



Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

You are invited to participate in the Department of Human Services' (DHS)

STATEWIDE POSITIVE APPROACHES & PRACTICES MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 / **Time:** 10:00 am -1:30 pm

Location: Online – Zoom Webinar

Jointly hosted by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP).

This quarterly meeting aims to provide the most recent research and resources for people with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities to live an everyday life.

TOPIC

From Assessment to Integrated Support:

What a Good Behavioral Assessment Looks Like and How Teams Put It into Practice

DESCRIPTION

This training is designed for behavioral specialists, IBHS providers, supports coordinators, and AE and county staff across the ODP system. Participants will examine what a quality functional behavioral assessment looks like and how assessment findings translate into effective behavioral support plans and daily practice.

The first part of the session will discuss the assessment process, walking participants through the essential components of a thorough behavioral assessment, including how to establish clear and observable behavioral definitions, how to rule out medical contributors across the lifespan before assigning function, how to leverage existing records and evaluations before collecting new information, and how to build a well-supported behavioral hypothesis using multiple data sources.

The second part of the session will discuss assessment to implementation, focusing on how assessment findings move into the behavioral support plan and into daily practice. Topics include how clinical recommendations are translated across roles in both ODP and IBHS systems, where different types of findings belong in the BSP, and how ongoing data collection keeps the assessment process active after the plan is written. The session also addresses the distinction between behavioral support and therapy scope.

PRESENTERS

Jordan Hollander M.Ed BCBA LBS - Jordan Hollander is a Behavior Certified Behavior Analyst with over 17 years of experience providing person-centered behavioral supports for individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities. He earned his Masters Degree in Education from Kutztown University and completed a Post-Graduate Certificate and Supervision Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis at Pennsylvania State University. Jordan currently works as the Senior Director of Autism Clinical Strategy, Excellence and Training at Woods System of Care. Prior to joining Woods, Jordan worked at the Pennsylvania Office of

Developmental Programs as a Senior Clinical Consultant to the Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations and as the founding Clinical Director for the Therapeutic Recovery Team within the Bureau of State Operated Facilities.

Keelin Milligan, PsyD - Keelin Milligan is the Sr. Clinical Director at Woods System of Care and a licensed psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania. She oversees the clinical and behavioral health treatment programs for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and other mental health conditions living in the Mollie Woods on-campus adult residential program as well as the Center for Behavioral Health at Woods. Dr. Milligan has worked in numerous clinical treatment facilities throughout her career, including inpatient psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment facilities, schools, medical hospitals, outpatient clinics, and in-home based therapy services, supporting children, adolescents, and adults with various mental and behavioral health diagnoses. Dr. Milligan received both her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and her Master's in Clinical Practices in Psychology from the University of Hartford's Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology.

AGENDA

10:00am - 11:30am	The Assessment Process
11:30am – 12:00pm	Break
12:00pm - 1:30pm	From Assessment to Implementation

HOW TO ATTEND

REGISTRATION LINK: [Statewide Positive Approaches & Practices Meeting](#)

This session will be offered virtually via the Zoom© platform. The Zoom Join link will be sent to the email you used to register using the registration link above. The join link will be unique to your registration. Please do not share this link.

For questions on registration, email: PATraining@columbusorg.com

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