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New York State Housing Website

The NY State Housing Search is a free public service website provided by New York State Homes and Community Renewal. This website allows people to locate housing that meets their individual and family needs and can be accessed online 24 hours a day and is also supported by a toll-free, bilingual call center. Visit the following website to find out more: <http://www.nyhousingsearch.gov>.

MSC Training: Overview of Services for Willowbrook Class Members

OPWDD will be holding a series of training sessions in 2015 which will focus on the provision of Medicaid Service Coordination/Case Management by Non-Profit Voluntary Providers to Willowbrook Class members. This training will highlight the requirements for the Willowbrook Medicaid Service Coordination/Case Management services and provide information on fees, entitlements, billing, monitoring and oversight. Each of these training sessions will cover the same information. Medicaid Service Coordinators/Case Managers, MSC Supervisors and district Willowbrook Liaisons are expected to attend. Service Coordinators and Supervisors can earn 3.5 hours of professional development credits for attending. The following is a schedule of the dates for calendar year 2015.

Tuesday, March 3rd: (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Tuesday, June 23rd: (9:00 am–12:30 pm)

Tuesday, October 20th: (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Registration is open via the OPWDD Catalog of Training and Talent Development Programs at:

http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2432.jsp

Clarification on the Updated Individualized Service Plan (ISP) Instructions Appendix

MSC E-Visory #01-15, dated January 15, 2015 announced that OPWDD recently updated page nine of the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) Instructions titled Appendix. This is to provide further clarification regarding the listing of frequency for Supported Employment in the ISP. If an individual is self-directing his/her Supported Employment Service then the frequency should be listed as “hour” in the ISP. If an individual is not self-directing his/her Supported Employment Service then the frequency should be listed as “month” in the ISP. This document can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/service_coordination/medicaid_service_coordination/documents/ISP_Instructions_Final

Announcement from the Social Security Administration Field Offices

Effective March 16, 2015 all Social Security Administration field offices will expand their hours and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Further information can be found on their website at: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/#!/post/1-2015-1>