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### **Training Opportunity: Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections**

On Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 1:00pm – 2:00 pm OPWDDs Office of Diversity Management will be hosting a webinar training titled Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections. OPWDDs Faith-Based Coordinator Reverend Catherine Patterson will be presenting. For more information please see the attached announcement. Interested individuals can register via the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6412296095326254849>

### **Training Curriculum: Supporting Person Centered Outcomes: An Introduction to Person Centered Planning**

Attached to this E-Visory is a letter dated March 26, 2014 announcing the availability of the Supporting Person Centered Outcomes: An Introduction to Person Centered Planning training curriculum on the OPWDD website. Approved agencies who wish to deliver this course to their employees, or employees of other agencies will also need to contact the OPWDD Talent Development and Training Office to obtain a copy of the DVD “Its’ Never too Early; It’s Never Too Late” as an additional resource used for this curriculum.

Service Coordinators should note: This curriculum replaces Introduction to Person Centered Planning. Please note MSC’s who have already completed Introduction to Person Centered Planning training are not required to attend this training. However, it is strongly encouraged as this course contains updates and enhancements to the former curriculum.

Further details on this curriculum, including specific trainer qualifications, can be found by accessing the following link: <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/999>

### **How to Announce Provider Agency Training on the OPWDD Training Catalog**

If your agency would like to announce upcoming training opportunities to other provider agencies and individuals you can do so by following the instructions for announcing provider agency training on the OPWDD catalog of Training and Talent Development Programs. These instructions are available at the following link:

[Instructions for Announcing Provider Agency Training](#)



# Cultural Competence Webinar



*\*\* This Webinar is open to ALL OPWDD and provider agency employees\*\**

## **Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014,**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

*The first in a series of Cultural Competence Webinars  
Hosted by the OPWDD Office of Diversity Management*

**Presenter: Rev. Catherine Patterson, OPWDD Faith-Based Coordinator**

***Facilitator:** Nicole Weinstein, Office of Diversity Management*

Being a part of the community offers us a great many benefits: We become interested in connecting with others; feel acceptance through our participation; and gain a sense of security that there are other people out there who can help us. Faith community participation for people with developmental disabilities does not differ in the sense that *all* people need connections.

Rev. Patterson, who assists providers with making spiritual connections and providing spiritually competent supports to those they serve, will discuss what staff can do to bring people with developmental disabilities together with local faith communities; how they can develop sustaining relationships and natural supports for those individuals; and how care workers can create spiritual inclusion plans for people of different faiths and cultures.

**To Register** for Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections on May 8 at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6412296095326254849>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.



March 26, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the availability of the *SUPPORTING PERSON CENTERED OUTCOMES: AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSON CENTERED PLANNING* curriculum. The curriculum is available on the OPWDD website at <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/999> for approved agencies who wish to deliver the course to their own employees, or employees of other agencies. Approved agencies conducting this training will also need to contact the OPWDD Talent Development and Training Office to obtain a copy of the DVD *"It's Never too Early; it's Never Too Late"* as an additional resource used for this curriculum. Soon OPWDD will host a train-the-trainer video-conference on this training curriculum and accompanying resources. All potential agency trainers will be encouraged to attend.

This curriculum replaces *Introduction to Person Centered Planning*. Please note, MSC's who have already completed the *Introduction to Person Centered Planning* as a required MSC course are not required to attend this training. However, MSC's are encouraged to complete this new course as the curriculum contains updates and enhancements to the former curriculum.

For Brokers: there are two options to meet the person centered training requirement:

- Completion of *Person Centered Planning for Brokers* **or**
- Completion of *SUPPORTING PERSON CENTERED OUTCOMES: AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSON CENTERED PLANNING* **and** *Advanced Person Centered Planning*

Please check the OPWDD training catalog carefully to ensure you choose the correct training to meet your individual need.

COMPASS agencies, and provider agencies/other organizations that have already obtained OPWDD approval to deliver the MSC CORE training, may begin providing the *SUPPORTING PERSON CENTERED OUTCOMES: AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSON CENTERED PLANNING* without any further approval. Provider agencies/other organizations who have not obtained approval to deliver MSC courses must contact OPWDD by emailing a written request to [TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov). In your request, please identify the following:

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| 1. Agency name               | 5. Contact person               |
| 2. Agency Executive Director | 6. Contact person email address |
| 3. Agency mailing address    | 7. Contact person phone number  |
| 4. Agency website address    | 8. Agency region/catchment area |

OPWDD believes that by providing you with the *SUPPORTING PERSON CENTERED OUTCOMES: AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSON CENTERED PLANNING* curriculum (and other curricula); your agency will have the flexibility to provide mandated training when your Medicaid Service Coordinators need it.

If your agency would like to facilitate this training or any other MSC training for your staff as well as other agency staff, you may contact the OPWDD Talent Development and Training Office at [TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:TalentDevelopment@opwdd.ny.gov).

Thank you again for your continued cooperation as we partner to further develop and strengthen the skill sets of our workforce. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Talent Development and Training Office at 518-473-1190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Valla".

Robert Valla  
Acting Deputy Commissioner  
Workforce and Talent Management