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Teachers College Announces Abuse Prevention Curriculum

Available now is an evidence-based abuse prevention curriculum that people may use to teach individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to make effective, self-protective decisions in a wide range of abuse situations. ESCAPE-NOW: Effective Strategy-Based Curriculum for Abuse Prevention and Empowerment for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities-NOW (Khemka & Hickson, 2015) was funded in part by a grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. It is the culmination of a series of research and curriculum-development efforts by Ishita Khemka of St. John's University and Linda Hickson of Teachers College, Columbia University and their colleagues. Providers who are interested in using the ESCAPE-NOW curriculum may access the materials at the following link: <http://disabilitynews.ny.gov/?q=node/540>.

Council on Quality Leadership Personal Outcome Measure Training for MSC's

On October 15, 2015 from 10:00am–1:00pm OPWDD and the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) will be hosting a Webinar training on Personal Outcome Measures® (POMs). This training will provide an overview of CQL's POMs, the interview process, and why outcomes are key to delivering quality services. This course will include lecture, video clips of POM interviews, discussion and activities. MSCs can expect to gain knowledge of CQL's POMs; learn strategies to synthesize POMs information into the ISP; learn best practices in developing person-centered, outcome-based goals that fulfill both the person's desire and regulatory requirements; and learn how to utilize POMs as a key component to monitoring the overall effectiveness of the implementation of the ISP. Registration for this Webinar training is available via the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8754885893754419202>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Save the Date: Transformation Panel Public Forums

The Transformation Panel has been created to help address concerns and deliver recommendations on the future of the OPWDD system. You are invited to join the OPWDD Transformation Panel at one of seven Transformation Panel public forums, held across the state throughout the month of September, to share your views. Your views will inform the Panel's recommendations, and these public forums are an opportunity to express them. Please visit the Commissioner's Page on the OPWDD website at the following link to find out the dates the public forms will be held in your area: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_about/commissioners_page/transformation-panel.

Residential Registration List Contact Information

OPWDD is reaching out a second time to MSC agencies for assistance in getting updated contact information for individuals on the Residential Request List (RRL). Agencies who have not provided updated contact information for all the individuals on the RRL to whom they are listed as providing MSC services will be receiving an email notification. This email provides detailed information about what is being requested and for whom.

OPWDD needs this information by August 31, 2015 so that the RRL telephone survey for individuals can be completed.

The link that should be used to get to Survey Monkey is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWLHKJ8>

This is a revised Survey Monkey that includes a spot to enter “Additional Comments” for the individual and/or the caregiver. “Additional Comments” is the space you would use to identify specifics about the individual’s or caregiver’s situation or preferences.

If you believe you have already completed a Survey Monkey entry for an individual identified in the email, please understand that the Survey Monkey entry may not have been usable for one or more of the following reasons:

- The entry indicated that the individual has a primary caregiver, but did not provide a contact name and/or a contact number,
- The entry indicated that the individual does not have a primary caregiver but did not provide a phone number for the individual,
- The entry used the incorrect Unique Identifier,
- The entry provided an incorrect Date of Birth.

If an MSC has a question about why information was rejected, he/she can contact Emily Blakeslee at residentialrequestlist@opwdd.ny.gov or at 1-518-474-4904.

Residential Request List Telephone Survey

Please note the individual or caregiver may complete the RRL Telephone Survey by calling the toll-free number, 1-844-679-3369 (1-844-OPWDDNY) Monday through Friday between 8am and 8pm and from 9am-5pm on Saturday, rather than by waiting to be called.

Please share this information with the people on the RRL to whom you provide Service Coordination. MSCs are encouraged to work with individuals to assist them in completing the survey if they want help.

Information on OPWDD’s Residential Request List review can be found on the OPWDD web site at http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_about/commissioners_page/rrl/home. Thank you again for your help with this very important effort.