

Dominate to Disabled



Jason Suber, Shooting Victim



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Long-Term Disabilities is the new reality for many

shooting victims

9/24/2018 **Jason Suber** was shot 16 times which resulted in his life never being the same! The road to recovery was trying and it continues to be hard seven years later. Jason could not and does not make it through the days without the amazing support of his wife Robin. Jason continues to strive for the life he once knew because of his three wonderful children. Jason has undergone over 10 surgeries, had a colostomy bag, feeding tube, has tracheotomy nerve damage, and he developed asthmas as well as high blood pressure. Jason is not able to work because he is disabled due to being shot multiple times. Jason suffers mentally on a daily basis and his family will forever remember the traumatic moment when they learned their loved one was a victim of gun violence. Often times shooting victims are in need of long-term supports and resources. Shooting victims face, unemployment, financial burdens, life long disabilities, PTSD, and it impacts the family in an unforgettable manner. How are shooting victims such as Jason suppose to provide for their family if they are receiving a disability benefit that is not enough to provide for basic needs? How is a shooting victim suppose to survive if they are denied disability? How are shooting victims suppose to function if they do not receive mental therapy? How are shooting victims suppose to maintain their rent, utility bills, and keep food in their home if they are already behind in their bills? What resources can they obtain on a long-term basis? Their stories are often forgotten when it no longer makes the news but the reality for many shooting victims is they suffer for the rest of their lives!



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The Act 150 Program: Services for People with Physical Disabilities

A Guide for Consumers

I. Introduction

The Act 150 Program is for people with physical disabilities who need help with activities of daily living. The program covers Personal Assistance Services (PAS), Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS), and Service Coordination.

People in Act 150 are Nursing Facility Clinical Eligible (NFCE) but their income and/or resources are too high for the Community HealthChoices (CHC) waiver.

To be eligible for the Act 150 Program, you must be:

- 1) A resident of Pennsylvania;
- 2) Determined nursing facility clinically eligible (NFCE) based on an assessment;
- 3) Between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) years;
- 4) Capable of all of the following:
 - i) hiring, firing, and supervising attendant care worker(s);
 - ii) managing your own financial affairs;
 - iii) managing your own legal affairs; and
 - iv) directing your own care;
- 5) Diagnosed with a physical impairment expected to last 12 months or more; *and*
- 6) Determined financially ineligible for Medicaid

II. How to Apply

To qualify for the Act 150 Program, you must first apply for the CHC waiver and be found financially ineligible. Contact the Independent Enrollment Broker (IEB) at 877-550-4227 or

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Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD)

A Guide to Eligibility

Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (also called “MAWD”) is a state health insurance program for working individuals who have chronic health conditions.

MAWD is often a good option for individuals who make too much money to qualify for other categories of Medical Assistance (MA) but who nonetheless need health insurance. MAWD provides comprehensive health insurance coverage and, as compared to other MA programs, has high income and resource limits. MAWD also has flexible work and disability requirements. This guide explains each MAWD eligibility requirement in depth and tells you how to apply for MAWD coverage.

The Basics

To qualify for MAWD, you must be:

- Age 16 through 64;
- Disabled or have a chronic health problem; and
- Working, even a few hours a month;

You must also have:

- Income under 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); and
- Less than \$10,000 in resources.

How Do I Apply?

There are four ways you can apply for MAWD:

- In person:** apply at your local County Assistance Office (CAO);
- Online:** apply through www.COMPASS.state.pa.us;
- By phone:** (866) 550-4355; or
- By mail:** submit a paper application (form PA 600WD) to your local CAO.

How does the MAWD program define disability?

To be eligible for MAWD, you must be working and have a disability. For purposes of MAWD, disability is thus not defined as an inability to work. Rather, it is a more nuanced assessment that will be made by a medical review team within the Department of Human Services (DHS) upon review of your medical records.

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Phishing Emails and Texts

- Fake emails, texts, or calls asking for your personal or financial details.
- **Tip:** Don't click on links or download attachments from unknown sources.

Tech Support Scams

- Scammers claim your computer is infected and demand payment to fix it.
- **Tip:** Never give control of your computer to strangers online.

Romance Scams

- Fake online dating profiles that ask for money after building a relationship.
- **Tip:** Be cautious about sending money to someone you've never met in person.

Online Shopping Scams

- Fake websites offering incredible deals, but no products are ever delivered.
- **Tip:** Shop from reputable websites. Always look for "https://" in the web address.

Lottery or Prize Scams

- Emails or messages saying you've won a prize but need to pay fees to claim it.
- **Tip:** If you didn't enter a contest, you didn't win!

Resources For Help

- FTC Consumer Protection: www.ftc.gov/complaint
- AARP Fraud Watch Network: www.aarp.org/fraudwatch
- Senior Cyber Safety Hotline: [\(844\) 217-3057](tel:8442173057)



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- Aggravated Assault Victims
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3/26/2025 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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Workshop Presenter: Laurese Harper from Center for Families Relationships (CFAR)

Kicking off National Victims Rights Week in Northwest Philadelphia

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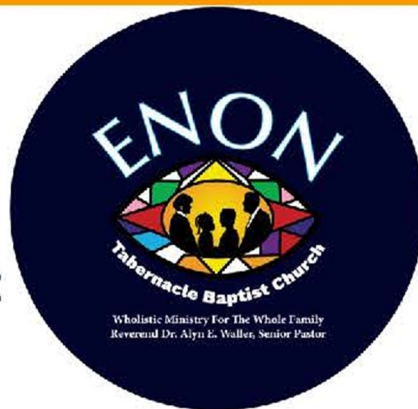
SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 @ 2:00PM

Location: Germantown & Wister

Please join us in honoring your loved one that was affected by crime
& to uplift crime survivors.

National Victims Rights Week April 6, 2025 to April 12, 2025



Theme: KINSHIP is a call to action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime.

To reserve a resource table contact Melany Nelson at mpn@northwestvictimservices.org

Please bring your table & Chairs

Program SAVE the DATE is forthcoming