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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES:

AN INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Mission

Connect people to the care, support and opportunities that maximize their quality of life.

Vision

A community where all people lead fulfilling lives.

Core Values

People, Integrity, and Trust



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Today's Agenda



Introduction of Guest Presenters



What are OPWDD's Family Support Services?



Who are they for?



How do I access them?

Meet The Hosts



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Meet The Guest Presenters



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WHAT ARE OPWDD'S FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES?



Background

- Family Support Services (FSS) is available to families to enhance a family's ability to provide in-home care to their family members with an intellectual or developmental disability.
- FSS includes goods, services and subsidies, as determined appropriate by the family, FSS provider and OPWDD.



SERVICE TYPES

Family Reimbursement

Advocacy & Support Groups

Crisis Intervention

Behavior Support

Training & Skill Building

Transportation

Recreation

Etc.



WHO ARE THEY FOR?





Enrollment Criteria

- Requires OPWDD eligibility and residing with family
- Can access programs offered in their county of residence



OPWDD Eligibility Criteria

Individuals With:

- Intellectual Disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder
- Familial Dysautonomia
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism, PDD, Asperger)
- Neurological Impairment (Traumatic Brain Injury, Spina Bifida, Tourette's Syndrome, Prader Willi, other Neuro cognitive

Can be obtained at any age, with proof disability occurred prior to age 22



HOW DO I ACCESS THEM?



The Role of the Care Coordinator



Creates a holistic, continuously reviewed Life Plan unique to every individual



Helps navigate a complex system and links with services and supports



Coordinates all disability, health and wellness related services



Identifies available resources that meet individual and family needs



Authorization

- Reference the local FSS Directory for available programs
- Contact the provider agency directly for intake and enrollment
- Provider agency submits a DDP-1 for enrollment
- ***Scan each code below to download the FSS directory for your region***

WNY Region



Finger Lakes Region



Funding & Self Direction

100% State Funded!

Family Support Services programs are required to be listed on a Self Direction budget and must fit within the Personal Resource Account (PRA)

Billing costs vary



QUESTIONS?
Thank you!



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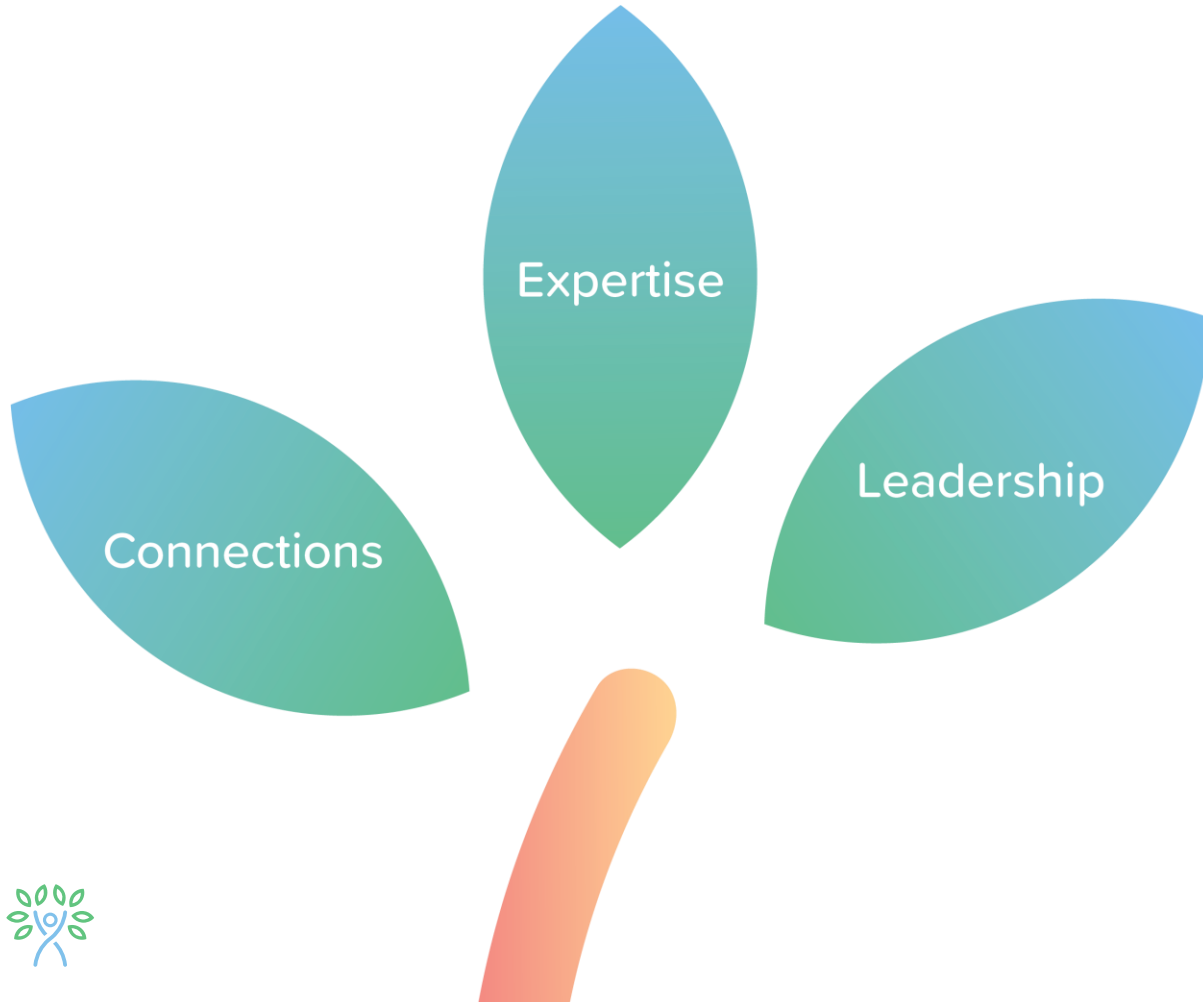
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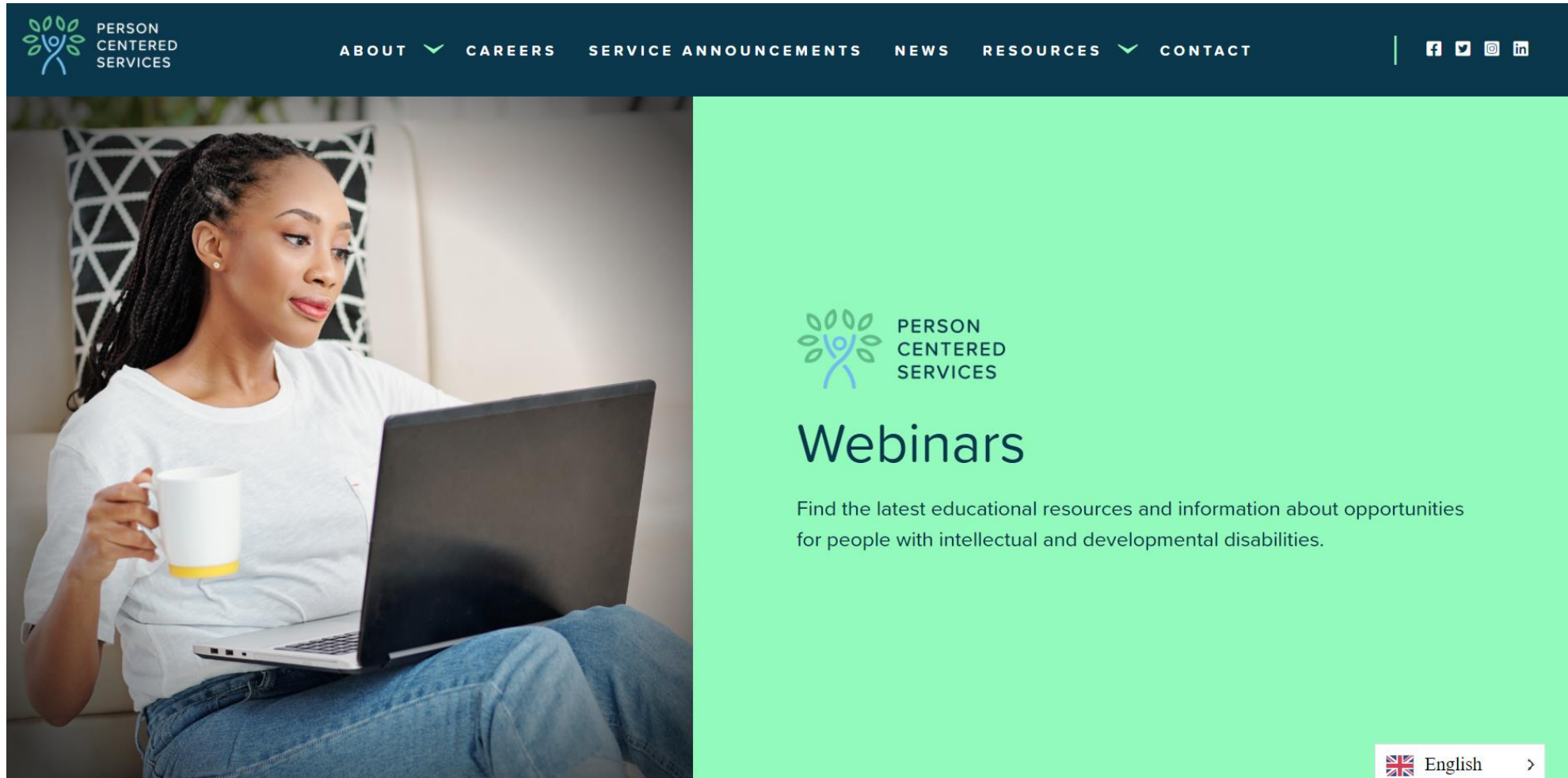
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