



**Orange County Community Supports Initiative (OCCSI)**  
 A Collaborative, Systematic Approach to Optimize the  
 Delivery of Quality Supports to Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities

**Goals**

- Reduce the Number of Unserved & Under-Served By Managing the Need as a System
- Deliver Quality Services Matched to Complexities & Acuity of Those in Need
- Build Capacity Required to Meet the Demand

**Thank you for considering the OCCSI option to meet your need for community habilitation and/or respite!** The process of obtaining eligibility and service authorization from the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) can be difficult, confusing and take a long time. Then comes the wait for staff. The OCCSI partner entities are committed to supporting people with complexity and improving the overall experiences of individuals and families. To this end, we are implementing substantial operational changes to increase both the delivery and quality of supports. **When you choose the OCCSI, you connect with a diverse network of providers working together with Orange County Government toward these outcomes.** Phase 1 of this initiative launched January 2018 with a centralized portal and database for all living in Orange County, authorized for services, unserved or under-served, and seeking services from one or more of the participating providers. Phase 2 is the most challenging aspect of this initiative with multiple strategies that include the development of an enhanced tier of community habilitation and staff training requirements without additional state funding; implementation has been underway for months and still evolving. Phase 3 planning has focused on new recruiting strategies with implementation set to begin early 2019. **For more information about the OCCSI, please visit [www.orangecountygov.com/718](http://www.orangecountygov.com/718).**

**If you think the OCCSI option is right for you, please sign this authorization form so your Care Manager may submit it along with additional required supporting documentation and then complete the profile that populates the OCCSI portal/central database.**

**Partner Entities**

<b>Six Participating Providers</b>		
ACCESS: Supports for Living, Inc.	Crystal Run Village, Inc.	Greystone Programs, Inc.
Inspire, Inc.	Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.	The Arc of Sullivan-Orange Counties Inc.
Plus		
Orange County Department of Mental Health (Developmental Disabilities Division)	Orange County Department of Social Service (DSS) (Information Technology Team)	

Please note: Access to the database is limited. Community Support Supervisors employed by the six participating providers have full access to the portal/database to view, update and run reports. The profile allows for a provider preference and/or exclusion however all six supervisors will still be able to view the data. Care Managers and Care Coordination Organizations do not have access to the database; they can only submit information. The County Departments of Mental Health and Social Services' Information Technology Team have full access. The database resides on a DSS secure server; the DSS partner role is limited to maintenance and management of data by its Information Technology Team. Supporting documentation is only accessible to the County Department of Mental Health and the provider that may have a staff match.