

**Westmoreland County  
Behavioral Health/  
Developmental Services**

Intellectual Disability Department

# Mission/Vision

## Promoting Quality of Life

It is the mission of the Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services program to provide the opportunity for each individual to choose appropriate services and supports which promote hope, growth, recovery, quality of life, and inclusion in his/her community.

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A Picture is worth 1000 words...



# Tell Me Your Story

## Part 1 of 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DwrhKTMeg>

## Part 2 of 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpTDXJWNIHY>



# How did it all start?

## Intellectual Disability Services:

- A. The Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Act of 1966 established the responsibility of the State to provide adequate mental health and intellectual disability services to persons in need.
- B. Intellectual Disability services are regulated through the PA Department of Human Services (DHS).
- C. Administered through the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)
  - A. The Office of Developmental Programs responsible to establish procedures and regulations that govern the delivery of intellectual disability services.
  - B. Community-based services are emphasized, with the goal to help people who have an intellectual disability to participate fully in their communities.

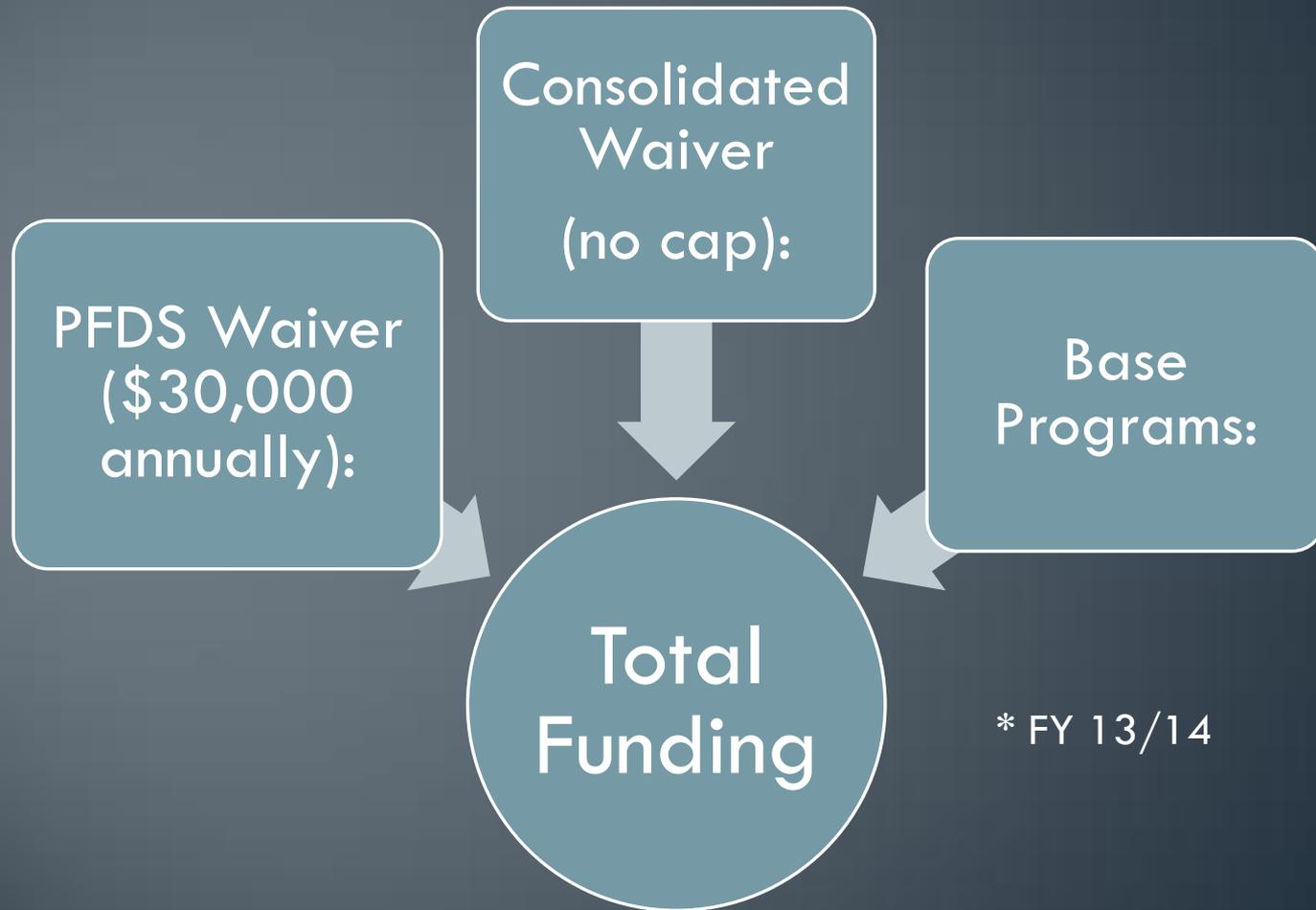
# What is an Intellectual Disability?

- Significantly sub-average intellectual functioning as determined by a standardized, individually administered intelligence test in which the overall IQ score is at least two standard deviations below the mean established for that test
- Significant limitations in adaptive functioning
- The onset must occur before the person's 22nd birthday

# Payment for Services

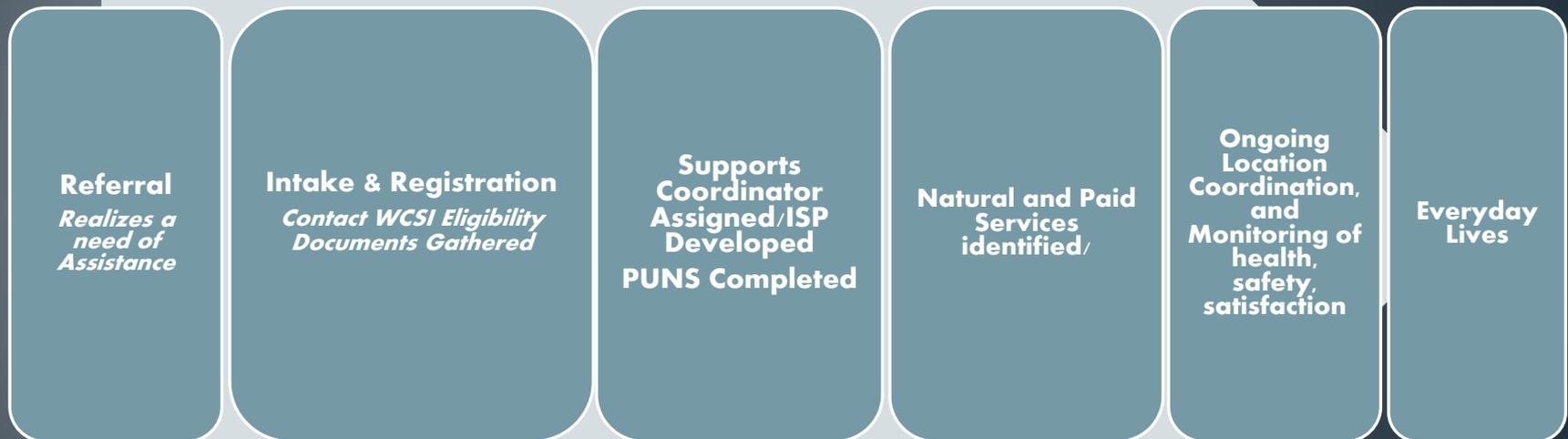
- Federal, state and county tax dollars are used to fund intellectual disability services in Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania has been granted two waivers of the federal Medicaid program. The Consolidated and Person Family Directed Support Waivers provide the majority of funding available to eligible individuals.
- State and County funds are available to provide additional intellectual disability services.
- Currently, there is a waiting list for services. Counties are required to provide services and supports up to their annual allocation.

# How Services are Funded in our County



\* FY 13/14

# Path to Services/Supports



# Referral

- Self-refer, agency, school, family-724.837.1808
- Who?
  - Developmental Disability (onset before age of 22)
  - Functional Limitations
  - Ages 3 and up

# Intake & Registration

- Westmoreland Casemanagement & Supports, Inc. (Tracy Sherbondy/Melissa Fait)

770 E Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg PA

724.837.1808 (Intake Dept.)

- Information Gathered:
  - School Records, Adaptive Functioning Testing, MA 51 (Physical), IQ testing

# What's a PUNS?

- Formal Assessment
- 3 Categories of Need  
(Emergency, Critical, Planning)
- Updated Annually or when needs change

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**Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS)**

Individual Data

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date Created: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date Finalized: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
MCI: \_\_\_\_\_  
County/Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date mailed to the family: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Reason for update or review:

New  Moved to another county  
 Comes off waiting list—all needs met  Moved to another state  
 Change of category (emergency, critical, planning)  Discharged from the county program (person withdraws or is no longer interested in receiving services)  
 Change of supports needed (more or less) – unchanged category  Died  
 Annual update (no change in supports needed)

Participant Information: (Signature may be found on original document)

Name	Role	Date	Signature

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# Everyone has a plan

- Individualized Service Plan
- Authorized Services prior to delivery
- Contains important health and safety information, highlights ones desires/preferences/outcomes
- Team approach, lead by SC
- Usually a lengthy document-20-50 p. avg.
- What is your plan?

# What Services are available?

- Least restrictive, Assessed Need, Service Definitions, Waiver-payer of last resort

Respite

Lifesharing

Nursing

Prevocational

Supports Coordination

# Providers

- Over 50 providers



Paula Teacher & Associates, Inc.



# What Does the ID Dept Do?

- Administer local Intellectual Disability Programs
- Planning
- Eligibility
- Fiscal Management
- Authorization of services
- Monitoring
- Technical Assistance and Education

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DS STAFF

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OBRA /Aging Lead	Waiver Program Enrollment	Lifesharing Point Person	Risk Management Point Person	Reserved Capacity Point Person	Waiver Program Enrollment
PCH/Dom Care Lead	Claims Resolution	Employment Point Person/Pilot Lead	DD/PPRT Lead	Provider Monitoring Lead	Incident Manager
Supported Living Program Lead	Recertification A-L	Graduate Initiative Lead	Complex Case Planning Point Person	SCO Lead	Claims Resolution
ISP Reviewer	Monitoring of Delegated Functions	EPSDT Aging-out Lead	Quality Management Point Person	Service Preference Point Person	Recertification M-Z
Incident Manager	County to County Transfer	Transportation Service Lead	HCQU Coordinator	SIS Point Person	Monitoring of Delegated Functions
Waiver Program Enrollment	Provider Monitoring	Incident Manager		Voter Registration Point Person	ISO FV/AWC Point Person
Claims Resolution		ISP Reviewer		Administrative Review (AEOMP) Point Person	Family Aide Qualification Point Person
		Waiver Program Enrollment		Base Program Lead	Base Funded Respite Camp Qualification
		Claims Resolution		ISP Reviewer	
		County Plan Lead		Incident Manager	
		Money Follows the Person Point Person		Claims Resolution	
		Private ICF/MR and State Center Lead			

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# Why we do what we do...

In 1981, Congress amended the Medical Assistance program to permit states to shift their Medical Assistance resources from institutional settings (like Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disability [ICF/ID] programs) to more integrated community-based settings.

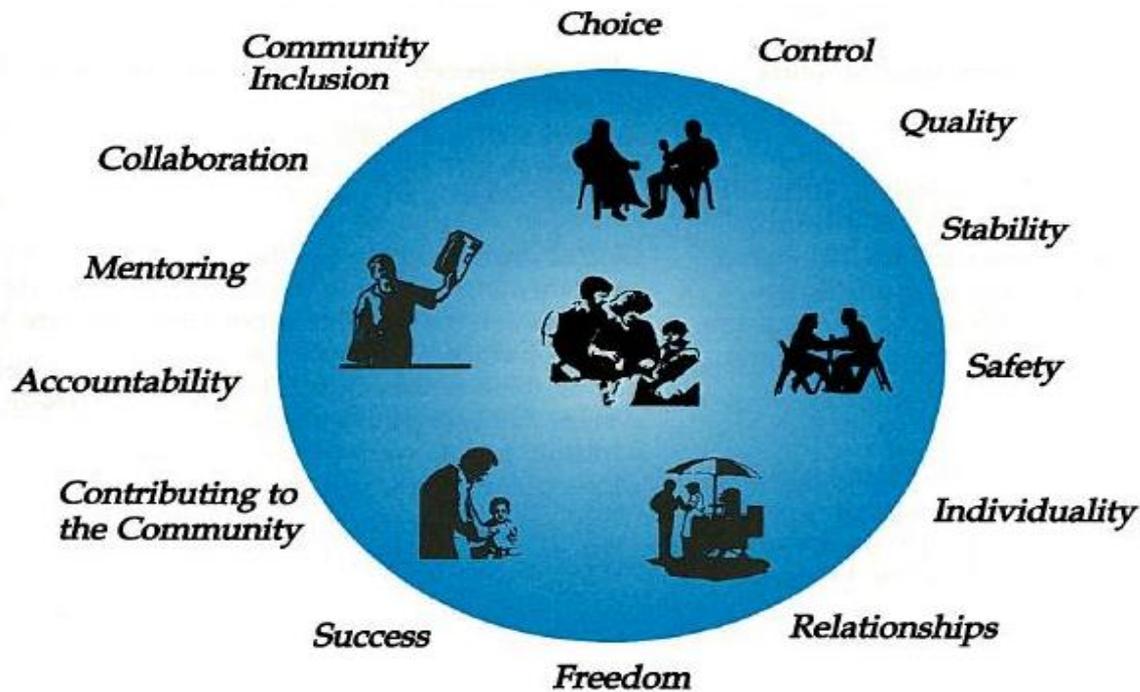
## Replacing this



## With this!

# What do individuals really want?

## People Want Everyday Lives



Individuals and their families have the passion to make everyday lives a reality.

# How do we work together?

- Individuals with ID age.
- Individuals with ID are children and/or parents.
- Individuals with ID Utilize Community Resources.
- Individuals with ID also struggle with addictions.

# Contact Information

- Westmoreland County Behavioral Health/Developmental Services Office

40 North Pennsylvania Avenue

Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: 724-830-3617

Fax: 724-830-3571

Jamie's Email address: [walkerj@westmoreland.swsix.com](mailto:walkerj@westmoreland.swsix.com)

# Crisis/Emergent issues

- Between 8:30-4:30 M-F: Contact Westmoreland Casemanagement 724.837.1808
- After business hours: Contact Crisis Hotline--**1-800-836-6010**

# Resources

- ▶ Tell Me Your Story–Videos

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- ▶ BH/DS County Website

  - <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/index.aspx?NID=841>

- ▶ IDD Awareness

  - <http://westmorelandiddawareness.weebly.com/>

- ▶ IDD Awareness–Facebook

  - <https://www.facebook.com/WestmorelandIddAwareness?fref=ts>

- ▶ HCSIS–Services and Supports Directory

  - <https://www.hcsis.state.pa.us/hcsis-ssd/pgm/asp/prhom.asp>

- ▶ Westmoreland Casemanagement and Supports, Inc.

  - <http://www.wcsi.org/>

- ▶ Acronym Brochure

  - [http://odpsrv.tiu11.org/alfresco/d/d/workspace/SpacesStore/fc554051-a5ee-495c-8412-9cefb0d90f0e/ODP\\_Acronyms.pdf](http://odpsrv.tiu11.org/alfresco/d/d/workspace/SpacesStore/fc554051-a5ee-495c-8412-9cefb0d90f0e/ODP_Acronyms.pdf)

- ▶ Understanding the Office of Developmental Programs

  - <http://www.temple.edu/thetrainingpartnership/pub/goldbook/goldbook2013.pdf>

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