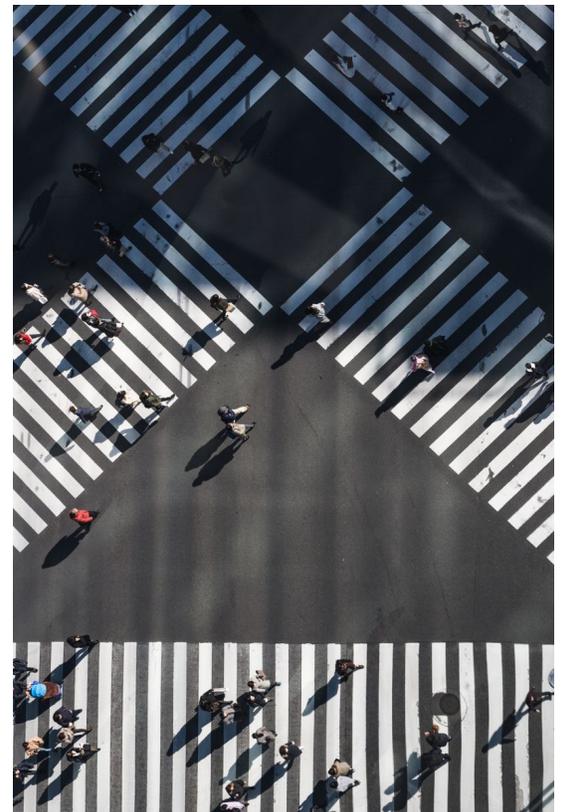




Changes to Community Participation Support (CPS) During COVID-19

As a result of COVID-19, certain changes are being made to services and supports within the Office of Developmental Program (ODP) waivers. This resource provides a brief overview of some of the recent changes being made to services in order to keep individuals healthy, and make sure all essential services are staffed.

- Older Adult Day Facilities, Adult Training Facilities, and Prevocational Facilities have been closed.
- Requirement for providers to support individuals in the community for 25% of the time has been suspended.
- Providers may continue to offer community participation in the community within guidelines established by the Governor around “social distancing.”
- Staff may be moved to other service areas to meet essential functioning needs of those programs. For example, staff from day facilities that have been closed may be shifted and used in residential and home-based settings to meet the needs of individuals who are now at home.
 - Staff need to be trained on ISP’s and health and safety needs of individuals before working in new settings. Providers are encouraged to use remote training and nursing support to meet these training requirements.
- For providers of facility-based CPS, the service can now be provided in private homes.
 - For individuals who receive this service and have family/caregivers who are employed in essential roles like healthcare, first responders, or human services, and are reliant on CPS for coverage during work hours, providers should work to offer CPS services in the home.
- If a provider only offers CPS services, they are encouraged to contact other local provider agencies to see how they can provide staff to supplement staffing of those providers to maintain essential functioning.
- CPS may also be provided as On-Call and Remote Support, as long as the individual is not receiving another service at the time. Provider agencies are encouraged to explore this option, and check individuals ISP’s to make sure there isn’t an overlap in services before providing remote supports.



For more information, please view the webinar hosted by Deputy Secretary Kristin Ahrens on [MyODP.org](https://myodp.org).



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