

INDEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY TEAM



Our Mission

The mission of the Advocacy Alliance's Independent Eligibility Team is to assist individuals with an Intellectual Disability (ID) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and their families in determining their eligibility to receive supports and services.

Why do I need to register for ID/ASD services?

Individuals with ID and/or ASD may require supports and services throughout their lives to provide them opportunities to be included in their communities. In order for the Lackawanna-Susquehanna Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention Program to plan for and fund supports and services for you, it's important that you register for ID/ASD services. Once you have been determined eligible, you will select a Supports Coordination Organization who will assist you in locating and coordinating the types of supports and services you may need.

The support you will receive may provide you the options to live at home with your family, live in your own home, find a job, spend time with family and friends, and learn the skills you need to achieve the highest quality life possible. Registering for ID/ASD services is the first step in planning for a full and meaningful life!

How do I qualify?

1. The onset of the ID and/or ASD must be prior to 22 years of age.
2. Intellectual Disability: have an IQ score of 70 or lower.
Autism Spectrum Disorder: have a diagnosis of ASD based on appropriate assessments.
3. Significant limitation in at least two (three areas if an ASD diagnosis) of the following areas:
 - Communication
 - Self-Care
 - Home Living
 - Social/Interpersonal Skills
 - Use of Community Resources
 - Self-Direction
 - Functional Academics
 - Work
 - Leisure
 - Health and Safety



Contact the Team

If you are interested in determining your eligibility for these ID/ASD supports and services please call Jim Belcher, Coordinator of the Independent Eligibility Team at the Advocacy Alliance, directly at 570-558-5486, toll free at 1-877-315-6855 when prompted select option 8, or via e-mail at jbелcher@theadvocacyalliance.org.