Announcement

Revised 2015 ODP Required Training for Supports Coordinators and SC Supervisors

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: Supports Coordinators (SCs), SC Supervisors, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)

PURPOSE: To inform SCs, SC Supervisors and SCO Leadership of changes to the planned SC Required Trainings for calendar year 2015.

DISCUSSION: In January 2015, ODP announced 20 hours of required training for Supports Coordinators and SC Supervisors through Announcement 005-15. However, ODP is now forging a new direction in our training and is continuing to gather information on future training priorities and opportunities. Summarized below are the 2015 Calendar Year Training Opportunities that were planned, their current status and additional opportunities that have been added.

**Risk Mitigation: Addressing Day to Day Risk with the Team**

Face-to-face training 6 Credit Hours Status: Registration Open Now

This six credit hour face-to-face training is currently scheduled at 27 sites across the Commonwealth in October and November. Originally planned as 7 credit hours, the final hour was removed due to the elimination of the pre- and post-test. The training was opened for registration on 9/11/15 and was discussed in Announcement 076-15. This training is the next installment in the Unraveling the Processes of Incident Management and Risk Management curriculum.
Supporting Employment Webcast #1: Building Capacity to Support Individuals Seeking Community-Based Employment  
1 Credit Hour  Status: Available through 12/31/15

Developed by the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN), this webcast, “Building Capacity to Support Individuals Seeking Community-Based Employment” was presented live on 6/5/15. It was recorded and will remain available as a required training worth 1 credit hour through 12/31/15. It was conceptualized as the first in a series of trainings that SELN would assist ODP in developing and was discussed in Announcement 037-15.

Adult Protective Services  
1 Credit Hour  Status: Available through 12/31/15

This webcast was developed by the Department of Human Services and was released as required training on 7/21/15 and discussed in Announcement 060-15. Since it is located on the DHS website, it will remain open for review. However, in order to get credit as required training, the SCs and SC Supervisors must complete the webcast no later than 12/31/15.

Supporting Employment Webinar #2  
2 Credit Hours  Status: Scheduled for 10/30/15

The planned topic of this live webinar is “tools for promoting a conversation about employment.” The 2nd in the series developed by ODP and SELN, this webinar will focus on the development of a ‘toolbox’ of skills to assist and guide a SC in discussing employment outcomes with the individuals and families receiving services through the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers. A forthcoming announcement will provide details on registration and time.

Conversation Between the Supports Coordinators and Deputy Secretary Thaler  
2 Credit Hours  Status: October 2015

This 2 credit hour webinar is planned for four separate days and times in October. It is a chance for the SCs and SC Supervisors to hear what Deputy Secretary Thaler sees as the path going forward for SC Services and will allow the SCs the opportunity to speak with the Deputy Secretary Thaler. Further details will be provided in a forthcoming announcement.

The Outcome Section of the ISP: Better Outcomes, Better Lives  
6 Credit Hours  Status: Completed

This face-to-face training was offered during the months of May and June at 20 sites across the Commonwealth for six hours of training credit. Originally planned as 7 hours, the final hour of
credit was removed when the training did not offer a pre-and post-test. The training was the latest installment in the Outcomes Development series of trainings. The training was discussed in Announcement 030-15. A follow-up professional development webinar will be offered in September and October that answers the most frequently asked questions from the live training sessions.

**CMS Final Rule**
1 Credit Hour  Status: Completed
This one credit hour webcast was released in May 2015 (Announcement 040-15) and was converted to professional development at the completion of 90 days of availability on August 17, 2015. The conversion and availability as a professional development course was related through Announcement 074-15.

**Service Definitions**
2 Credit Hours  Status: On Hold
Four ½ hour webcasts worth 2 credit hours – Has been placed on hold due to ongoing changes in the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers. With the continuing changes in the Waivers, it was decided that this training could not go forward until the Amendments and Waiver Renewals with policy changes have been completed.

After all training is completed for calendar year 2015, the number of ODP required credit hours offered will be 19. This is one hour short of the original planned number of 20 credit hours. To fulfill the 40 hours of training hours that are mandated to be completed yearly as stated in the Waivers, the SC and SC Supervisor may take a combination of ODP required and local trainings. Local trainings can include: professional development trainings, workshops, seminars, conferences and trainings conducted by the SCO. When attended and completed in combination, the two types of required trainings allow the SC and SC supervisor to be in compliance with ODP annual training required by the waivers (40 hours per calendar year).

If there are any questions after reading this announcement, an email may be sent to the SC Training Mailbox at RA-PWODPSCTRAINING@pa.gov