

# MSC E-VISORY

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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.

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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 Medicaid Service Coordinators and MSC Supervisors.

## **In This Issue:**

### Training Opportunity: V/C Overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

There is still time to sign up to attend a videoconference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) on Thursday February 5, 2009 from 9:00 am to noon. FASD is an umbrella term for those birth defects caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy. The training will provide an overview of FASD and information on primary and secondary disabilities caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol.

The target audience includes MSC service coordinators and MSC supervisors. Three (3) professional development hours can be earned by those that attend.

MSC service coordinators and MSC Supervisors can register online or call OMRDD's Talent Development and Training Office at (518) 473-1190. More details about the course content, a list of sites and information on how to register follows.

## **V/C Overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) (G1426V)**

**Hours: 3**

### **Professional Development / General Interest**

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To Register Online: Go to OMRDD Website  
[http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/wp\\_catalogg1426.jsp](http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/wp_catalogg1426.jsp)  
FASD Video conference 2-5-09 OR  
Call (518) 473-1190 Talent Development & Training Office

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This Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term for those birth defects caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy. These lifelong birth defects can include growth deficiencies, abnormal facial features, central nervous system abnormalities, behavioral disorders, and impaired intellectual development.

This training will provide an overview on FASD, including: terminology, myths, causes of FASD, affects of alcohol on the developing fetus, brain research, statistics, the importance of early diagnosis and FAS diagnostic criteria. The session will also provide participants with information on the primary and secondary disabilities caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol. Strategies and interventions to help children and adults living with an FASD will be discussed, along with alcohol screening tools that are helpful in working with at-risk women in different settings.

### **Course Objectives**

Participants will learn to:

- Understand the effects of prenatal alcohol consumption on a developing fetus.
- Learn intervention strategies to address primary/secondary disabilities caused by FASD.
- Learn about NY's statewide FASD prevention initiative.
- Identify resources to help professionals working on FASD prevention or treatment of affected individuals.

### **Target Audience**

This session is open to individuals who may be involved in the lives of those affected by FASD including, but not limited to: health care professionals, direct care staff, clinicians, day habilitation providers, residential staff, social workers, parents/teachers, service coordinators, family members/advocates, etc.

### VC Overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) (G1426V)

SESSION	DATE	TIME	NOTES	LOCATION	POSITIONS AVAILABLE	REGISTER BY	STATUS
10367	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Taconic - Wassaic	17 of 20	01/11/2009	Open
10355	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Capital District - Schenectady	33 of 40	01/11/2009	Open
10356	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Bernard Fineson - Queens Village	33 of 40	01/11/2009	Open
10357	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Brooklyn - Brooklyn	28 of 35	01/11/2009	Open
10358	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Broome - Binghamton	14 of 30	01/11/2009	Open
10359	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Central NY - Syracuse	11 of 25	01/11/2009	Open
10360	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Finger Lakes - Rochester	11 of 20	01/11/2009	Open
10361	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Finger Lakes - Newark	35 of 45	01/11/2009	Open
10362	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Hudson Valley - Thiells	34 of 50	01/11/2009	Open
10363	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Long Island - Commack	20 of 30	01/11/2009	Open
10364	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Metro NY - New York	28 of 40	01/11/2009	Open
10366	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Sunmount - Plattsburgh	3 of 6	01/11/2009	Open
10368	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Western NY - West Seneca	23 of 40	01/11/2009	Open
10365	02/05/2009	9:00 am to 12:00 pm		Staten Island - Staten Island	25 of 30	01/11/2009	Open