

E-VISORY

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Registration Is Now Open for the September 14, 2016 MSC Supervisors Conferences:

Registration is now open for the next MSC Supervisors Conference which will be held from 9:30am – 12:30pm on September 14, 2016. This conference will be broadcast to multiple OPWDD DDRO sites via videoconference and the option for WebEx participation is also available. Agenda topics and materials for these sessions will be announced via MSC E-Visory prior to the session.

Registration can be accessed at:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_careers_training/training_opportunities/slms

Please remember there is a new system used for registration referenced in the #07-16 E-Visory. The Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS) allows learners to enroll in classes, print certificates and handouts, launch online learning, and view their own learning history.

Existing users can log into SLMS from the page listed above. New users can follow the instructions to become SLMS users and log in.

Note: to search this conference simply enter “MSC” into the Find Learning search bar in your Quick Links. Also, to attend via WebEx register with the Class Code training titled WebEx-MSCSup-09142016.

New Need Categories for Housing Announced:

The new need categories, which will replace Priority 1, 2 and 3, are being identified as Emergency Need, Substantial Need and Current Need. Emergency Need will include people that have or are at risk of having no permanent place to live or whose health and safety are at risk. Substantial Need will include people whose family members or other caregivers are unable to continue to care for the person and people subject to court mandate, transitioning from a residential school, moving from a developmental center or leaving a skilled nursing facility. Current Need will include people who have a current need for housing, but the need is not an emergency. A full list of these changes can be viewed at:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/residential_opportunities/Residential_Support_Categories

These need categories are applied when an individual who needs residential support, or the family/caregiver, is ready to actively seek this opportunity. Need categories are determined when referral information, provided by a service coordinator or other referral source, is received and reviewed by the Residential Support team at one OPWDD’s regional offices. Current priority levels will be reassessed by regional offices to fit within the new need category system. MSCs and individuals who receive services will receive notification when this process begins.

You can view the full announcement from the commissioner regarding this change on the commissioners’ page:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/commissioners_message/new-priority-categories-for-housing-opportunities-announced