAI	Hospital Audiences, Inc.
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services Waiver
HOYO	Home of Your Own
HRA	Human Resources Administration (City)
IAC	Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies Inc.
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICS I/DD	Individual and Community Supports Intellectual/Developmental Disability
IDEA	Individuals w/w with Disabilities Education Act Individual Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IRA ISE	Individual Residential Alternative
ISP	Individualized Service Environment Individualized Service Plan

ISS	Individualized Support Services
MRT	Medicaid Redesign Team
MSC	Medicaid Service Coordination (formerly case management)
DOHMH	NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
NYCRO	NYC Regional Office (NYS OMRDD)
OMIG	Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
OMH	Office of Mental Health (State)
OPWDD	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
OTC	Occupational Training Center (NYC Board of Education)
PCP	Person centered Plan
PCSS	Plan of Care Support Services
PISP	Preliminary Individualized Service Plan
PL94-142	Public Law 94-142 (Fed. Ed. Law for all Handicapped Children)
PL99-457	Public Law 99-457 (Fed. Ed. Law for Pre-School Children)
PRA	Personal Resource Account
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
RFP	Request for Proposals
S/A	Self-Advocacy
SANYS	Self-Advocacy Association of New York
SID	State Self-Determination
SED	NYS Education Department
SEMP	Supported Employment
SEIT	Special Education Itinerant Teacher Services
SIE	Special Instructional Environment
SSI	Supplemental Security Income

