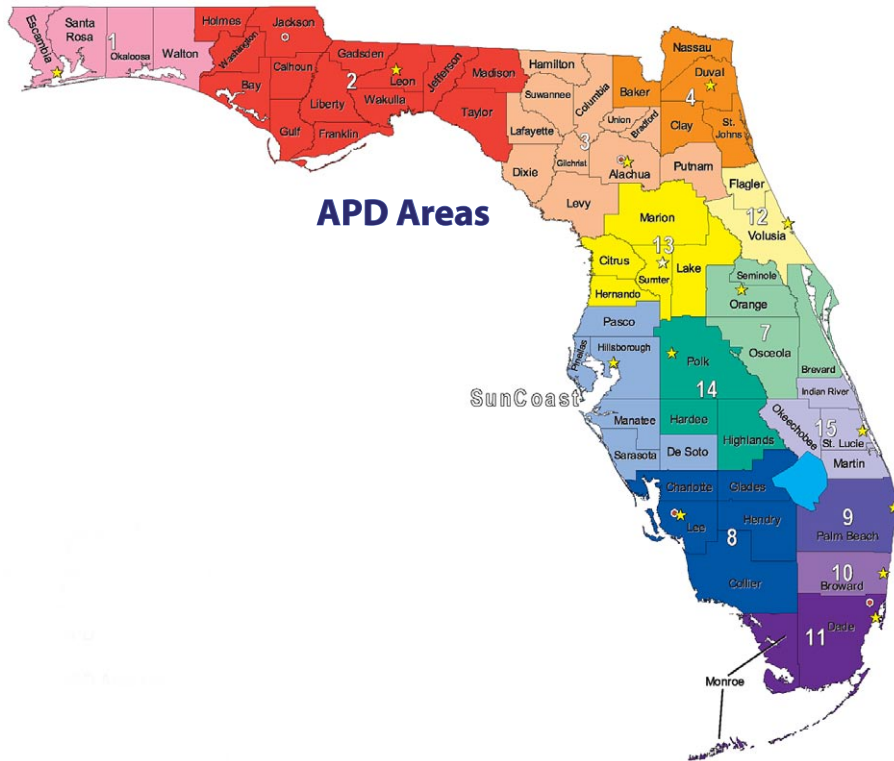


Do You Have Questions for Us?

If you have questions about the QSI, please read the Frequently Asked Questions on our Web site, contact your local APD area office, or call APD's main office in Tallahassee at the numbers below.



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APD's Assessment Tool

The Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) is an assessment tool being used by the Agency for



Persons with Disabilities (APD). It is designed to gather key information about your life and need for supports from APD. Your answers to its questions will reflect your need for support in various areas of daily living.

The questionnaire is divided into four life areas:

The ***Life Changes and Community Inclusion*** section asks questions about your plans for the next year and your need for assistance in order to adjust to life changes while living, working, and participating in the community.

The ***Functional Status*** section asks about your need for assistance during a normal day, and while doing activities like dressing, eating, and bathing. It also asks questions about your vision, hearing, communication, and how you move around.

The ***Behavioral Status*** section asks questions about major behavioral issues that might require assistance and intervention.

The ***Physical Status*** section asks about your health and physical concerns, including medical conditions and medications.

Your answers to the questions will help APD identify the supports you need now and in the future.

How the Process Works

The assessment is done by APD employees who are qualified, trained, and certified to do the assessment. It is always done in a face-to-face interview with you and your family or guardian and anyone else you would like to include. In addition, interviews with your caregivers, health care personnel, and support coordinator may be necessary. Your support coordinator does not have to be present for the assessment. All of the assessment information will be kept private.

The QSI is reviewed every year when your support plan is developed. An APD employee will conduct the QSI again if you have any major life changes, such as a change of caregiver, major change in your health, or if you move to a new home.



The QSI is one of several methods that APD uses to find out about your need for supports. Your plan is developed by gathering information about your preferences from

several sources, including the QSI and Personal Outcome Measures. The services identified in your plan may be provided through the Medicaid Waiver, Medicaid State Plan, or other agencies, as well as family and community sources.