

## Now Available: Updated ID/A Waiver Employment Service Definition Question and Answer Document and ID/A Waiver Employment Service Definition Quick Guide

### ODP Announcement 19-025

#### **AUDIENCE:**

Individuals and Families, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCO) Administrators or Directors, Supports Coordinators (SCs), ODP Direct Service Providers, and Other Interested Parties.

#### **PURPOSE:**

These documents are intended to provide updated guidance related to the following Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) Waiver employment services:

- Advanced Supported Employment
- Supported Employment
- Small Group Employment
- Community Participation Support – The Prevocational Component
- Benefits Counseling [Included in the Quick Guide]

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Since the release of ODP Announcement 094-17 – [Employment Service Definition Quick Guide for Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers](#) and ODP Announcement 121-17 – [Now Available – Consolidated and P/FDS Employment Service Definition Question and Answer Document – Version 1](#) in August and November 2017, respectively, the following events have occurred which have impacted the guidance contained within these documents:

- [The Community Living Waiver](#) came into effect on January 1, 2018
- The Consolidated, P/FDS, and Community Living Waiver have become collectively referred to as the “ID/A” Waivers, to mean “Intellectual Disability/Autism” Waivers

- The November 1, 2018 ID/A waiver amendments added additional clarification to Supported Employment and Community Participation Support
- The November 1, 2018 ID/A waiver amendments extended the provider qualification deadline for the attainment of the ACRE Basic Certificate of Achievement or CESP by 6 months, extending the deadline to July 1, 2019
- Bulletin 00-19-01 – [OVR Referral Process for ODP Employment-Related Services](#) became effective on February 15, 2019

In addition to these events, more questions have filtered through since 2017 that have been added to the question and answer document and are indicated as such with the word “New” in brackets next to the question number.

Please note that questions and answers regarding Community Participation Support are limited to the employment portions of this service. Another Q&A document on Community Participation Support has previously been issued as ODP Communication 095-18 and is available at MyODP.org.

The release of these updated guidance documents obsoletes the following announcements and accompanying documents:

- ODP Announcement 094-17 – [Employment Service Definition Quick Guide for Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers](#)
- ODP Announcement 121-17 – [Now Available – Consolidated and P-FDS Employment Service Definition Question and Answer Document – Version 1](#)

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