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Each E-Visory has pertinent information on programs and services available to individuals receiving Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC). Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly in issues of the MSC E-Visory. Please forward this issue to all Medicaid Service Coordinators and MSC Supervisors.

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### Reminder: Statewide MSC Supervisors Video Conference – December 16, 2009.

MSC Supervisors can earn 2 ½ hours of professional development credits. For registration information go to: [www.omr.state.ny.us](http://www.omr.state.ny.us)

Topics include:

- Presentation by Parent to Parent of New York State
- Presentation by the New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center
- MSC Issues

### Public Meetings on Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment

The New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) and the State Rehabilitation Council are developing the State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services for Federal Fiscal Year 2011. Public meetings are being held to gather recommendations from individuals with disabilities, their families, advocates and services providers on how VESID can improve vocational rehabilitation and supported employment services. For more information go to:

[http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/adult\\_vocational\\_rehabilitation\\_services/state\\_plan/public\\_meetings.htm](http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/adult_vocational_rehabilitation_services/state_plan/public_meetings.htm)

### OMRDD receives HUD Housing Grant Award

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) a grant to allow OMRDD to continue to provide comprehensive housing counseling to individuals with developmental disabilities, their income-eligible parents or legal guardians, and direct support professionals. The grant will fund HUD-Certified first-time homebuyer training for people with developmental disabilities, their families, and the workforce. For more information go to:

[http://www.omr.state.ny.us/pressrelease/hp\\_pr\\_hudgrant.jsp](http://www.omr.state.ny.us/pressrelease/hp_pr_hudgrant.jsp)

### OMRDD Housing Office Asset Development Grant

The OMRDD Housing Office has a 1 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Human Services to implement an AFI/IDA matched savings program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their income eligible parents or legal guardians and for direct care workers. AFI (Assets for Independence) Independent Development Accounts (IDAs) are an important tool in asset building for low-income people. AFI projects assist individuals to save earned income in IDAs – matched savings accounts. IDA savings and matched funds can be used to acquire an asset, such as a first home. So far, OMRDD has implemented the project in Western NY, Finger Lakes and Central NY. For more information contact the Housing Office at 518-473-1973.

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