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New MSC Statewide Coordinator

Eric Pasternak, of OPWDDs Division of Policy and Enterprise Solutions, has assumed the role of MSC Statewide Coordinator. Eric can be reached via email at Eric.Pasternak@omr.state.ny.us.

Reminder: Statewide MSC Supervisors Video Conference December 16, 2010

An MSC Supervisors Video Conference is being held on December 16, 2010.

Topics include:

- National Core Indicators
- MSC Redesign: An interactive discussion on the MSC changes that went into effect on 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.

Morning session 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Afternoon session 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Deadline to register is 12/9/10. For registration information go to:

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

Healthy Families NY Collaboration

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) has announced the availability of funding to establish three projects to demonstrate effective and sustainable collaboration with the Healthy Families NY program in assisting families headed by persons with developmental disabilities. For further information please go to the DDPC website at:

http://www.ddpcb2b.com/rfp/default.aspx

Orange County Introduces 911 Registry Project for People with Developmental Disabilities

Orange County has introduced a 911 Registry Project for people with developmental disabilities. The Registry Project was the result of collaborative efforts by the Developmental Disabilities Division, Department of Mental Health, and the Communications Division, Department of Emergency Services, to provide a mechanism for families and caregivers to submit to the county important information about persons with a developmental disability that may be conveyed to first responders in the event of an emergency situation. This collaboration with 911 will be a benefit to families with children or young adults living at home with special needs. For further information and a Project Registry form go to:

http://www.orangecountygov.com/orgMain.asp?storyID=5139&sid=

Healthy Lifestyles Workshops

The Orange County Department of Mental Health is now accepting applications for their Healthy Lifestyles workshops. Several workshops are being offered to teens and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities and separate workshops for parents. For more information on Healthy Lifestyles please see separately attached flyer.