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### Important Information about Pica:

OPWDD has issued a Safeguarding Alert on Pica, dated May 2012. This alert describes best practice supports for individuals exhibiting Pica, an eating disorder in which individuals persistently try to eat substances which are not food. This can be very dangerous and life-threatening. Included in the alert are clinical and environmental strategies to develop a safe environment for the person with Pica. This Safeguarding Alert can be accessed on the OPWDD website at:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/psa\\_pica.pdf](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/psa_pica.pdf)

### NYS OPWDD Works for Me Nominations

Every October, as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, OPWDD highlights employment success stories by recognizing businesses that hire people with disabilities as well as the contributions these valued employees bring to the workplace. This year's employer recognition event, called "Works for Me", is being held on October 17, 2012 in Albany at the New York State Museum.

OPWDD is seeking nominations that demonstrate that employees with developmental disabilities meet the workforce needs of the employer and contribute to the vitality of each business. The business recognition list is developed through a nomination process where individuals, families, employment agencies and other stakeholders, including Medicaid Service Coordinators (MSCs), can submit nominations for employers that merit this recognition. MSCs have a great understanding of these special employment relationships and are invited to submit nominations of employers through the "Works for Me" nomination process.

The "Works for Me" announcement, nomination instructions, and nomination form are available on the OPWDD website at:

[http://108.171.179.26/opwdd\\_community\\_connections/hiring\\_people\\_with\\_disabilities/works-for-me-2012](http://108.171.179.26/opwdd_community_connections/hiring_people_with_disabilities/works-for-me-2012)

### Reminder: MSC Supervisors Video Conference – June 14, 2012

The MSC Supervisors Summer Video Conference will take place on June 14, 2012. It will be broadcast to multiple DDSO sites in the morning (9:30 am - 12:00 pm) and repeated to multiple DDSO sites in the afternoon (1:00 pm - 3:30 pm). Materials will be posted via the MSC E-Visory prior to the session. Topics will include:

- MSC Hot Topics
- Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS) Update
- Housing Initiatives
- CHOICES Update
- Employment Initiatives