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The MSC E-Visory is an electronic advisory distributed to MSC Supervisors. Each issue provides pertinent and timely information about programs and services available to individuals receiving MSC. Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly. **MSC Supervisors: Please forward this issue to all MSC Service Coordinators and others as appropriate.**

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Statewide MSC Supervisors Video Conference – August 12, 2010

This special MSC Supervisors Video Conference will present information on changes to the MSC program effective October 1, 2010.

MSC Supervisors can earn 2 ½ hours of professional development credits. The video conference is being broadcast to multiple DDSO sites in the morning and repeated to multiple DDSO sites in the afternoon. This should provide the opportunity for all MSC Supervisors working for a voluntary agency or for a DDSO to participate in either a morning or afternoon session. Due to limited space, only MSC Supervisors should attend.

For registration information go to:

http://www.omr.state.ny.us/wp/wp_catalogc1310.jsp

Billing Plan of Care Support Services (PCSS)

The purpose of Plan of Care Support Services (PCSS) is to enable individuals to coordinate their Individualized Service Plan (ISP) without the month-to-month oversight of a service coordinator, but still meet the requirement of review of the ISP at least every six months. Reimbursement of PCSS is thus limited to one unit of service every six months. The date of service used to bill for PCSS should be the actual date of the required face to face ISP review meeting. To this point, many providers have billed PCSS in the same manner that Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) is billed, the first of the month following service provision. This has been an acceptable method for billing PCSS, but the expectation moving forward is that billing for PCSS will occur using the date of the face to face ISP review as the date of service. **Effective 8/1/2010, the date of service for billing PCSS must be the actual date that the required face to face ISP review meeting takes place.**

Training Opportunities:

Autism Conference: Building Bridges Through Life's Connections

Uniondale, New York – October 1, 2010

For more information please see separately attached flyer.

Daily Money Management (DMM)

New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) is hosting a one hour training to be presented via conference call to focus on the components of a daily money management program for vulnerable older adults. There are two opportunities to participate.

Wednesday July 28, 2010, 1-2 pm

Thursday July 29, 2010, 2-3 pm

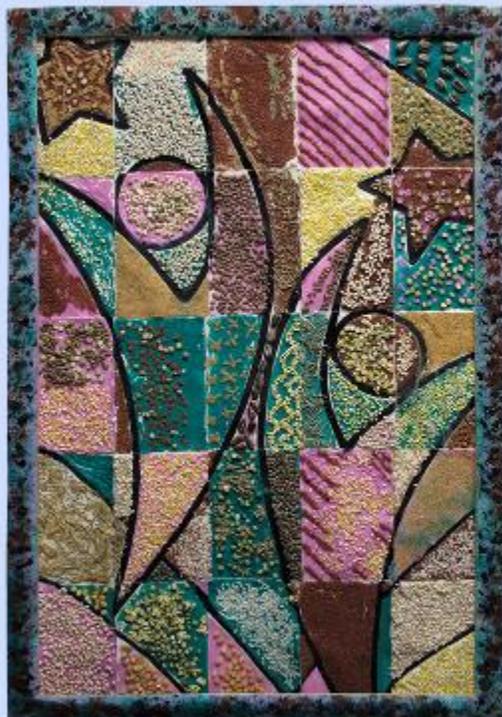
For more information please see separately attached announcement from NYSOFA.

Camphill Village Openings

Camphill Village announces that they are now accepting applicants for 20 openings through the beginning of 2012. There are no restrictions on where an individual is presently living. Families are welcome to call the Admissions Office and leave a message at (518) 329-1988. General information about Camphill Village and the anticipated openings can be found at:

www.camphillvillage.org

Building Bridges Through
Life's Connections



Autism Conference
(516)741-9000

October 1, 2010

The Marriott
101 James Doolittle Boulevard
Uniondale, New York 11553

8:30am-3:00pm



Life's WORC
Living With Dignity • Growing With Pride

www.lifesworc.org/conference

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Dear AAA Directors; Case Managers; and Aging Services Providers:

For vulnerable older adults, management of daily financial obligations can become an overwhelming burden, quickly spiraling into adverse behaviors and at-risk situations such as unpaid bills, un-deposited checks, and the terrifying consequences of cut-off utilities, bank foreclosures, evictions, and financial exploitation. To prevent the devastating consequences associated with the loss of financial independence and stability, social service agencies have developed community-based Daily Money Management (DMM) Programs to assist vulnerable and frail older adults in protecting their financial security and serve as a deterrent to potential elder abuse.

NYSOFA is hosting a one hour training to be presented via conference call and focus on the components of a daily money management program, models that currently exist, including the AARP Money Management Program (MMP), and the Service Model which incorporates DMM within the agency case management function. The training will detail the steps involved in creating a DMM program along with risk management techniques to address liability concerns.

For the first time, quantitative data on the individual and community benefits of DMM programs in New York City have been collected. The Brookdale Center on Healthy Aging and Longevity has recently completed the first scientific assessment of the value and cost of DMM Programs through evidence based research. The research results suggest that these programs are a preventative, protective and cost effective approach to financial risk and exploitation reduction among vulnerable seniors and the disabled, possibly even preventing or delaying the need for institutionalization. These research findings and the public policy implications will briefly be discussed.

Learning objectives:

- Understand what Daily Money Management (DMM) is and the role it plays in keeping vulnerable elderly persons safely in the community;
- Explore different DMM service models;
- Understand the steps to create a safe DMM program; and
- Understand the policy implications of the Brookdale DMM Research findings.



Trainers:

Debra Sacks, LPN, JD, Senior Staff Attorney of the Sadin Institute on Law, Public Policy, and Aging, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, Hunter College.

Amanda Leis, LCSW, Bill Payer Program Manager, Council of Senior Centers and Services of NYC, Inc.

If you are interested in participating to learn more about the Daily Money Management Program, two conference calls have been set up for:

**Wednesday July 28 from 1-2 pm, and
Thursday July 29 from 2-3 pm**

Please RSVP to Pauline Santiago - pauline.santiago@ofa.state.ny.us . Additional information including call in information will be sent to those registered.

Space is limited.

Cordially,



Michael J. Burgess