



ODP Announcement

New Courses on Person Centered Thinking and Dementia Care Are Available on MyODP

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to

AUDIENCE: All interested parties

PURPOSE: To announce the addition of two new ODP courses on MyODP:

1. “Foundations of Person Centered Thinking.”
2. “Overview of Dementia Capable Care for People with Intellectual Disability” professional development course.

DISCUSSION: ODP has posted two courses to MyODP Training and Resource Center:

1. “Foundations of Person Centered Thinking” includes concepts, skills, and resources based on the work of [The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices](#). Person Centered Thinking underlies and guides respectful listening, which leads to actions resulting in people who: have positive control over the life they desire and find satisfying; are recognized and valued for their contributions (current and potential) to their communities; and are supported in a web of relationships, both natural and paid, within their communities.

“Foundations of Person Centered Thinking” is at <https://www.myodp.org/course/index.php?categoryid=392>

The navigation path from the MyODP Home Page is: *Training > Intellectual Disability > Individual Support Plan > Foundations of Person Centered Thinking.*

2. “Overview of Dementia Capable Care for People with Intellectual Disability” is a four-part webcast series that includes:

- An introduction to basic concepts and misconceptions around aging
- A definition of dementia capable care
- The importance of a differential diagnosis

- The role of caregivers as health care advocates
- The connections to person centered thinking, and
- Environmental considerations when supporting a person with dementia

The webcast series provides two hours of SC required training credit for SCs and SC supervisors as well as professional development training credit for other professional roles. SCs and SC supervisors are required to take the pretest and posttest in order to receive a training certificate.

The direct link to the course is: <https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=942>. The navigation path from the MyODP Home Page is: *Training > Health Care > An Overview of Dementia Capable Care for People with Intellectual Disability*.