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Health & Safety Alert: Aspiration

OPWDD has issued a Health & Safety Alert, dated February 28, 2013. This alert, which is attached to this E-Visory, discusses the factors that place individuals at risk for aspiration and observable signs and symptoms caregivers should be aware of that may indicate the risk of aspiration. Also, provided are immediate interventions that should be taken when there are signs of aspiration. Service Coordinators are encouraged to share this information with individuals and families that they serve.

Consolidated Supports and Services Service Documentation Requirements

Administrative Memorandum #2013-02, dated February 27, 2013, effective March 1, 2013, has been issued by OPWDD. This ADM, which is attached to this E-Visory, specifies the service documentation requirements for Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS).

Scholarship Opportunity ends March 15, 2013

The National Down Syndrome Society's O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund offers financial assistance to individuals who are interested in enhancing their lives through employment, independent living skills and/or life skills by enrolling in a postsecondary class or program at a local college, educational institution, learning center or employment training program. Applications for this scholarship opportunity are open to individuals who are 18 years or older and have Down syndrome. Further details and information can be found at the following link:

Learn more about the O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund.

Honoring People with Developmentally Disabilities

Author Jean Matricaria is working on her second book, which will honor and support those with developmental and intellectual disabilities. She is looking for people to send her poems and stories of how those with intellectual and developmental differences have excelled. Further information on how to support Jean's book or submit material can be found at the following link:

http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/plantation/fl-pf-poems-0213-20130215,0,6258044.story