

The Linkage Project

Information for Case Managers

The Linkage Project goal is to connect adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) with unmet needs to preventive health care and health promotion programs in their community.

The Linkage Project is a 10-state Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) pilot project in collaboration with Oregon Developmental Disability Services (ODDS). The Oregon Office on Disability and Health (OODH) Linkage Project Team is seeking referrals for individuals who may benefit from Linkage Project activities. The Linkage Project Team will work with participants over a 3-month period to provide education about preventive health care as well as individualized linkages to providers and programs that can help address their unmet needs.

Eligibility for Linkage Project candidates:

- Have I/DD
- 18 years or older
- Live in Oregon
- Able to connect with Linkage Project Team on Zoom or by phone
- Have a specific preventive health need
- Want to increase their health knowledge and get connected to resources

Meet the Linkage Team



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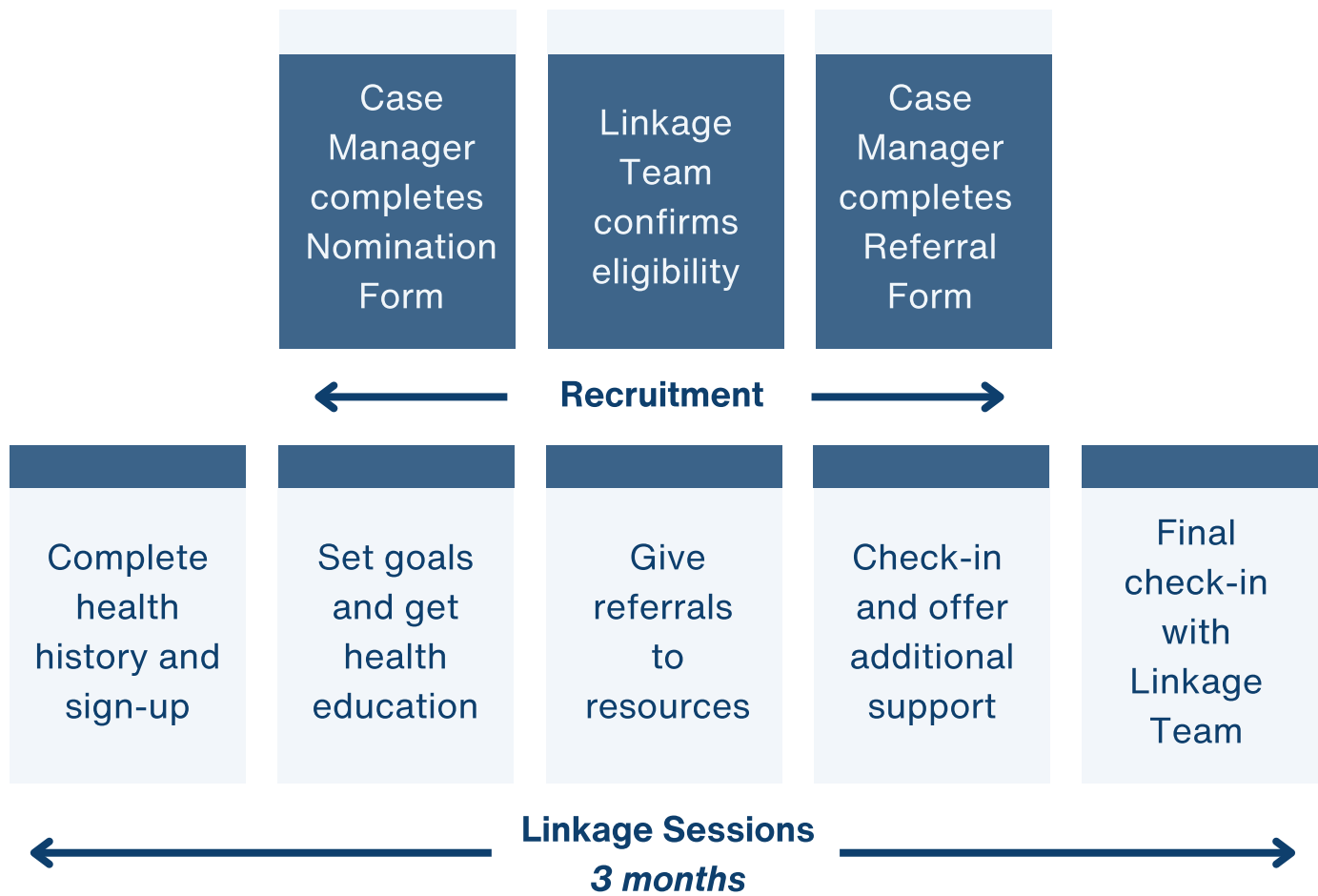
Contact our Linkage Team at oodhlink@ohsu.edu



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Timeline of Linkage Activities



Nomination and Referral Guide for Case Managers

1. Case Manager completes Linkage Candidate Nomination with potential Candidates.
2. Linkage Project Team reviews nominations monthly and notifies Case Manager of accepted Candidates to participate in the Linkage Project as Linkage availability allows.
3. Case Manager delivers Linkage Project: Information for Potential Participants to accepted Candidates.
4. **OPTIONAL:** Case Manager requests via oodhlink@ohsu.edu an informational meeting between Linkage Project Team member and interested Candidate.
5. Case Manager completes Release of Information (ROI) with the Participant according to their agency's policy.
6. Linkage Project Team sends Case Manager Linkage Participant Referral form and Case Manager completes with Participant's relevant information.
7. Linkage Project team confirms receipt of Linkage Participant Referral form and begins engagement with Participant on Linkage activities.
8. Linkage Project Team works with Participant for 3 months. Case Managers will receive a Linkage Plan (outline of health education and goals agreed upon with participant) and can check in as needed during this time with the Linkage Team.
9. Linkage Project Team sends Case Manager Post Linkage Follow-Up form with relevant information about Linkage Project takeaways and Participant outcomes.