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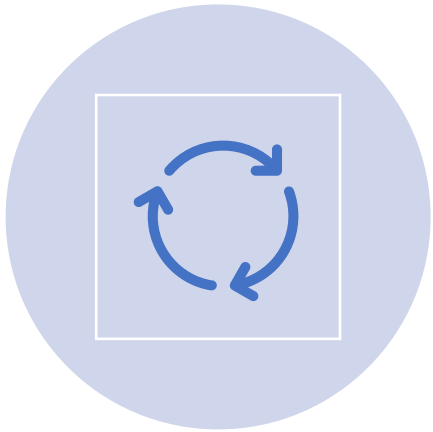
STAKEHOLDER WEBINAR

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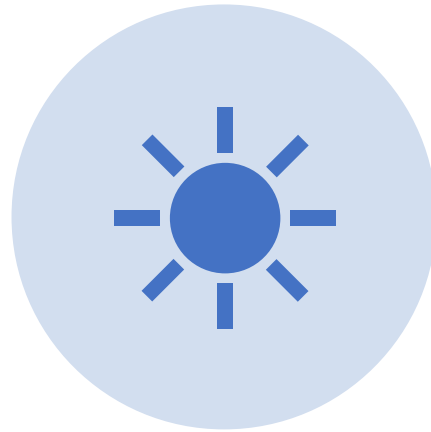
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Topics



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PENNSYLVANIA**



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**SUMMARY
FORM**

History of SIS-A



Fundamentals of the SIS-A

People with disabilities deserve to:

Explore dreams and interests.

Experience the same rights and responsibilities
as other adults their age.

Fundamentals of the SIS-A

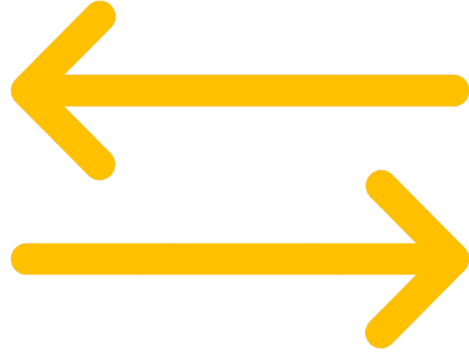
People with disabilities deserve to:

Discover and access opportunities that are available to other adults in the community.

Contribute as a valued member of the community.

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SIS-A Drivers



Changes in Public Understanding of IDD

Movement from a Deficit-Based Model to a Functional Needs Model



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SIS-A Drivers



Importance of Cultural
& Age-Appropriate
Experiences

Shift Toward Person-
Centered Services and
Supports



Growth of
Individualized Support
Networks

Section 1: Exceptional Medical and Behavioral Support Needs

Guidelines:

Exceptional Supports

Current Support Needs

Supports Provided by People

Complete All Items

Not All Items May Apply

Section 1A & 1B



Rating options

0 = No Support Needed

1 = Some Support Needed

2 = Extensive Support Needed



Section 1 is not norm-referenced

Section 1A: Exceptional Medical Support Needs

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18 Items and Other

- Respiratory Care (4 Items)
- Feeding Assistance (3 Items)
- Skin Care (2 Items)
- Other Exceptional Medical Care (10 Items)

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23 Items and Other

- Respiratory Care (4 Items)
- Feeding Assistance (4 Items)
- Skin Care (2 Items)
- Other Exceptional Medical Care (14 Items)

Section 1A: Revised Items

- Ostomy and Catheter Care
- Hypertension or Hypotension Management

Section 1A: Removed Item

- Therapy Services

Section 1A: Additional Items

- Dysphagia
- Gastrointestinal Health Management
- Incontinence Management
- Chronic Pain Management
- Arthritis Management
- Conditions Requiring Specialized Oral Care Management

Section 1B: Exceptional Behavioral Support Needs

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12 Items and Other

- Externally Directed Behavior (4 Items)
- Self-Directed Behavior (3 Items)
- Sexual Behavior (2 Items)
- Other (4 Items)

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13 Items and Other

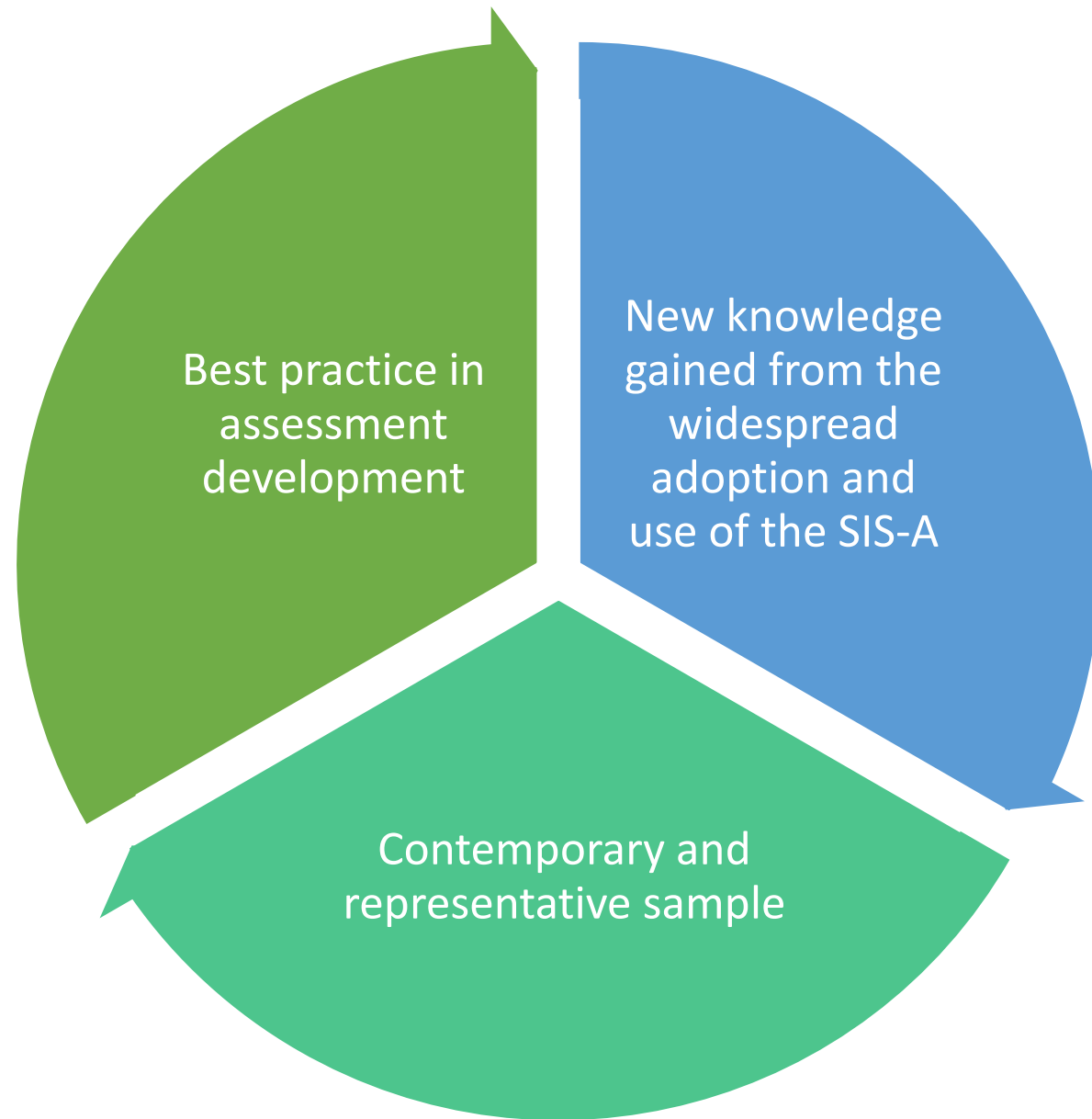
- Self-Directed Behavior (4 Items)
 - Prevention of Self-Neglect



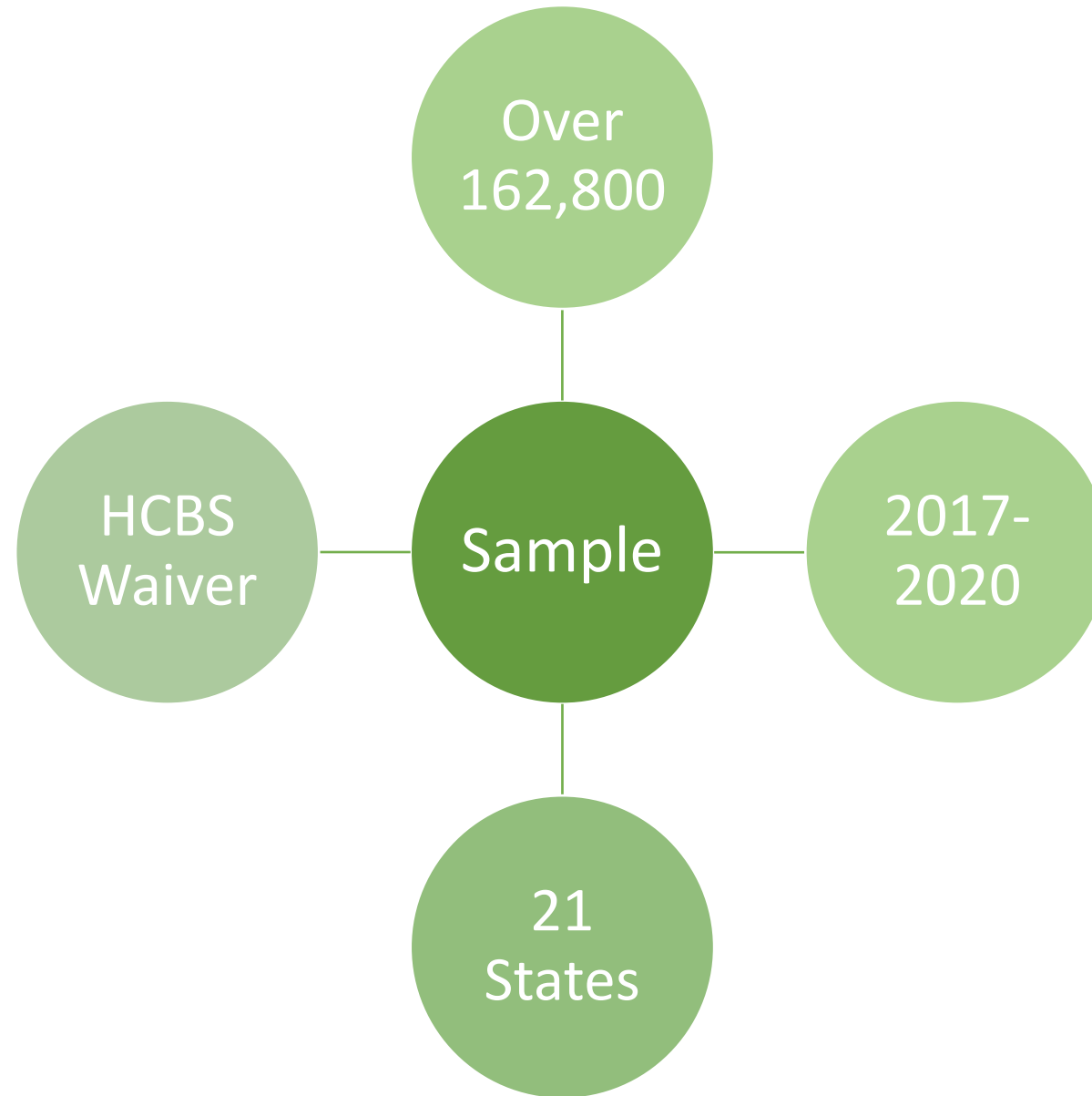
Section 2

Support Needs for Life Activities

Why Re-Norm the SIS-A?



Normative Information



Supported Success



Section 2

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Support Needs Index

A: Home Living Activities

B: Community Living Activities

C: Lifelong Learning Activities

D: Employment Activities

E: Health and Safety Activities

F: Social Activities

Section 3:

Protection and Advocacy Activities

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Supports Needs for Life Activities

A: Home Living Activities

B: Community Living Activities

C: Health and Safety Activities

D: Lifelong Learning Activities

E: Work Activities

F: Social Activities

G: Advocacy Activities

Section 2



SIS-A Summary Report

- Support Needs Summary
- Primary Supports
- Exceptional Medical & Behavioral Supports
- Support Needs for Life Activities
- Support Needs Profile Graph
- Interview Details

SIS-A Summary Report

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SIS ID:

Report Sample

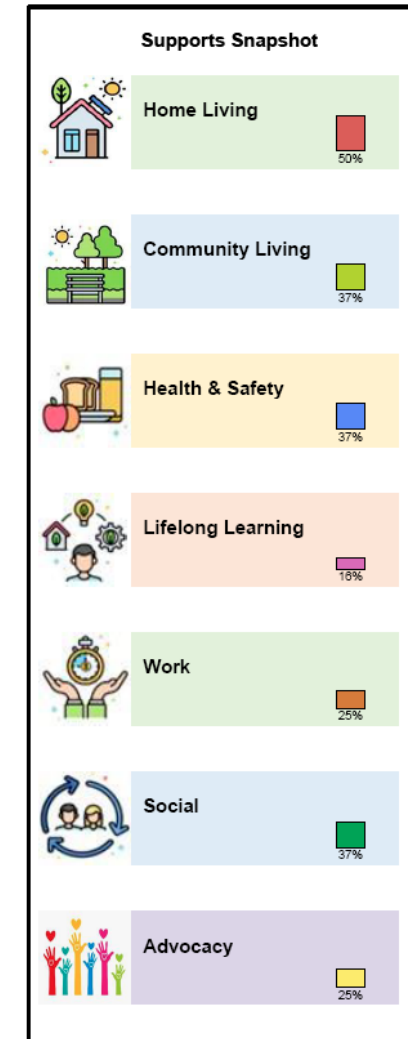
Tracking #:

Residence:

Interview Date:

DOB:

Support Needs Summary



Date printed.

Key Supports

♥ Matters to Me (Important To Me)

Shopping and purchasing goods and services, Going to visit friends and family, Taking medications, Making and keeping friends

! Other Priority Supports (Important For Me)

Going to visit friends and family, Taking medications, Avoiding health and safety hazards, Communicating with others about personal needs

⊕ Exceptional Medical Support Needs

Seizure Disorder management, Diabetes management

🧠 Exceptional Behavioral Support Needs

Prevention of stealing, Prevention of wandering

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Implementation

- **ODP ANNOUNCEMENT 23-059** SIS-A Second Ed.
- **ODP ANNOUNCEMENT 23-094** “Go-Live of SIS-A ® 2nd Edition
- **Assessor training**
- **Stakeholder Webinars** – Supports Intensity Scale 2nd Edition
 - December 14, 2023, 10-11am
 - December 18, 2023, 1 – 2 pm
 - Q&A – posted to MyODP
- **GO LIVE** - January 1, 2024 – SIS 2nd Edition

Resource Updates

➤ MyODP Landing Page

<https://home.myodp.org/resources/sis-a/>

- AAIDD, Learning Resource Center
- SIS Bulletin 00-18-11
- SIS-A & PA Supplement User Manual
- Other various SIS resources and SIS-related ODP Announcements

➤ Guiding Principals

A document designed to guide respondents and ensure interrater reliability, when considering items in Section 1A - Exceptional Medical Supports and Section 1B Exceptional Behavioral Support Needs

Resource Updates (cont.)

➤ **SIS-A Discrepancy Form**

A Microsoft Form that will be available in early 2024, allowing data collection and reporting of identified discrepancies, as well as the identification of trends and patterns related to identified discrepancies with SIS-A® assessment content and administration.

➤ **Respondent Guide**

An Information Sheet for respondents to assist in the preparation and successful participation of the SIS-A Assessment meeting - Will be posted to MyODP in January 2024

➤ **SIS-A Bulletin & SIS-A & PA Supplement User Manual**

Release date 2024

Ensuring a Smooth Transition

- **Make the Assessment a Priority**
- **Ensure that those who know the person best are in attendance.**
- **Accurately report information about the Individual**

THANK YOU!

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<https://home.myodp.org/resources/sis-a/>

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