

ATCO Transition & Fix The List Educational Forum

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

6pm

ATCO Cafeteria



Welcome and Introductions

Autumn Brown, ATCO Transition Manager

Dick Suehrstedt, SSA Director

Kevin Davis, Superintendent ACBDD

Board members

ACBDD/Atco Managers



Our Mission



Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life
for **individuals** by encouraging integration
and independence, fostering partnerships,
and advocating for individual rights.



Transition numbers update:

ATCO Enrollment

2016(Start of transition)- 68

2017(Midpoint of transition)- 44

2018(7½ months remaining)- 33



Breakdown of those 33 in transition:

16 –Made choices and are part time attending their new day hab location and enjoying their remaining time with ATCO

(ATCO Staff are supporting these with staff, knowledge, retraining)

4 -Have made choice for their 2019 transition and are choosing to stay at ATCO until end of this year

13- Are still in transition planning

Exploring jobs, community options, day habs



The 13 people still transition planning:

Supports we provide:

- **Access to Community Employment
Education/ Support**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Day Hab Opportunities**



Employment First

Your SSA can help you make a referral for exploring getting a job

Community Engagement

Do you want to volunteer? Do you want to find a club, group, or other everyday activity that is available in your community

Day Hab Opportunities

7 Athens County choices plus Meigs Co. and Vinton Co. offer a few

Day Hab Choices:

- **Building Bridges-Havar**
 - **Echoing Connections**
 - **Goodwill**
 - **Passion Works**
 - **RHDD Alternatives**
 - **The Doanville Group-Sechkar**
 - **The Elm Rock Group-Sechkar**
 - **Sechkar has created a 3rd day hab at Elm Rock**
- Meigs County**
 - Inclusions
 - Vinton County**
 - SOAR
 - Vinton Industries
 - Multi-County**
 - Expanding Your Horizon
(Community Trips)



Employment First

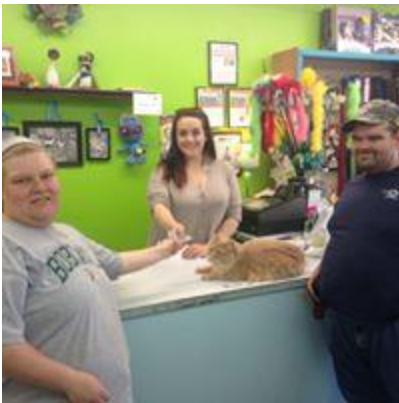
- 6 individuals obtained jobs many
- others learning about community jobs
- 1 person developed a PowerPoint and seeks presentation both paid and unpaid opportunities speaking about his life with a physical disability.



Community Engagement



- 4 people made connections at GoodWorks for volunteer experiences
- 1 person choose to replace a day hab day with volunteering at the Laurels after ATCO
- Seniors with disabilities are leading Parade of the Hills Senior Day events!





Community Engagement

- We have connected many individuals with Community Partners Such as Team Heart and Sole & Athens Community Singers
- Made ATCO Idol Inclusive with Local Musicians-Idol will continue annually as long as people are interested in performing





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Community Engagement

- We made a connection with the Athens Photographic Project to explore photography and meet new friends



- One man is an entrepreneur who is developing a business plan with a team of supports that will help make a local day hab more inclusive and help him have things in his day that are meaningful and exciting.



The Community Outreach Work Group

- Meets bi-monthly
- Focus of networking and supporting Community Partners and promoting more inclusive efforts throughout Athens
- More members are welcome

Next Meeting May 16th(Tomorrow)
@ Noon



Integrate Athens Forum

A way to educate the community on inclusive efforts

May of 2017 was the 1st
Integrate Athens Forum

2018 is slated to be in Late August

**It will be a shared event with the Athens City
Disability Commission in a combine effort.**



<http://wizoa.com/Movie-Video-Slideshow-Maker/d109076221k5542698o1l1/integrate-athens-17>

Opportunities Available as Choices

- Employment Opportunities:
 - Do you want a job? Do you want to explore employment opportunities?
- Volunteer opportunities
 - What are some ways you can give back to your community and also make friends and connections?
- Community Opportunities
 - What are things going on in your neighborhood? Community Groups, Clubs, Neighbors, Services, etc.
- Day Habs
 - How can we help you experience and understand all of your day hab options and make a good choice based on your wants, needs, and interests?
- More Unique Individual Choices
 - Personal Hobbies or learning experiences on their own
 - Retiring and staying home part-time
 - Deciding they like to stay home then go to work (rather than coming to a day hab before their shift)



Future Role

- The Role of the County Board after 2018 will be to assist individuals, families, providers, and our community as a resource and liaison to inclusive opportunities:
 - Maintain County Board Resources that support services: life skill materials and training
 - Community networking to connect community partners to individuals and day hubs
 - Offer and support ongoing trainings to providers and County Board staff and community partners
 - Other needs identified to support the new model of service
 - Develop and Support Advocacy efforts



Future Role

- Foster partnerships among our community and County Board agency and providers, F.A.N.S will be supported through this, Community Partners such as Team Heart and Sole, Live Healthy Appalachia, Journey To Be Still Yoga, Zumba with Kim Rios, Athens Community Singers, Good Life Network, Community Food Initiatives, HAP/CAP, Advocacy Groups, and others.
- We will likely continue the Community Outreach work group meetings through this to continue to help partners network; they are strengthening from those relationships



On to Fix the List Update on Waiver Waiting list...

Introducing:
Dick Suehrstedt SSA Director

The Waiting List Rule 2018

Presented by:
Athens County Board of DD
May 15, 2018

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Why We Need a New Rule

- Today's rule is overly complex and in need of simplification
- It confuses people with developmental disabilities and their families
- It misleads advocates
- It hinders efforts by policymakers to direct resources to where they are needed most
- It is cumbersome for County Boards to administer

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Ohio DD Council Study (2014)

There are roughly **49,000** people with developmental disabilities on Ohio's waiting list for HCBS waivers; however, that number is misleading

- Many people on the list receive some type of services
- Many people on the IO waiting list are already enrolled in L1 or SELF waivers (some CBs estimate 50%+)
- County Boards have a variety of ways to meet people's needs – a waiver is just ONE of them

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Ohio DD Council Study (2014)

A large percentage **(46%)** of people with developmental disabilities and their families who participated in the survey and are presently on the waiver waiting list have **“no current unmet needs.”**

- Many requested to be placed on the waiting list in anticipation of a long wait to receive waiver services
- **15%** of those surveyed have **“no future unmet needs.”**

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Fix The List Coalition Members



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New Methods and Terms

Current	Future
General Waiting List	Current Needs Waiting List
Priority Categories	Current Need (Multiple Criteria)
Emergency Status	Immediate Need

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New Methods and Terms

Current	Future
Anyone Can Request to Join The List	Must Be Assessed by CB <i>and</i> have current need
Date of Request	Status Date (Recorded from Transitional List)
County-by-county process	Statewide process

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One Waiting List for All Waivers

- **No separate waiting lists** for Level I, SELF, and IO Waivers
- A person will be put on the “Current Needs Waiting List” and county board will determine best waiver to meet needs
- People will **no longer be on waiting list in multiple counties** – resident county only

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One Waiting List for All Waivers

- Person must have a “condition” that is:
 - Attributable to a mental or physical impairment (or combination), other than impairment caused solely by mental illness
 - Manifested before age 22
 - Likely to continue indefinitely

**Boards do not have to complete eligibility or LOC prior to placement on waiting list. Boards will determine eligibility if/when locally funding services, or LOC if preparing for waiver enrollment.*



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Current Needs, Not Future

The new process will assess a person's *immediate needs* or *current needs*, not future needs

- **Immediate needs** = substantial risk of harm if action not taken in 30 days)
- **Current needs** = unmet need within 12 months
 - Alternative resources (OOD/Vocational Rehabilitation, Children Services, Other community agencies/funding, Private Insurance benefits, Medicaid/Medicaid State Plan, Mental Health Services, etc.)
 - Local County Board funded supports (Respite, Family Support Services, Camp funds, etc.)

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Current Needs, Not Future

If unmet needs cannot be met through **alternative community resources** or local county board funded resources, person is eligible to be added to the wait list and the CB will identify the waiver that addresses the unmet needs.

An ICF/NF is an alternative resource but not an alternative community resource. Declining institutional care cannot keep you off of the Waiting List.

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Order of Enrollment

Current Rule:

- **Emergency Status** (Substantial risk of harm if action not taken within 30 days)
- **Priority Categories** (County Boards determine which priority categories to address and when)
- **Wait List Date/Time** (earliest date/time within a given priority category)

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Order of Enrollment

Proposed (Future) Rule:

- **Immediate Need** (Substantial risk of harm if action not taken within 30 days)

****NOTE**** Immediate Needs criteria is similar but not the same as Emergency Status criteria

- **Current Need** - Multiple criteria enroll first
- **Current Need** - Single criteria enroll next
- **Status Date/Time** (earliest status date/time when 2+ people meet the same # of criteria for current need)

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Removal from List

Current Rule:

- **Enrollment on IO Waiver**
- **Agreement to Be Removed**
- **Death**

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Removal from List

Proposed (Future) Rule:

- **Move out of county** (may notify new CB and be added to list in new county based on assessment)
- **Decline waiver enrollment OR alternate community services to meet needs**
- **No longer have a current need**
- **Enroll on waiver to meet the current need**
(more)

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Removal from List

Proposed (Future) Rule:

- No response to our attempts to contact
- Person does not meet LOC or no longer has “condition”
- Person/guardian agrees or requests to be removed
- Death

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Proposed “Immediate Needs”

“Immediate need” means a situation that creates a risk of substantial harm to an individual, caregiver, or another person if action is not taken within thirty calendar days to mitigate the risk.

NOTE: *Two criteria must be met to be in this category – the RISK and the IMMEDIACY of the need. Assessment requires affirmative answers to both to meet criteria.*

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Proposed “Immediate Needs”

Situations that give rise to immediate need include:

- ICF/IID resident who has received discharge notice
- NF resident who has received discharge notice
- NF resident has received adverse LOC determination

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Proposed “Immediate Needs”

Situations that give rise to immediate need include:

- Adult losing primary caregiver due to the primary caregiver’s declining or chronic physical or psychiatric condition or due to other unforeseen circumstances that significantly limit the ability of the primary caregiver to care for the individual when:
 - Impending loss of the caregiver creates a risk of substantial harm to the individual and
 - There are no other caregivers available to provide necessary supports to the individual.

**NOTE: Unforeseen circumstances can include military deployment or incarceration of caregiver.*

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Proposed “Immediate Needs”

Situations that give rise to immediate need include:

- An adult or child is engaging in documented behavior that creates a risk of substantial harm to the individual, caregiver, or another person.
- Impending risk of substantial harm to the individual or caregiver as a result of:
 - The individual's significant care needs (i.e., bathing, lifting, high-demand, or twenty-four-hour care); or

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Proposed “Immediate Needs”

- The individual's significant or life-threatening medical needs.
- An adult has been subjected to abuse, neglect, or exploitation and requires additional supports to mitigate a risk of substantial harm to the individual.
- *Note some criteria indicate “adult” versus “adult or child” – intended to clearly discern role of CB versus children/family services

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Transition from Old to New

Current plan is for the rule to be filed by April for a **July 1, 2018 effective date.**

Everybody currently on a county board HCBS Waiver Waiting list will be moved to a Transitional List with their **original request date/time.**



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Transition from Old to New

No new people will be added to the Transitional List. New requests for waiver will be assessed using the WL Assessment Tool by the County Board and be placed on the Current Needs Waiting List if appropriate and if needs cannot be met with alternative resources.



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Transition from Old to New

All those who currently have an assigned SSA will be assessed using the new statewide WL Assessment Tool at the time of next ISP review.

By **December 31, 2020** the CB will assess those who are on the Waiting List who do not have an assigned SSA. CB will notify DODD when assessment is complete for people on Transitional List, and DODD will remove them from that list.



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Three Assessment Outcomes

#1

A county board determines immediate need, and addresses that need (same as “emergency” cases in current rule). This can be via community-based alternative resources or via waiver.

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Three Assessment Outcomes

#2

A county board determines the person has a current need and either meets the need using community-based alternative resources or adds the person to the current needs waiting list.

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Three Assessment Outcomes

#3

A county board determines the person has neither an immediate nor a current need. They are not placed on a current needs waiting list. If they are on the transitional waiting list, they are removed.

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Requests for Reassessment

Individuals can request new assessment when they feel needs have changed (as is case in current rule). County boards must initiate the assessment process within 30 days.

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Due Process

People are entitled to due process when:

- A board assessment determines they will not be added to the Waiting List from the Transitional List.
- A board assessment determines they will go on the Waiting List instead of waiver enrollment when their request was for a waiver.
- A board assessment indicates they no longer have a current need and will be removed from the waiting list.

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Key Take-Aways

- People will no longer have to request and/or wait for a specific waiver – the type of waiver will depend upon assessed needs and will be determined by the county board.
- A person can ask to be assessed at any time if they feel they have an immediate or current unmet need using the uniform statewide Waiting List Assessment Tool.

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Key Take-Aways

- The new waiting list is only for those people whose current unmet need(s) cannot be addressed with alternative resources and/or locally funded county board resources.
- Having a current unmet need **does not guarantee enrollment on a waiver** within 12 months; however, the county board will continue working with and planning for people on the Waiting List.

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Key Take-Aways

- When a person moves into a new county of residence, the person/guardian must notify the new county board.
- The new board must then review the Waiting List Assessment Tool within 90 days and if the current need still exists, the person will maintain the status date previously assigned.

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Questions?

If you have questions, **please ask.**
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