



## Westmoreland County BH/DS Children's Needs Assessment Advisory Committee Description

### What is the role of the Advisory Committee and its members?

- ▶ Advise and provide consultation to the core group for the planning of the children's *comprehensive* needs assessment process; participate in the prioritization and planning of the program service reviews following the comprehensive needs assessment process
- ▶ Full participation in quarterly meetings with the core group; advise and provide consultation to the core group on the overall progress of the *triage* needs assessment requests and findings.
- ▶ Provide advice and input to decisions regarding triage need assessment requests including program expansion, policy development, development of new programs, and other decisions related to the original request

### Considerations for those interested in participating on the Advisory Committee:

- ▶ Are you a parent or guardian with life experiences on behalf of a child with involvement of a child serving system such as behavioral health, child welfare, or juvenile justice?
- ▶ Are you currently a parent or guardian of a child 21 years of age or younger?
- ▶ Are you a family member or a consumer on behalf of a child with involvement of a child serving system?
- ▶ Are you a Westmoreland County resident?
- ▶ Are you employed or a representative of a behavioral health, early intervention, and/or a human services organization that serves Westmoreland children and families?
- ▶ If accepted to serve as a provider representative, will your employer support and allow you to attend meetings and participate in the children's need assessment process?
- ▶ Will you be willing to sign a confidentiality statement?
- ▶ You have not been convicted of a crime relating to or involving child/children.

We are looking for a committee of at least 10 individuals comprised of the following:

- Parents/guardians with life experiences on behalf of a child that has/had involvement with a child serving system (behavioral health, developmental/intellectual health, and early intervention). ***Involvement with a system is preferred but not necessary for participation on the Advisory Committee.***
- Family Member or a consumer with life experiences on behalf of a child that has/had involvement with a child serving system
- Youth/transitional aged persons (ages 18 to 26)
- Behavioral health provider/organization representatives
- Advocacy representatives
- Education representatives