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New Web Site Domain for OPWDD

The web site domain for the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has been changed to www.opwdd.ny.gov.

Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)

OPWDD has approved the use of the newly revised MOLST form for the individuals served in the OPWDD system. The MOLST form must be accompanied by the MOLST Legal Requirements Checklist for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. This means that the MOLST form may only be completed after the Health Care Decisions Act (HCDA) process has been completed for an individual. Use of the Checklist ensures that the appropriate statutory standards have been met prior to use of the MOLST process. Please note that use of the MOLST form is optional. The most significant change resulting from approval of the MOLST form is with respect to non-hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders. Previously, such DNR orders were required to be on the DOH form 3474. Now a non-hospital DNR order can be written on either the DOH form 3474 or the MOLST form (DOH-5003). The advantage of the MOLST form is that it is transferable to other (non-hospital) settings. Accordingly, a DNR issued on a MOLST form is effective in hospitals, nursing homes and community settings. For further information go to: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/health/hp_MOLST.jsp

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) Awards Grants to Help Seniors, People with Disabilities Access Benefits

The NCOA has awarded grants to 10 organizations to help older Americans and younger adults with disabilities enroll in programs that help pay for prescription drugs, medical care, food or utilities. These Benefits Enrollment Centers are part of the [National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment](#) funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging. The Center also offers [BenefitsCheckUp](#), a tool that can help you find and enroll in benefits programs. For further information go to: http://www.disability.gov/benefits/news_%26_events

Training Opportunities

- CMS presents an Open Door Forum on HUD/HHS Program for Affordable Housing with Supports

Tuesday March 1, 2011
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

This Special Open Door Forum will focus on understanding the HUD HHS Collaboration: creating sustainable partnerships between the housing and human service agencies at the federal, state & local levels to improve the availability of affordable and accessible housing. For more information go to: http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/25_ODF_SNFLTC.asp

- Interagency Council (IAC) presents: MSC Changes: How to Incorporate New Requirements into an Existing Program.

Tuesday March 29, 2010
9:30 am – 4:30 pm
New York City

For more information go to: <http://www.iacny.org/calendar/243/msc-changes-how-to-incorporate-new-requirements-and-an-existing-training.aspx>

- Conference: Behind the Scenes: Supporting Students with Disabilities at School

Friday April 8, 2011
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Albany

This conference explores the ways in which services and supports assist students with disabilities to be educated in the least restrictive environment. For more information go to: http://www.nyspecialtaskforce.com/Schedule_of_Events.html