

“Getting Connected to the Community” Training Available ODP Announcement 19-049

AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families; Providers of Community Participation Support in the Consolidated, Community Living, or Person/Family Directed Support Waiver; Providers of Day Habilitation in the Adult Autism Waiver; Supports Coordination Organizations; Administrative Entities, County Programs, Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To announce the availability of *Getting Connected to the Community: Practical Skills for Building Person Centered Community Connections* and to provide contact information for interested parties

DISCUSSION:

This interactive three-hour training serves as a foundation for individuals receiving the Community Participation Support (CPS) service and their support teams. During this training, individuals, families, and their support teams (provider staff and Supports Coordinators [SCs]) come together to brainstorm about and plan for building/enhancing person-centered community connections. Training participants will practice utilizing person-centered thinking resources and techniques in the context of CPS. Information gathered using these resources can help teams develop meaningful plans for the implementation of CPS.

This training is designed for teams of people with disabilities who utilize the CPS service, their family members, provider staff, and SCs. Teams sit together and work together as a small group throughout the three-hour training. They are encouraged to brainstorm, network, and share ideas to explore new directions, ask new questions, and seek new information.

Provider agencies are invited to host this training at their local sites. Representatives of Tuscarora Intermediate Unit will work with the provider agency to schedule the training on a date and time that work for the individuals supported by ODP programs, families, support teams, agency staff, and agency trainers. The training is designed for a maximum of 30 participants. The provider agency would supply the training room (a space to hold a maximum of 30 people working in small groups). The trainers would bring all of the training equipment and supplies.

This is a professional development opportunity. The training is a three-hour training – the exact start and end times of the training will vary based on the needs of the participants and availability of the trainers. All participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the training.

If you are interested in hosting this training at your agency or have any questions, please email tiutta@tiu11.org. You can also call Jeff Wheeler at 1-800-446-5607 ext. 6881 or 412-826-6881 or Melissa Mecke at 717-901-2164.