FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
PRE-EXPENDITURE REPORT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Teresa D. Miller, Secretary
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INTRODUCTION

In 1981, Title XX of the Social Security Act was amended to establish the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). States are allocated funds through the SSBG for the provision of social services to children and adults that are aimed at one or more of the federal statutory goals. The Department of Human Services (the Department) is designated as the state agency responsible for administering the SSBG in Pennsylvania. Social services are funded through the following offices in the Department: Office of Child Development and Early Learning; Office of Children, Youth and Families; Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Office of Developmental Programs; Office of Income Maintenance; and the Office of Policy Development. The planning process for SSBG fund distribution is based on program office information and justification of prior program activities. The Department does not use a needs assessment in distributing SSBG funds. Described below are the services Pennsylvania proposes to deliver and the federal goals to which they are directed.

FEDERAL GOALS/PENNSYLVANIA SERVICES

States must provide services that are consistent with one or more of the five federal goals:

1. Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency.

2. Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency.

3. Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families.

4. Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care.

5. Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate or providing services to individuals in institutions.
Pennsylvania Service | Federal Category Number and Service Definition | Federal Goals
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County Assistance Office Service Planning/Case Management | (2) Case Management | x x
Subsidized Child Care | (6) Day Care - Children | x x x
Family Planning | (9) Family Planning Services | x x x
Homeless Assistance Program | (15) Housing Services | x x x
Legal Services | (18) Legal Services | x x x x x
Domestic Violence | (21) Protective Services – Adults (22) Protective Services - Children | x
Rape Crisis | (21) Protective Services – Adults (22) Protective Services - Children | x
Child Welfare Services | (22) Protective Services - Children | x x x
Youth Development Services | (24) Residential Treatment | x x
Community Mental Health Services | (29) Other Services | x x x x x
Community Intellectual Disabilities Services | (29) Other Services | x x x x x

**FISCAL AND REPORTING INFORMATION**

States are required to submit an annual Pre-Expenditure Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the intended use of SSBG funds. The Pre-Expenditure Report must be made public and allow for comments by any person, including any federal or public agencies. The report must include:

a. the intended use of SSBG funds;

b. information on the types of activities or services to be supported; and

c. information on the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served.

This Pre-Expenditure Report represents the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is posted on the Department’s website for ongoing public review and comment. A copy of the report will be provided by the Department upon request through postal mail or electronic mail. Comments may be submitted to the Department through the website or through postal mail.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2021, Pennsylvania’s SSBG programs expect to receive a total of $92.831 million, which comprises $61.854 million in SSBG funding and $30.977 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) transfer funds.
Comprehensive fiscal information for programs and services that receive SSBG funds is included in the proposed Governor’s Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The commonwealth has a single audit completed in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance. The proposed budget and audit report can be found at: http://www.budget.pa.gov/PublicationsAndReports.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021

Eligibility requirements are contained in specific program regulations of the Department. The following general requirements will apply to all providers that use SSBG funds for social services:

- NONDISCRIMINATION - Individuals applying for or receiving services may not be discriminated against because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or disability.

- DEPARTMENTAL FAIR HEARING - The Department's Appeal and Fair Hearing Regulations, contained in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 55, Chapter 275, apply to providers that use SSBG funds.
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*Funds transferred to SSBG from TANF.

** Title XIX; SNAP; TANF; Child Care and Development Block Grant; Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant; Family Violence Prevention & Services Grant; Preventative Health & Human Services Block Grant; Title IV-B; Title IV-E; Food & Nutrition Services; CMHSBG; state general funds; state expanded services and breast cancer screening; state Disability Advocacy Program; state Act 44, Act 222 and Act 148; state HSBG; county funds; contributions; interest income; fees

*** Community Mental Health Services; Community Intellectual Disabilities Services

**** The amounts reported in the "Expenditures of All Other Federal, State, and Local Funds" column is estimated based upon rounded FY 18-19 post-expenditure amounts.
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*Recipient counts may be duplicated among service categories; are reported for all funding sources, not exclusively SSBG funding.

**Recipient counts for Protective Services – Children increased from the FY19-20 Pre-Expenditure Report due to a recent change in the reporting by one county.

***Community Mental Health Services; Community Intellectual Disabilities Services
Pennsylvania Service:
County Assistance Office (CAO) Service Planning/Case Management

Definition of Child/Adult:
For CAO Service Planning/Case Management Services, a child is defined as an individual under 18 years of age. An adult is anyone 18 years of age and older.

Program Description:
CAOs utilize Title XX funds to assure that public assistance recipients have access to needed community services.

Service Definitions:
CAO service planning/case management consists of staff activities to assess need, arrange for, or follow up on services provided by other community agencies that enable public assistance recipients to achieve Title XX goals.

Service activities may include:
- exploring service needs and discussing available and acceptable service options with the recipient;
- arranging for the provision of needed medical, functional, psychological, psychiatric, social, or vocational diagnostic assessments;
- arranging for the prompt delivery of the requested services, taking into account the recipient's choice of service provider, if possible;
- liaising with all providers serving the recipient;
- providing personal advocacy, if needed, to ensure the satisfactory delivery of services;
- monitoring of the continuity or continued appropriateness of services;
- conducting a brief assessment (not diagnosis and evaluation) of the recipient's problem to make appropriate referral possible; and
- providing information and referral services to recipients for community resources that provide or make available the needed services.

Service activities do not include providing information through the mass media or general public information methods except for the costs of advertising for the service itself.

Eligibility:
Individuals financially eligible for CAO service planning/case management are current recipients of:
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Medical Assistance (MA); and
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
Fees:

None.

Application for Service:

Individuals may request case management services at any CAO.
Pennsylvania Service:

Subsidized Child Care Services

Definition of Child:

For Subsidized Child Care Services, a child is defined as an individual under age 13 years. Individuals between 13 and under 19 years of age who are unable to care for themselves may be eligible for the service if proper medical documentation is provided.

Definition of Family:

For Subsidized Child Care Services, a family is defined as the child or children for whom subsidized child care is requested and the following individuals who live with that child or children in the same household:

(i) A parent of the child.
(ii) A caretaker or a caretaker’s spouse.
(iii) A biological, adoptive or foster child or stepchild of the parent or caretaker who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or by the court.
(iv) An unrelated child under the care and control of the parent or caretaker, who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or by the court.
(v) A child who is 18 years of age or older but under 22 years of age who is enrolled in a high school, a general educational development program or a post-secondary program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate and who is wholly or partially dependent upon the income of the parent or caretaker or spouse of the parent or caretaker.

Program Description:

Subsidized child care services are provided through a system of grants to public and private agencies administered through the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL).

OCDEL administers the program at the community level through grantees known as Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs). ELRCs provide services in all 67 counties. ELRCs work with families and providers participating in the subsidized child care program, accommodating parent choice and managing providers through signed agreements. Parents may choose from regulated provider, including child care centers, group child care, and homes or family child care homes, or an unregulated provider which is a relative defined as the child’s grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling over age 18, not residing in the household. The provider, whether regulated or a relative must sign a provider agreement with an ELRC and agree to participate in the subsidized child care program. ELRCs pay participating providers on behalf of the eligible families that have selected them.

Service Definition:

Subsidized child care service is care provided for part of a 24-hour day to children of low-income families whose parent(s) or caretaker(s) are working or receiving training.
Service Definition - Continued:

Care is provided to children up to the age of 13. Children between the ages of 13 years and under 19 years of age who are unable to care for themselves may be eligible with medical documentation. This service does not include care provided by parents or caretakers. This service may not be provided as a substitute for publicly-funded education programs such as kindergarten or other specialized treatment programs. Subsidized child care is provided to children in child care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes regulated by the Department. Subsidized child care is also provided by relatives who do not reside in the household and who meet relationship requirements as specified above in the Program Description.

Services provided to:

- Infant (0 - 12 months);
- Young Toddler (13 - 24 months);
- Older Toddler (25 - 36 months);
- Preschool (37 months - kindergarten);
- Young School-Age (kindergarten - grade 3);
- Older School-Age (grade 4 - 13 years);
- Special Needs (13 - 19 years old with medical documentation).

The goal of subsidized child care is to provide low-income families with quality child care for their children to enable the parent(s) or caretaker(s) of these children to work or receive job training.

Service activities include:

- maintaining a safe and healthful environment for the child;
- implementing a written plan of daily activities and routines for the child;
- maintaining and updating child and employee records; and
- providing care which promotes the affective, cognitive, communicative, perceptual-motor, physical, and social development of the child.

Eligibility:

The parent(s) or caretaker(s) must:

- have a total family income which does not exceed 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) to enter the program or 235 percent of the FPIG to remain in the program, or 85 percent or more of the State Median Income (SMI) between application and redetermination, and;
- work at least 20 hours per week, or work a minimum of 10 hours per week and attend a job training/education program for 10 hours per week, or be under 18 years of age and attend high school or a full-time general educational development (GED) program.

If the need for service is greater than the availability of funds in an ELRC region, the ELRC is required to maintain a waitlist of eligible children based on application date.
Fees:

Fees are charged to all families, beginning at $5.00 per week and increasing as the family's income increases. The fee is based on the family's monthly gross income and is adjusted for family size. The fee is per each family regardless of the number of children in care.

Application for Service:

Persons desiring service may apply to their local ELRC or through the Department’s COMPASS website. COMPASS is the online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs and manage benefit information.
Pennsylvania Service:

Family Planning Services

Definition of Child/Adult:

For Family Planning Services, a child is defined as an individual under 18 years of age. An adult is an individual 18 years of age and older.

Program Description:

Services under the Department's Family Planning Program are provided in all 67 counties through contracts with four regional management agencies and the Family Planning Councils, which contract with local family planning agencies.

Service Definition:

Family planning services meet contraceptive needs through the provision of educational, medical, and social services. Services enable recipients to plan family size, birth spacing, and prevent unplanned pregnancies.

Eligibility:

Individuals 18 years of age and under are eligible without regard to income.

The following individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible:

- current recipients of TANF;
- current recipients of SSI; and
- Individuals not described under this section whose family monthly gross income does not exceed 100 percent of the FPIG adjusted according to family size.

Fees:

None.

Application for Service:

Individuals may request services at local family planning agencies.
Pennsylvania Service:

Homeless Assistance Program

Definition of Child/Adult:

The Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) serves adults, defined as individuals 18 years of age and older, and families with children under 18 years of age.

Program Description:

HAP provides services through grants to counties that subcontract with local provider agencies.

HAP services include the following service components:

- **Case Management** - Provides assistance to individuals and families to access and coordinate activities and services needed to work toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- **Rental Assistance** - Provides assistance to individuals and families to prevent or to end homelessness or near-homelessness. Assistance may be provided in the form of rental, mortgage arrearage, utility, or security deposit payments. Homelessness is ended by moving the recipients out of temporary living situations or shelters and into permanent housing. Evictions are prevented by providing payments for rent or mortgage arrearages so that individuals and families are able to maintain their own residences.
- **Bridge Housing** - Assists individuals and families experiencing homelessness for up to 18 months by providing housing and case management with the goal of returning the recipients to the most independent living situation possible.
- **Emergency Shelter - Adult Protective Service** - Provides shelter to individuals in immediate need who have no permanent residence. Service components include mass and individual shelter in congregate settings and individual shelter paid through a voucher system to house recipients in hotels, motels, or boarding homes.
- **Innovative Supportive Housing Services** - Allows counties to develop supportive housing services to address unique county needs which are not met within the other eligible HAP service components.

Service Definition:

HAP makes available a continuum of service components to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and near-homelessness. These services help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness find refuge and care and to help them move toward self-sufficiency.
Eligibility:

To receive HAP services, an individual or family must have low-income, below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and be in immediate need of shelter, at risk of experiencing homelessness, or be experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness. Individuals or families seeking emergency shelter services as a result of a disaster or domestic violence are not required to meet income guidelines.

Individuals or families are experiencing homelessness if they:

- reside in a group shelter, domestic violence safe home, hotel or motel paid for with public or charitable funds, a mental health, drug or alcohol facility, jail, or hospital with no place to reside; or living in a home, but due to domestic violence, need a safe place to reside;
- verify that they face foster care placement of their children solely because of lack of adequate housing or need housing to allow reunification with children who are in foster care placement;
- are living in a doubled-up arrangement for six months or less;
- are living in a condemned building;
- are living in housing in which the physical location presents life and/or health threatening conditions; or
- are living on the street, in cars, or front stoops.

Individuals and families are experiencing near-homelessness if they are facing eviction.

Fees:

Counties utilizing the Bridge Housing component are permitted to charge fees in accordance with the fee scale developed by the county and service provider. No fees are charged for any other service component. However, if the county and service provider determine that it is operationally and programmatically necessary to charge a fee to access emergency shelter, the county must submit a waiver request to the Department. This request must describe how a fee will improve administrative efficiency and the health and safety of recipients, and foster independence.

Application for Service:

Individuals may request services at local HAP service provider agencies designated by the county.
Pennsylvania Service:

Legal Services

Definition of Child/Adult:

For Legal Services, a child is defined as an individual under 18 years of age. An adult is anyone 18 years of age and older.

Program Description:

Title XX Legal Services are provided by local legal service programs through a contract with the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network.

Service Definition:

Legal services are provided by lawyers and paralegals under attorney supervision to resolve or prevent the civil legal problems of an eligible individual or several eligible individuals sharing the same legal problem or circumstances. The provision of legal services must be consistent with the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Disciplinary Rules of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and other applicable rules of professional conduct. The services do not include political activities or the provision of direct services to organizations. The substantive services provided primarily fall within core areas which include: termination of employment and unemployment compensation; custody and other family law matters; insurance; health care; income and income supports; discrimination due to race, age, sex, or disability; wage and pension claims; housing; taxation; wills and estates; social security benefit; disability; and debtor-creditor issues. It also includes protective services under the Pennsylvania Protection from Abuse Act, 23 Pa. C.S. §§ 6101-6122.

Service activities include:

• consultation and advice; and
• representation of individuals which includes, but is not limited to, legal assessment; negotiation; research and representation before district judges, courts, and administrative agencies.

Legal services are not provided in fee-generating cases or in cases in which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or political subdivisions of the commonwealth have an obligation to provide counsel to the low-income individuals. Legal services are not provided in criminal matters or in matters which, in the professional judgment of an attorney, are of little merit or which, under all circumstances presented by the person, are of no benefit to the person. A fee-generating case means any case or matter which, if undertaken on behalf of an eligible recipient by an attorney in private practice, reasonably may be expected to result in a fee for legal services to be paid from a monetary award made by a court or an administrative agency. The term "fee generating case" does not include cases in which representation is permitted by 45 CFR § 1609.3.
The objective of legal services is to resolve civil legal problems, thus helping individuals to reach one or more of the five Title XX goals.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals financially eligible are:

- current recipients of TANF;
- current recipients of SSI;
- current recipients (both children and adults) of protective services under the Protection from Abuse Act, 23 Pa. C.S. §§ 6101-6122;
- current recipients of MA;
- persons not described under this section whose family’s monthly gross income does not exceed 125 percent of the FPIG adjusted according to family size.

Recipients also must meet one of the two categories of need: (1) emergency situations; and (2) termination of employment and unemployment compensation; custody and other family law matters; insurance; health care; income and income supports; discrimination due to age, race, sex, or disability; wage and pension claims; housing; taxation; wills and estates; social security benefit; disability; and debtor-creditor issues.

**Fees:**

None.

**Application for Service:**

Individuals may request services at local legal service provider agencies under contract or subcontract with the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network.
Pennsylvania Services:

Protective Services - Domestic Violence
Protective Services - Rape Crisis

Program Description:

Title XX funds provide protective services to victims of domestic violence through a contract with a statewide coalition which, in turn, subcontracts for services at the local level.

Service Definition:

Protective services include activities to assist individuals who are in situations of actual or threatened abuse.

Protective services are provided as intervention in a crisis situation and include all activities necessary to alleviate the problem or to remove the individual from the dangerous situation as detailed in the recipient's written service plan.

Service activities include, but are not limited to:

- making referral for financial aid, either in the form of emergency aid or in the form of ongoing income maintenance;
- providing assistance to obtain public benefits;
- arranging or providing emergency shelter or housing in the form of room and board, transportation services, emergency health services, and financial aid. The services are provided for no more than 30 days in any six-month period if other resources, including Medicare and Medicaid, are not available;
- providing or arranging for services necessary to enable the individual to remain in their home;
- providing outreach services;
- arranging for medical, mental health, and intellectual disabilities assessments;
- arranging or referring individuals for services determined through assessment;
- arranging or referring for the provision of legal services and assistance, including the preparation of legal documents and direct representation in cases of exploitation, abuse, or neglect;
- providing accompaniment to the police department, hospital, court, social services, and providing victim advocacy;
- providing supportive counseling, both in person and via telephone, and protective casework for as long as necessary to implement the recipient’s service plan;
- providing preventative services for potential domestic violence victims and educating other service providers about dealing with victims of domestic violence;
- providing a 24-hour hotline service to victims; and
- recruiting and training volunteers to provide services.
Eligibility:

Individuals are eligible without regard to income.

Fees:

None.

Application for Service:

Individuals may request services at local domestic violence provider agencies under contract with the statewide coalition.

Protective Services - Rape Crisis

Definition of Adult:

For Rape Crisis Services, an adult is defined as an individual 18 years of age and older.

Program Description:

Title XX funds provide protective services to victims of sexual assault through a contract with a statewide coalition which, in turn, subcontracts for services at the local level.

Service Definition:

Protective services are provided as intervention in a crisis situation and include all activities necessary to alleviate the problem or to remove the individual from the dangerous situation as detailed in the recipient's written service plan.

Service activities include, but are not limited to:

- making referral for financial aid, either in the form of emergency aid or in the form of ongoing income maintenance;
- arranging alternate care, upon recipient consent;
- arranging for emergency health services;
- providing outreach services;
- arranging for medical, mental health, and intellectual disabilities assessments;
- arranging or referring individuals for services determined through assessment;
- arranging or referring for the provision of legal aid, including the preparation of legal documents and direct representation in cases of exploitation, abuse, neglect, involuntary commitment, and competency proceedings;
- arranging with or referring the recipient to appropriate agencies or individuals for initiation of guardianship proceedings;
- providing accompaniment to the police department, hospital, court, social services, and providing victim advocacy;
- providing crisis counseling, both in person and via telephone, and protective casework for as long as necessary to implement the individual service plan;
- educating service provider agencies to more effectively support victims of rape;
- providing a 24-hour hotline service to victims of rape and to the significant others of victims; and
- recruiting and training volunteers to provide services.
Eligibility:

Individuals are eligible without regard to income.

Fees:

None.

Application for Service:

Individuals may request services at local rape crisis provider agencies under contract with the statewide coalition.
Pennsylvania Services:

- Child Welfare Services
- Protective Services - Domestic Violence
- Protective Services - Rape Crisis

*Please refer to pages 16-18 for Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis program information.

Definition of Child:

For Child Welfare Services, Domestic Violence Services, and Rape Crisis Services, a child is defined as an individual under 18 years of age.

Child Welfare Service

Program Description:

Services under the Department's Child Welfare Program are provided through grants to county children and youth social service agencies.

Service Definition:

Child welfare social services include certain activities performed by county children and youth social service agencies to alleviate or prevent conditions of dependency and delinquency of children and to strengthen the functioning of their families. Activities are defined in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3130, Administration of County Children and Youth Social Services Programs.

Eligibility:

Services are provided without regard to income of children and their families who are in need of the services. The need for services is determined in accordance with the definitions in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3130 and other applicable program regulations.

Fees:

Fees, if established, are based on the scale authorized by each county children and youth social service agency under 55 Pa. Code § 3130.21(h)(3).

Application for Service:

Requests and referrals for services are made through each county children and youth social service agency.
Pennsylvania Service:

Residential Social Services for Adjudicated Delinquent Youth

Definition of Child:

For Residential Social Services for Adjudicated Delinquent Youth, a child is defined as:

- An individual under 18 years of age;
- An individual up to 21 years of age who committed an act of delinquency before reaching 18 years of age; or
- An individual who was adjudicated dependent before reaching 18 years of age and who, while engaged in a course of instruction or treatment, requests the court to retain jurisdiction until the course has been completed, but in no event shall a child remain in a course of instruction or treatment past 21 years of age.

Program Description:

The Department operates residential facilities which provide services for the rehabilitation of youth who have been adjudicated delinquent.

Service Definition:

The Youth Development Centers and Youth Forestry Camps provide residential services for the rehabilitation of youth who have been adjudicated delinquent and who require care, guidance, and control. Services are designed to meet the social, emotional, vocational, and educational needs of youth in care while ensuring accountability on the part of the youth to the victim, the community, the court, and the youth’s family. Services are designed to enable youth to return to the community more capable of being law-abiding and productive members of society.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- diagnostic assessments of each youth;
- preparation, implementation, and monitoring of individual treatment service plans;
- individual, group, and family counseling;
- psychological and psychiatric services;
- teaching of basic social, interpersonal, and living skills;
- training in the development of job-related skills needed to obtain employment; and
- socialization and recreation activities to foster individual growth and enable youth to reach maximum functioning while in placement and upon return to the community.

Eligibility:

All youth who are adjudicated delinquent and placed in a Youth Development Center or Youth Forestry Camp are eligible without regard to income.
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24 - RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

Fees:
None.

Application for Service:
Admission to the facilities which provide this service is by court order in compliance with the
Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §§ 6301-6375. Service is based on programmatic decisions made by staff
of the facility based on an assessment of recipient need.
Pennsylvania Services:

Community Mental Health Services  
Community Intellectual Disabilities Services

Definition of Child/Adult:

For Community Mental Health Services and Community Intellectual Disabilities Services, a child is defined as an individual under 18 years of age. An adult is defined as an individual 18 years of age or older.

Community Mental Health Services

Program Description:

The Department provides mental health services through grants to county mental health/intellectual disabilities (MH/ID) programs.

Service Definition:

Community Mental Health Services provide a range of services and supports, such as:

- Community residential rehabilitation services which provide intensive, goal-directed supports in a non-medical setting, enabling recipients to achieve their maximum possible independence within a community.
- Vocational services enable individuals with mental disabilities to prepare for, secure, and retain employment.
- Service planning/case management services provide coordination, monitoring, and advocacy among all the services the recipient receives.
- Social rehabilitation services improve an individual’s functioning in society by developing skills in areas including social competence, communication, and daily living.

Additional information regarding the mental health service definition is available in Mental Health Bulletin Number OMHSAS-12-02, “Cost Centers for County Based Mental Health Services,” available at: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20OMHSAS/d_005967.pdf

Eligibility:

Individuals who are diagnosed as having a mental health issue by the county MH/ID program and who are eligible for full or partial support based on 55 Pa. Code Chapter 4305.

Fees:

Fees for services are set forth in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 4305.
Application for Service:
Individuals may apply for services through the county MH/ID program.

Community Intellectual Disabilities Services

Program Description:
The Department provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities/autism through grants to county MH/ID programs.

Service Definition:
Community Intellectual Disabilities Services consist of a comprehensive array of services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities/autism. Private service providers, working under contract, or county MH/ID programs administer and/or provide services.

Specific activities and services include, but are not limited to:

- adult developmental training and community participation;
- community residential services;
- employment and employment-related services;
- family support services including respite care, behavioral support, family education/training, homemaker services, therapies; and
- supports coordination (case management).

Additional information regarding intellectual disabilities/autism service definition is available in Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Bulletin 00-13-04, “Crosswalk between ODP Cost Center Codes and Human Services Block Grant Cost Center Codes,” with attachment, available at: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20ODP/00-13-04%20A.docx

Eligibility:
Individuals who are diagnosed with intellectual disabilities/autism by the county MH/ID program are eligible for full or partial support and services based on their assessed needs.

Fees:
Fees for services are set forth in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 4305.

Application for Service:
Individuals may apply for services through the county MH/ID program.