

**Manhattan
Transition
Committee
10/8/25**

Agenda

1) Committee Introduction

2) Announcements

3) Presentation

4) Q&A / Discussion

What's Next After High School?

Navigating Adult Services for Youth with I/DD

Presented by Manhattan DD Council
Transition Committee

Why We're Here



Career Training

Day Program

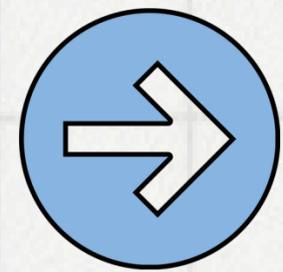
Therapy & Home Care

College

Employment

School

- Special Education Law
- Entitlement
- Local School System



Adult Services

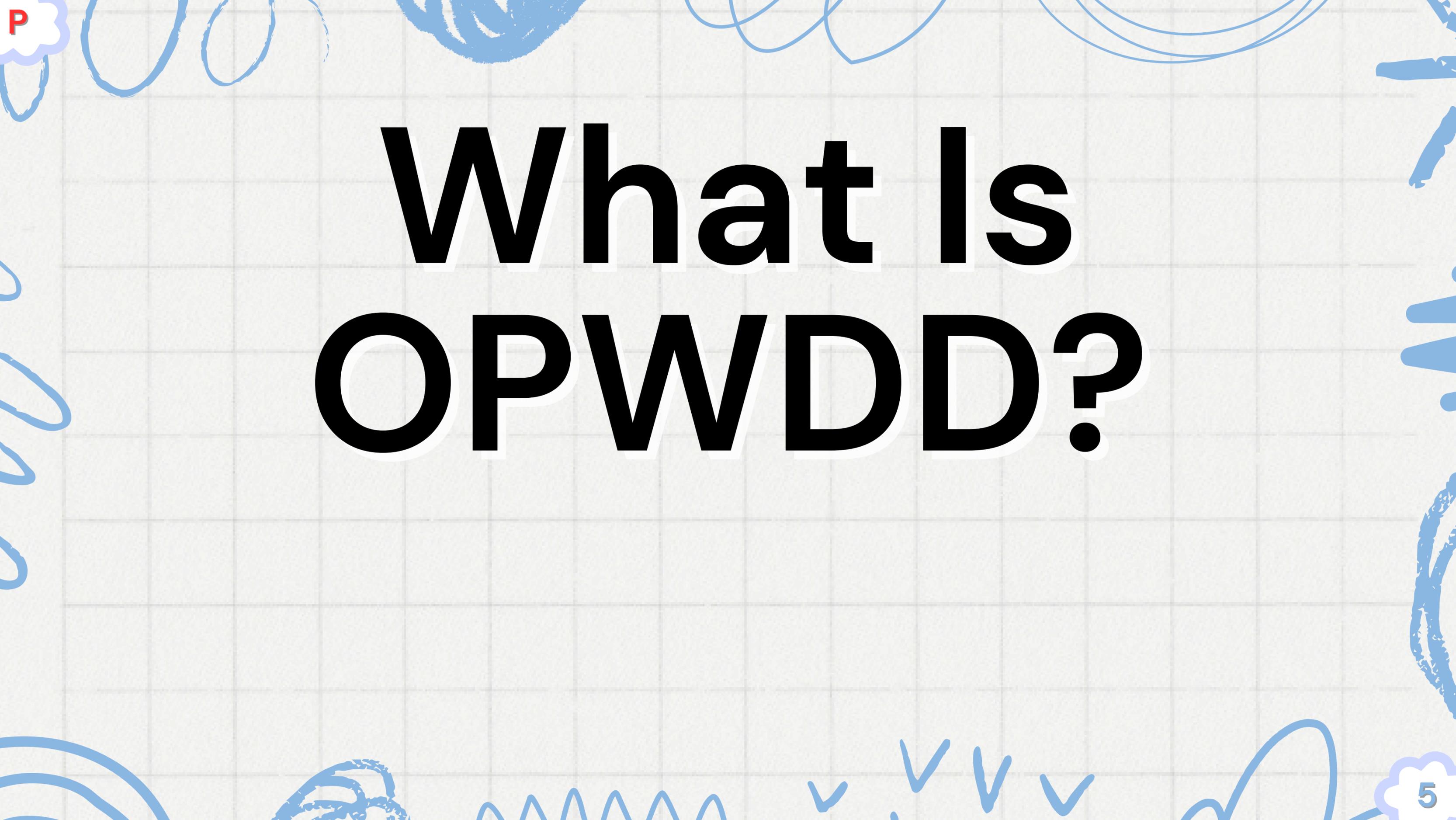
- ADA, Rehabilitation Act, Etc.
- Eligibility + Availability
- Adult Service Systems

What We'll Learn

What is
OPWDD?

What services are available?
How do I get services?

What services are **right for me?**
Who can **help?**

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What Is OPWDD?

OPWDD

Big Picture

Supports & services for people with developmental disabilities

Getting Started

Contact a **Care Coordination Organization (CCO)**
or Service Accessing Agency

Point Person

Care Manager

Funding

Medicaid for most services, **state funded** for family support services

Services

Supported Employment, Day Habilitation Programs, Residential Programs, Respite, Community Habilitation, Family Support Services

OPWDD

**What Services
Are Available?**

Day Habilitation

- Adult day program
- Skill building and community inclusion
- Without Walls vs. Site-Based

Employment Services

- Community Prevocational
- Pathway to Employment
- Employment Training Program
- Supported Employment

Also Consider
ACCES-VR

**Medicaid
Required**

OPWDD Services

OPWDD Services

Other Services

- Community Habilitation (1:1)
- Respite
- Crisis Services
- Residential

Self-Direction

- Alternative way of funding and managing services
- Flexibility & creativity, more work for family
- Broker, Annual Budget, Fiscal Intermediary (FI)

**Medicaid
Required**

Family Support Services

- Free Evaluations (for OPWDD eligibility)
- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Parent Training
- Independent Living / Social Skills Programs
- Family Reimbursement
- Behavior Management

OPWDD Services

**Medicaid
Not
Required**

Care Coordination

Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs)

- Provide you with a Care Manager
- Can assist with OPWDD eligibility
- [Advance Care Alliance](#) | [Care Design NY](#) | [Tri-County Care](#)

Care Manager

- Required for all Medicaid funded services
- Helps you coordinate your OPWDD services

OPWDD

**How Do I
Get Services?**

Where Do I Start?

- Contact a **Care Coordination Organization (CCO)** or **Service Access Agency (SAA)**
- Gather documents for **OPWDD eligibility**

**New to
OPWDD?**
(No eligibility yet)



**Already
connected?**

(Eligibility & Care
Manager in place)



- Decide **which services** are right for you
- Work with Care Manager to get **service authorization**

Your CCO
(or SAA)
will assist

OPWDD Eligibility

Documentation

- **Psychological Evaluation**
 - IQ + Adaptive Behavior Scales
- **Psychosocial Evaluation**
 - Within 1 Year
- **Medical Evaluation**
 - Within 1 Year
- **Other Information**

Criteria

- Developmental Disability Diagnosis
- Age of Onset Before 22
- Expected to Continue for Life
- Substantial Handicap

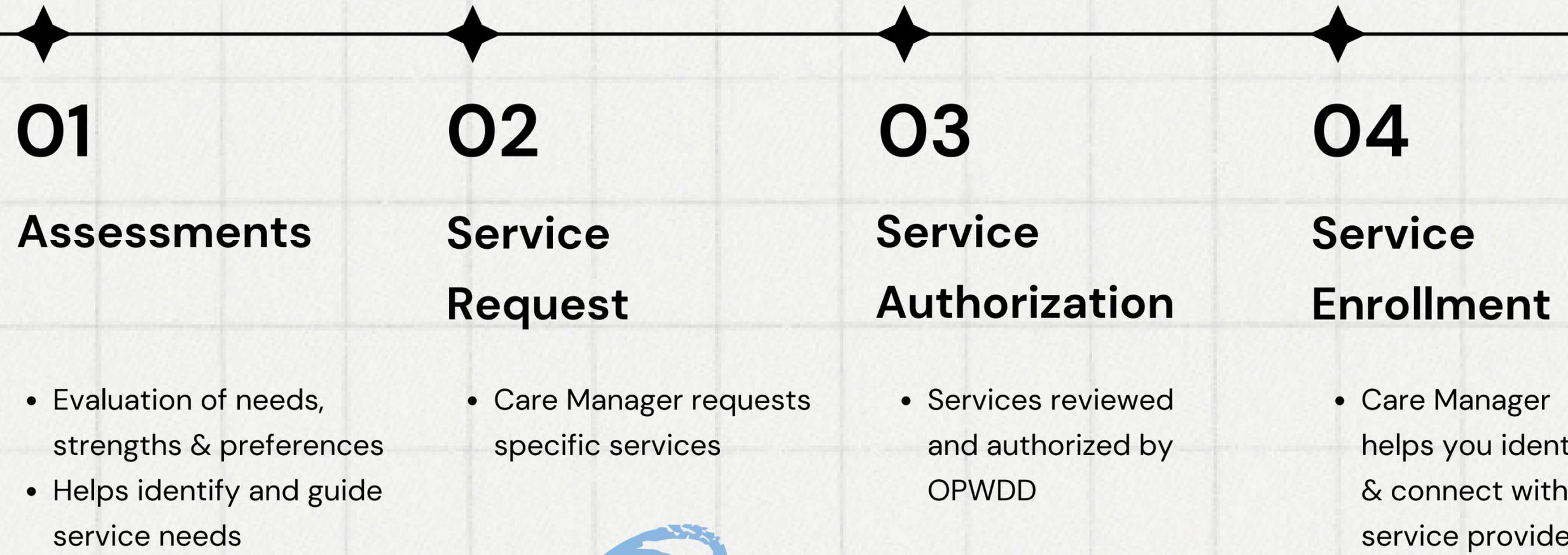
Eligibility

Medicaid

Care Manager

Care Manager Assists

OPWDD Service Authorization



Which Services Are Right for Me?

Goals

- Employment
- Meaningful Day
- Community Time

Supports

- Clinical Services
- Behavior Supports
- Transportation

Language & Culture

- Do they speak my language?
- Do they know my culture?

Accessibility

- Location
- Mobility barriers

Things to Think About

Who Can Help?

Care Manager

- Key player for service authorization & enrollment
- Keep in touch!

School

- Transition Coordinator
- Teacher/Counselor

OPWDD

- Front Door Videos
- Front Door Infoline

Manhattan DD Council

- Adult Services Directory
- Adult Services Meet & Greet (2/11/26)
- Annual Family Support Fair

Manhattan Transition Committee

Questions?

Thank
You!

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Next Meeting

Wed Dec 10

10am

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