



Passavant Memorial Homes
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“Waivers, Waivers, & More Waivers...Helpful Information”

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I. Waivers

- A. **Waivers offer an array of services and benefits such as choice of qualified providers, due process, and health and safety assurances.**”-The Department of Human Services (DHS)
- B. A waiver is simply a funding stream which the state will provide to an individual when they qualify for services and support. Currently, there are three waivers under which Passavant Memorial Homes provides services (Chart A Below):
1. **Consolidated**
 2. **Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS)**
 3. **Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)**
- C. **Other Waivers in Pennsylvania**
1. **Aging Waiver:** Home & Community Habilitation Services for individuals in PA above 60 to continue to live at their current home, but receive day support.
 2. **Commcare Waiver:** For individuals in PA diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
 3. **Independence Waiver:** For individuals with a severe physical disability helps individuals with residential services either new or their current home.
 4. **Attendant Care Waiver/Act 150 Program:** For individuals with a physical disability to receive home and community day support services.
 5. **OBRA Waiver:** For individuals with a physical disability to receive home and community day support services and remains independent

D. Chart A: Consolidated, PFDS, and Adult Autism Waivers

Waiver	Definition	Eligibility	Services Provided
Consolidated	<p>“The Pennsylvania Consolidated Waiver is designed to help persons with intellectual disabilities live more independently in their homes and communities and to provide a variety of services that promote community living, including self-directed service models and traditional, agency-based service models.” -DHS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be age three and older ✓ Have a diagnosis of ID (Formerly Mental Retardation) ✓ Require active treatment ✓ Be recommended for an intermediate care facility level of care based on a medical evaluation ✓ Determined eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) ✓ \$2,000 resource limit (does not apply to dependent children under age 21) ✓ Income limit 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistive technology, Behavior support • Companion • Education support • Home accessibility adaptations • Homemaker/chore • Licensed residential habilitation • Licensed day Habilitation • Unlicensed residential habilitation • Unlicensed home and community habilitation
PFDS	<p>“The Pennsylvania Person/Family Directed Support Waiver (PFDS) is designed to help persons with developmental disabilities live more independently in their homes and communities and to provide a variety of services that promote community living, including self-directed service models and traditional, agency-based service models.” -DHS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be age three and older and have a diagnosis of ID (Formerly MR) ✓ Require active treatment ✓ Be recommended for an Intermediate Care Facility/Mental Retardation level of care based on a medical evaluation ✓ Determined eligible for Medical Assistance ✓ \$2,000 resource limit (doesn't apply to dependent children under age 21) ✓ Income limit 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate ✓ Individual cost limit of \$30,000 per person per fiscal year (excluding supports coordination) ✓ Does not require Office of Developmental Programs licensed community residential services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports coordination • Transportation • Licensed day habilitation • Unlicensed residential habilitation • Unlicensed home and community habilitation • Vehicle accessibility adaptations • Therapy: Physical, Occupational, Behavioral, Visual/Mobility, Behavioral, Speech and Language • Transitional work • (No the community group home/residential habilitation service)

The mission of the Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) is to develop and manage services and supports to enhance the quality of life of Pennsylvanians living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and to support their families and caregivers. The Bureau will carry out its mission through the creation and administration of adult service delivery models, the development of resources to support individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan and by collaborating with and providing technical assistance to other Department of Public Welfare (DPW) offices and government agencies.

Diagnostic Criteria:

Must have a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which includes:

- ✓ Autistic Disorder
- ✓ Pervasive Development Disorder, Not Otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)
- ✓ Asperger Syndrome
- ✓ Childhood Disintegrative Disorder
- ✓ Retts Disorder

Financial Eligibility:

- ✓ Must meet the income and resource limits for Medical Assistance and Payment of Long Term Care Services
- ✓ The income limit is currently 300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income Federal Benefit Rate. More information on the Federal Benefit Rate can be found at www.ssa.gov.

Functional Eligibility:

Must have substantial functional limitations that are likely to continue indefinitely in three or more of the major life activities listed below. These functional limitations, which must be evident before the person reaches the age of 22, include limitations in:

- ✓ Self-care
- ✓ Understanding and use of receptive and expressive language
- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Mobility
- ✓ Self-Direction
- ✓ Capacity for independent living

- Assistive Technology
- Community Inclusion
- Counseling
- Environmental Modifications
- Family Training
- Job Finding
- Residential Habilitation
- Supported Employment
- Therapies (Occupational, Speech and Language, Counseling)
- Transitional Work Services

- Behavioral Specialist Services
- Community Transition Services
- Day Habilitation
- Family Counseling
- Job Assessment
- Nutritional Consultation
- Respite
- Temporary Crisis Services
- Supports
- Coordination

E. Getting Connected to Services

1. Chart B: Getting Connected to Consolidated and PFDS Services



2. Getting Connected to AAW Services

A. How do I request an application?

1. Call the toll free number, 1-866-539-7689 and leave a message with the following information:
 2. Name of person who wishes to apply
 3. Telephone number
 4. Address
 5. County of residence
 6. If you are calling on the behalf of the person who wishes to apply, also leave your name and daytime phone number.
 7. All application requests must be made through the Bureau of Autism Services' toll free number at 1-866-539-7689. Applications may not be requested by email and are not available on-line.
- B. <https://bastraining.adobeconnect.com/a948173600/p63628323/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

F. Consolidated Waiver Waiting List: As of April 30, 2015

1. TOTAL PEOPLE WAITING = 13,869
2. Emergency Needs Category = 4,597
3. Critical Needs Category = 5,637
4. Planning Needs Category = 3,635
5. <http://www.pawaitinglistcampaign.org/>

G. Can I use all Waivers?

1. **An individual cannot be utilizing Consolidated Waiver and Autism Waiver at the same time.**
2. An individual can utilize the Autism Waiver while on the waiting list for Consolidated Waiver - **however**, it will drop your priority on the Consolidated Waiver waiting list.

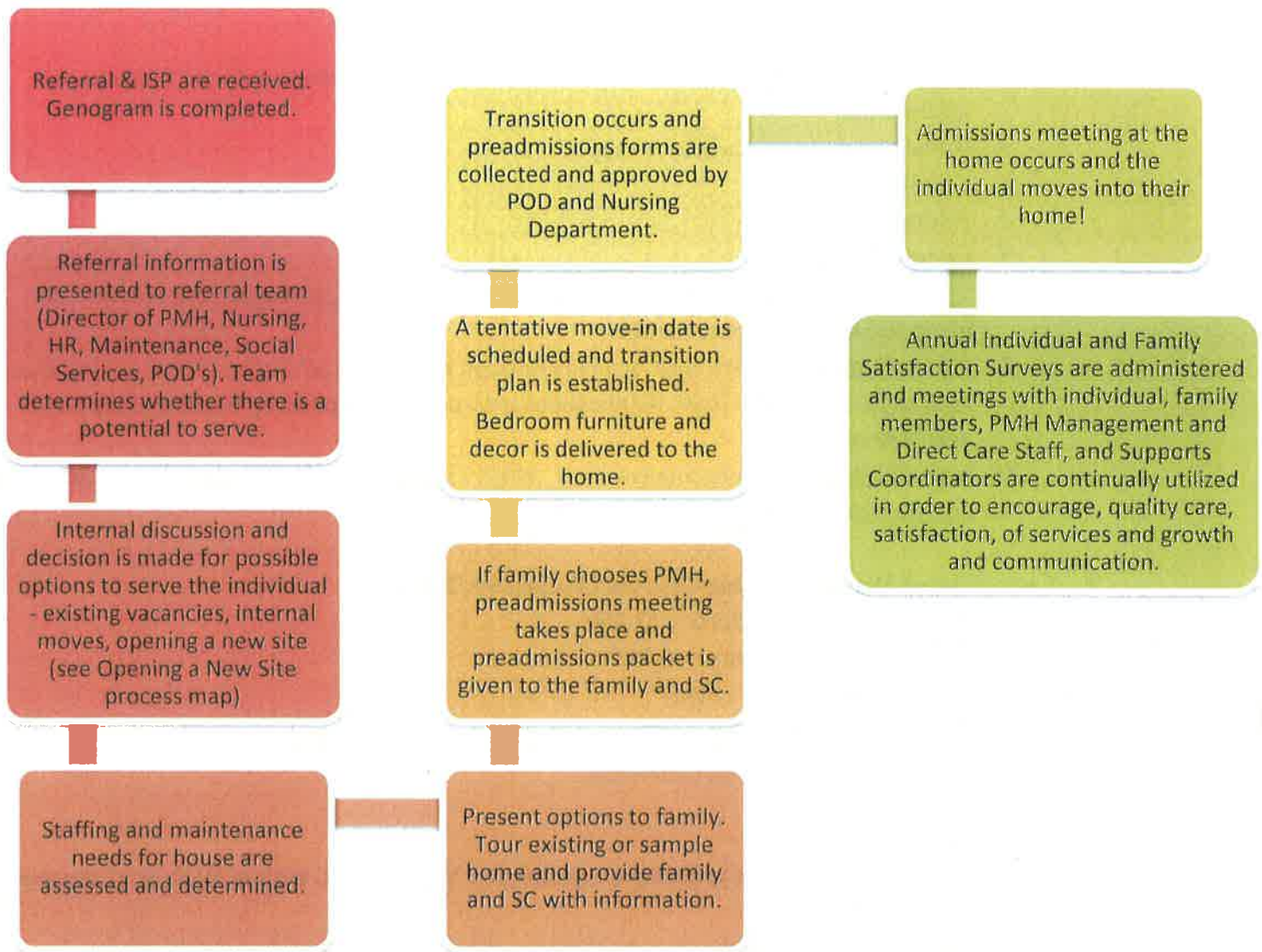
H. Department of Health Services Contact:

1. The Department of DHS Programs toll-free hotline: 1-888-565-9435
2. Toll Free TTY Number (telephone for hearing impaired only): 1-866-388-1114
3. Local telephone: 717-265-7427
[A Customer Service representative will answer calls during normal business hours, which are 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday- Friday]
4. <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/dhsorganization/officeofdevelopmentalprograms/>

I. Passavant Memorial Homes

1. Currently serving the needs of 680 individuals
2. Residentially serving 346 individuals in 125 homes
3. PMH Referral Process Below in Chart C. and example genogram in Chart D.

A. Chart C. PMH Referral Process



B. Chart D. Example Genogram and Timeline

Skills/Positive Attributes/Likes

- Sarah is kind, polite, outgoing, cheerful, active, and has a good sense of humor.
- Sarah enjoys meeting new people, putting puzzles together, listening to country music, spending time with her family, watching "The Price is Right", and doing arts and crafts.
- Sarah's favorite community outings include: Pirates games, shopping, eating out (especially at Olive Garden), and going to the zoo.
- Sarah has an excellent memory and can specifically remember names and dates very well.

Staffing

- Staffing Ratio:** 1:2, 24 hour supervision.
- Sarah can independently perform all ADL's with prompting to ensure thoroughness.
- Staff to support with stranger danger awareness.
- If community outing requires travel by car (rather than bus or walking), preparation for Sarah is essential due to her anxiety.
- Sarah can prepare simple meals for herself, such as sandwiches and toasted bagels. With supervision and assistance, can help prepare more complex meals, which she enjoys doing.
- Routine-oriented. Daily visual schedule helpful.

Emotional Support

- Sarah becomes fearful and overly anxious when riding in a car. May bang fist against head, scratch at arms, and cry.
 - Coping strategies: puts blanket over head, listens to music while in the car
- Psychiatric hospitalization in 2001 due to suicidal ideation.
- Receives outpatient therapy through Sunshine City Counseling Center. No additional suicidal ideations/acts since 2001.
- When frustrated or agitated, may engage in self-injurious behaviors such as head-banging and scratching. Can be redirected.
- No physical or verbal aggression toward others.
- Sarah learns best through observation and repetition.

Environmental Needs

- Location Desired:** Sunshine City, PA or surrounding areas
- Day Program:** Build the Skills Vocational and Employment Center
- Wheelchair accessible home
- On bus-line or walking distance to shops, restaurants, etc. to minimize time spent in a car.

Special Attention & Medical Needs

- Diagnosis:** Moderate ID, PTSD, Major Depressive Disorder, Seizure Disorder
- Allergies:** Seasonal
- Medications:** Ativan (for seizures), Lexapro
- Non-Ambulatory due to paralysis of legs from car accident.
- Seizure activity: occurs approximately 3x/week.
- Is on a low fat, 1800 calorie diet, recommended by PCP.

Social Supports

- Family:** Mother-Anne, Father-Mike, brother (Home: 555-1234)
- SC:** John Smith, 555-5678
- PCP:** Dr. Band-Aid
- Psychiatrist:** Dr. Feelings

Timeline

- 5/22/2000: Sarah was in a car accident, which left her paralyzed from the waist down.
- 5/2001: Psychiatric admission for suicidal ideation.

- 6/2006: Graduated from Sunshine City High School.

- 3/15/88: Sarah was born. No complications reported during pregnancy.
- All developmental milestones delayed.
- Participated in special education classes at Sunshine City Schools.

- Currently:** Residing with Mother, father, and brother at home (Sunshine City area)
- Consolidated waiver:** Seeking residential services.

Resources

- <http://www.passavant.org>
- <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>
- <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/index.htm>
- http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/communication/s_001591.pdf
- <http://www.autismsocietypgh.org/pa-bureau-of-autism-services-adult-waiver/>
- <http://www.pawaitinglistcampaign.org/>
- <https://www.hcsis.state.pa.us/hcsis-ssd/pgm/asp/PRCNT.ASP>
- [http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/fordisabilityservices/intellectualdisabilitiesservices/servicesandsupports/prep
aretomeetwithyoursupportservicescoordinator/index.htm](http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/fordisabilityservices/intellectualdisabilitiesservices/servicesandsupports/prep
aretomeetwithyoursupportservicescoordinator/index.htm)
- <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/EPPProviderSearch/Pgm/EPWEL.aspx?prg=AAW>