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The MSC E-Visory is an electronic advisory intended to provide timely information to Medicaid Service Coordination Supervisors and their staff. Each E-Visory has pertinent information on programs and services available to individuals receiving Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC). Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly in issues of the MSC E-Visory.

Please forward this issue to all MSC Service Coordinators and MSC Supervisors.

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In This Issue:

MSC E-Visory now online:

Several MSC E-Visory issues from 2009 can now be accessed via the OMRDD Website; 2010 issues will be posted following distribution. Please note that some issues of the 2009 MSC E-Visory pertaining to trainings or events that have already occurred are not available via the link. To access the MSC E-Visory from the OMRDD Home Page <http://www.omr.state.ny.us> click on "News & Publications", then click on "Publications", or click on the following direct link.

http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wt/publications/wt_publications_mscevisories_index.jsp

Trainers:

Trainers are needed for several OMRDD Medicaid Service Coordination courses. If you are a DDSO or Voluntary Agency MSC Service Coordinator or MSC Supervisor and interested in becoming a trainer for any of the OMRDD Medicaid Service Coordination courses listed below, please contact Lynda.Baum-Jakubiak@omr.state.ny.us for further information.

- The Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
- Advanced Individualized Service Plan
- Introduction to Person Centered Planning
- Advanced Person Centered Planning (Creating the Plan)
- Valued Outcomes: The ISP and Habilitation Plans
- Circle of Support
- Self Advocacy/Self Determination
- How to Facilitate an ISP Meeting
- Cultural Competence

Trainings offered through Cornell University

The Employment and Disability Institute (EDI) at Cornell University's ILR School now offers online professional development courses and certificate programs in Disability, Workplace & Employment Support Practice through ediONLINE. Click on the link for information on upcoming 2010 trainings on Work Incentives and Benefits Planning. These courses are provided through the New York Makes Work Pay Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.

www.edi.cornell.edu

Training Opportunity

"Service Animals: Unraveling the Differences and Best Practices"

To register visit www.ada-audio.org. See attached flyer for more information.

OMRDD Trainings

There is still time to register for the following trainings:

Start to Finish: Steps to Successful Special Education Services

January 12, 2010 Broome DDSO, Binghamton

February 4, 2010 Metro NY DDSO, Manhattan

The Next Step: Transition Services

January 13, 2010 Broome DDSO, Binghamton

February 5, 2010 Metro NY DDSO, Manhattan

See attached flyers and sign up at <http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/index.jsp>

Additional dates and locations will be posted soon.

Inclusive Recreation Trainings

An overview of new trainings for service coordinators was presented to MSC Supervisors at the December 2009 MSC Supervisors Video Conference. The New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center in partnership with OMRDD will be offering a three-hour training focused on tips and tools for inclusive recreation. During this training, people who work with individuals of all abilities will learn to assess recreation dreams and goals, identify community resources and facilitate meaningful leisure experiences. Over the next two years, these free trainings will be offered throughout the state. Registration information will be available soon and communicated via an MSC E-Visory.

Scheduled dates: February 11, 2010 – Central NY DDSO – Syracuse (1-4pm)

May 5, 2010 – Capital District DDSO – Schenectady (1-4pm)

June 1, 2010 – Western NY DDSO – West Seneca (1-4pm)

August 25, 2010 – Taconic DDSO – Poughkeepsie (1-4pm)

September 2010 – date to be announced – Sunmount DDSO

MSC Supervisors Video Conferences – save the date

MSC Supervisors Video Conferences are planned for March 25, 2010 and June 17, 2010.

Topics to be announced in future issues of the MSC E-Visory.

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Register Now!



Start to Finish: Steps to Successful Special Education Services

Presenters: Kim Gardinier and Layna Maher
NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy
for Persons with Disabilities

The intent of special education services is to ensure equitable opportunity and access for every child to be academically successful. NYS regulations guarantee families the right to participate in this team process of developing and writing the individualized program designed to provide their child with opportunities to succeed in school and prepare for adult life. Service Coordinators, working with families of school age children, play a key role in helping parents to become more knowledgeable about the process and a more effective team member. Throughout this unique activity-based workshop, participants will be given the tools they need to better assist families in the special education process.

Tuesday January 12, 2010, Broome DDSO, Binghamton

Thursday February 4, 2010, Metro NY DDSO, Manhattan

Sessions run from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Cost: Free - Seating is limited!

Register: http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/wp_catalogc1264.j

Register Now!



The Next Step: Transition Services

Presenters: Kim Gardinier & Layna Maher
NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy
for Persons with Disabilities

The intent of Transition Services as they relate to the Special Education process is to assist students in preparing for life after school. Join this unique workshop where participants will be given the tools they need to enhance and better understand their involvement in the transition process. There are many components of a Level 1 Career Assessment that will be explored in great length. Since there are many members of the transition team, emphasis will be placed on the planning and implementation of the Level 1 Career Assessment.

Wednesday January 13, 2010, Broome DDSO, Binghamton

Friday February 5, 2010, Metro NY DDSO, Manhattan

Sessions run from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Cost: Free - Seating is limited!

Register: http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/wp_catalogc1266.jsp

ADA Audio Conference

Service Animals: Unraveling the Differences and Best Practices

Tuesday, January 19th, 2010, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

The rights of people with disabilities who use service animals vary, depending on which law applies. The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Air Carrier Access Act, and the Fair Housing Act each have different standards for service animals and their owners. Complicating the topic even further is the issue of the definition of service animals, especially in relation to emotional support or therapy animals. This session will provide information about the definition of service animals and the rights of service animal owners under the ADA, the ACAA, and the FHA. We will also discuss the differences in how the various laws treat service animals versus emotional support or therapy animals, as well as model service animal policies for educational institutions and healthcare facilities.

Speakers: Jacquie Brennan, Attorney, DBTAC-Southwest ADA Center
Guest Moderator: Wendy Wilkinson, Project Director, DBTAC-Southwest ADA Center

To register visit www.ada-audio.org.

For more information please call at 1-800-949-4232 (v/tty).