

What the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's Announcement Regarding the Order of Selection Waiting List Means for Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) Services

ODP Announcement 20-008

AUDIENCE:

Individuals and families, County ID Program/Administrative Entity Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations, and Providers of employment-related services in the Consolidated, Community Living, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS), and Adult Autism waivers and base funding

PURPOSE:

To disseminate clarification on access to ODP-funded employment-related services after the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR) announcement on February 1, 2020 regarding the Order of Selection and the OVR waiting list.

DISCUSSION:

OVR has announced that beginning February 1, 2020, they will open the Order of Selection on an intermittent basis and serve a set number of customers from the waiting list, starting with individuals who have been on the waiting list the longest. The number of customers served will be determined by OVR based on the availability of resources. The customers will be notified that OVR may proceed with services. All other customers will remain on the waiting list. This announcement and other resources about the Order of Selection can be found on OVR's webpage at <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/OOS/Pages/default.aspx>.

OVR will continue to take new referrals, determine eligibility, and place eligible customers on the waiting list. Because OVR services are not available for new referrals, Administrative Entities and Supports Coordination Organizations should continue to

follow the guidance released in the OVR/ODP joint bulletin 00-19-02, *OVR Referrals During a Period when OVR's Order of Selection is Closed*. The bulletin and attachments can be found at <https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1446>.

Bulletin 00-19-02 applies to the following services through ODP's waivers or base funding:

- Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living Waivers and base-funding:
 - Advanced Supported Employment
 - Supported Employment
 - Education Support

- Adult Autism Waiver:
 - Supported Employment
 - Career Planning

Individuals who have been receiving ODP-funded services while on the OVR waiting list and are offered services through OVR may choose to receive services from OVR or continue to receive ODP employment-related services.

Individuals who do not have access to ODP-funded employment-related services should continue to be referred to OVR as soon as that individual indicates any interest in seeking competitive integrated employment or requests an employment-related service.

Individuals under the age of 25 seeking Community Participation Support prevocational services that pay subminimum wage must continue to be referred to OVR in accordance with Bulletin 00-19-01, *OVR Referral Process for ODP Employment-Related Services*.

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