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1. Service & Support Administration Rule Moves Forward

Focuses on Person-Centered Planning and Strengthening Involvement of Individuals Served

During the past several months, DODD has worked with many stakeholders to craft a new [Service & Support Administration \(SSA\) Rule \(5123:2-1-11\)](#) to address concerns regarding language used previously in describing the service and support administration function provided through County Boards of DD. In addition, the new rule more specifically describes and encourages the participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in the content and development of their Individual Service Plans (ISPs), as well as in the selection of people they choose to help them in this process and achieve desired outcomes.

The new Service & Support Administration (SSA) Rule (5123:2-1-11) will be effective March 17, 2014.

DODD Deputy Director Kate Haller notes that roll-out efforts for the new Service & Support Administration rule are especially mindful of the people served and their families, as well as the professional staff (SSAs) in the statewide DD service system. She explains, "In preparation for the new rule, the Department is planning several trainings over the next few months. Some are targeted specifically for SSAs to discuss what is new in the rule and provide information and examples of person-centered planning, and will offer some tools that will support person-centered planning. The Department also is planning a webinar for families and individuals to talk about the new rule and discuss what they might expect."

Training geared primarily to SSAs, with slots available for provider representatives, families, and self advocates will take place on February 12, 14, 26 and March 4, 6 at the Xenos complex in Columbus. It is provided by DODD in collaboration with the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD (OACBDD), and the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA). Registration information is at <http://www.oacbddd.org/> (*scroll down on the page*).

And, taking a holistic approach to implementation of the rule and its effect on the statewide service system, some DODD Central Office Staff also will participate in training regarding the rule on February 25, and learn more about the concept of person-centered planning. This training will be especially helpful for staff within in the Major Unusual Incident (MUI) Unit, Medicaid Development & Administration, Policy & Strategic Direction, Audits, and the Office of Provider Standards and Review.

The SSA rule training opportunities will be led by Kelly Mosley-Miller, DODD Office of Provider Standards & Review, and Jean Tuller, a nationally-recognized expert in the area of systems transformation through state Medicaid reform. Tuller's work supports states such as Ohio, interested in using person-centered planning as a vehicle for organizational change. The training is part of a pilot project jointly sponsored by DODD, OACB, and OPRA. Haller observed,

“We are very interested in feedback regarding the implementation of the new Support & Support Administration Rule, and learning from training participants what impact they feel it will have on our system.”



She added, “Introducing this new rule has been a very positive collaborative effort within our DD stakeholder community, including preparing a new handbook for Service & Support Administration (see link at [Publications & Handbooks](#)). I especially want to thank the many people involved in this process, including representatives from The Arc of Ohio, Ohio Association of County Boards, Ohio Provider Resource Association, Ohio Self-Determination Association, Advocacy & Protective Services Inc., and the DODD Family Advisory Council, among others. This team effort assures a smoother road forward in the implementation process.”

For more information about DODD Rules, go to <https://doddportal.dodd.ohio.gov/rules/Pages/default.aspx> and click on the sections that interest you, including [Rules in Effect](#) , and [Rules Under Development](#)

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2. Administration Update: Office of Health Transformation MyCare Ohio to Launch in May 2014

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) reports that Ohio was the third state in the nation to reach an agreement with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on a new initiative to better coordinate care for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (dually-eligible). *MyCare Ohio* is a system of managed care plans selected to coordinate the physical, behavioral, and long-term care services for individuals over age 18 who are dually-eligible, including people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals who receive behavioral health services.

Under the Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS), Ohioans in 29 pilot counties will enroll in a *MyCare Ohio* plan for Medicaid services beginning in May 2014. Medicare services will be added to the *MyCare Ohio* plan benefits beginning in January 2015 – and earlier if the individual chooses, or not at all if they opt out. (See *MyCare Ohio enrollment timeline and service regions.*)

Eligible individuals will receive educational and enrollment letters informing them of their voluntary enrollment period, and when enrollment into a MyCare Ohio managed care plan becomes mandatory.

Through better coordination of the benefits offered through the Medicaid and Medicare funding streams, the *MyCare Ohio* program aims to improve the overall health and well-being of the individual while also improving health care quality and outcomes, and containing costs.

More information at [MyCare Ohio](#) and [Office of Health Transformation](#).

Reminder: Governor Kasich's 'State of the State' Address in Medina, Feb. 24

Governor John Kasich will deliver his third State of the State Address in Medina, taking the speech on the road and 'to the people,' for the third straight year. The annual address is planned for the evening of February 24 at the Medina Performing Arts Center. The speech is expected to coincide with the Administration's unveiling of the Mid-Biennium Review budget, also planned for late February.

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3. Governor's Residence Welcomes Summit County Artists

The Ohio Arts Council recently selected artwork by artists from across the state to be displayed in Governor John Kasich's office throughout 2014. Included in the Council's selection are works by artists James and Marlon from the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities' (Summit DD) *Microenterprise* program. Late last month, James and Marlon were recognized, along with other artists across the state, at the 2014 Winter Spotlight reception at the Governor's residence.

Noting the inclusive nature of the Ohio Arts Council's outreach to artists, Summit DD Business Innovations Manager Jacquie Owens, explained, "The opportunity to have work displayed in the

Governor's office was open to *all* artists across Ohio—not just to artists with disabilities. Only a few artists are selected ... so this is an incredible honor for them!" She added,

“James and Marlon are excited to have their artwork displayed next to other artists — it spreads a powerful message about inclusion.”

James and Marlon attended the Winter Spotlight reception, bringing family members and their Service and Support Administrators from Summit DD with them to the invitation-only event. A tour of the Governor's office was offered after the reception, and the artists were pleased to see their work on display.

These Men Have Talent!

Left: Marlon's artwork is titled "End of Shift." His technique is very bold, and shows a great sense of strength in this piece. Below: James' artwork is titled "Cliff Field." His technique shows a fine understanding of color and perspective.

Both pieces are being displayed in the Governor's office throughout 2014.



At The Governor's Residence

Directly Above, Left: Marlon with Ohio's First Lady Karen Kasich; Directly Above, Right: Marlon and James.

Summit DD offers employment opportunities for 34 artists with disabilities through its Dream Out Loud Studio, and Microenterprise program. Microenterprise and Self-Employment Services assist individuals who are interested in starting their own business or being their own employer.

DODD salutes the work of the Ohio Arts Council and its emphasis on inclusion, offering ‘a public canvas’ to display the talents of *all* artists, and is especially appreciative of the efforts of the Governor’s office to welcome artists with developmental disabilities and their work, offering opportunities such as this to showcase their abilities.

*For more information, contact Jacquie Owens at JOwens@summitdd.org; (330) 634-8231.
To follow James and Marlon’s stories, visit Summit DD’s blog and Facebook page at SummitDDblog.com and [Facebook.com/SummitDD](https://www.facebook.com/SummitDD).*

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4. New & Updated Technology Supports Information Access

People with cognitive disabilities have an equal right to technology and information access.

According to [The Coleman Institute](#)* more than 28 million people in the nation are affected by impaired cognitive function such as intellectual disabilities, brain injury, Alzheimer’s disease, stroke, and persistent mental illness. This population should be assured an equal right to a full range of technology and information access. A coalition of disability organizations and individuals asserted this right in a declaration (*See [Pipeline Quarterly, January 2014, p. 8](#)*) first announced at the Coleman Institute’s National Conference on Cognitive Disability and Technology, late last year in Colorado.

Supporting this ‘right to access’ DODD and many agency stakeholders around the state are working to ensure greater access to technology and information for individuals with developmental disabilities, working toward the desired outcomes of decreased dependency on public services; reduced healthcare costs; and greater independence for all in the statewide DD system.

Examples of improving statewide access to new and emerging technology, and to a wealth of online electronic information, include:

- *Expanding Ohio’s Telepsychiatry Project (Telemedicine)* to include all 88 counties and children under age 18. DODD and Wright State University’s Consumer Advocacy Model program – along with the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services -- have collaborated to provide access to quality psychiatric care and community mental health services for people affected by co-occurring mental illness/ developmental disabilities who live in remote areas across the state. (See [Pipeline, January 16, 2013](#))
- *Remote Monitoring services* now included in the Level One, Individual Options (IO) and Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) waivers in Ohio (See: [Rules in Effect](#), Remote Monitoring.)
- *A simple online Audio program* providing a spoken version of each version of *Pipeline* was begun in 2012 and is accessed at [Pipeline Audio](#).

In addition, County Boards of DD around the state are implementing programs and developing new ways to use technology-based products to open more doors for individuals to learn and work in the community. A recent example in Licking County was featured in *The Newark Advocate*.

And, nationally, accessible and affordable technology just took a big step forward for people with vision impairments, as [Window Eyes](#), a screen reader similar to JAWS (Job Access With Speech) in its functioning, is now available to users of Microsoft Office* products *at no cost*. This program, when new, was priced at \$800 or more, and was too expensive for many people who could benefit from its functionality. Questions concerning Window-Eyes can be answered by the information noted online at [Frequently-Asked Questions](#) (FAQs).

**The Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities seeks to catalyze and integrate advances in science, engineering, and technology to promote the quality of life and independent living of all people with cognitive disabilities. More at: <http://www.colemaninstitute.org>*

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5. Ramping Up for DD Awareness & Advocacy Day, March 4

This year's *Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day* event, March 4 at the Ohio Statehouse, will showcase many self-advocates' stories of personal growth and achievement. The program has been shortened from previous years to approximately one hour, beginning at 10:00 a.m., allowing more time for self-advocates to meet with legislators, and informally network with peers and others within Ohio's statewide developmental disabilities community.

**Registration can be completed online by visiting www.ddc.ohio.gov or www.ohiosibs.com.
Every person planning to attend must register – Deadline to register is February 14, 2014!
Participation is free and open to anyone, and is limited to the first 350 who register.
For more information, 'like' the event's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OhioDDAwareness**

The theme for the event is *What Are You Waiting For*, and refers to the release of a recent study that evaluates the state's waiting list for Home and Community Based Services Waivers. (This event theme is in addition to the statewide 2014 DD Awareness theme *Ability@Work*.) The day will begin at 9 a.m. with check-in and refreshments, the program in the Statehouse Atrium begins at 10:00 a.m., and legislative meetings will start immediately following the program. Speakers will discuss achievements in advocacy, education, self-determination, and employment.

Participants will have opportunities to meet with their state legislators to discuss key advocacy topics for 2014, including accessible parking, [visitability](#), what the Waiting List means for people with disabilities, and related legislation.



**These ladies are always in on the action ...
and on March 4 it will be no different.**

Renee Wood (far left) and Shari Cooper, two very active self-advocates, will be 'front and center' during the March 4 DD Awareness & Advocacy Day program. Renee currently is the Ohio DD Council Chairperson among other interests, and Shari is a Community & Staff Relations Associate at Goodwill Easter Seals/ Miami Valley – as well as a consummate blogger.

Their voices will welcome event attendees and encourage them to help move Ohio's DD service system forward.

-Renee and Shari are shown here at a DD Council Outreach Committee meeting.

DODD Director John Martin will be among the program speakers, most of whom will be self-advocates from around the state. See more information about the event in the February 19 issue of *Pipeline*, as well as Updates on Twitter @OhioDDAwareness; 'Like' on Facebook: *DD Awareness & Advocacy Day*.

Event sponsors this year include many partners in Ohio's developmental disabilities community: DODD; Ohio DD Council; Ohio Special Initiatives for Brothers and Sisters; The Arc of Ohio; Disability Rights Ohio; Ohio Association of County Boards; Ohio Provider Resource Association; Ohio Self Determination Association; People First of Ohio; the Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University; Disability Rights Ohio; and, the University of Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

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Pipeline Quarterly ...
read about

**The Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities
to Technology & Information Access**

Go to: <http://dodd.ohio.gov/pipeline/Pages/default.aspx>

PostScripts



Creative Use of Funding Workshop at OCALI, February 19

Parents, guardians, and professionals searching for creative ways to find and use funding to support care, treatment and/or educational goals may wish to attend the *Creative Use of Funding* workshop at the OCALI Office, 470 Glenmont Ave., Columbus, on February 19, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.. The workshop will focus on providing families and professionals an overview of funding available for children and adults with autism. The discussion will include how and where to access care and treatment funds from Medicaid to Scholarships. Attendees will receive a Creative Funding packet and other autism resources. Cost is \$20.00, including lunch. *Register at: www.autismohio.org. Note:* A live link option will be offered for attendees who cannot attend in person. Details on the OCALI Events Calendar webpage.



Save the Date! People First Conference, March 13-15

The 2014 *People First Conference* is March 13-15, at Roberts Convention Center in Wilmington, Ohio. This year's conference theme is "*Advocacy, the Time to Change is Now!*" The agenda this year includes self advocates' discussions of Employment First, Transition Services, and many other exciting topics of interest to self advocates, their families, friends, and staff.

Look for registration and program information now online at www.peoplefirstohio.org

People First of Ohio will be celebrating their 15-year Anniversary at the three-day conference, and there will be many surprise guests and unique activities. For example, many organizations in attendance will decorate a chair representing their mission, and illustrating 'why they want to be at the People First table.' Opening ceremonies begin at 9:15 a.m. on the 14th. More information at www.peoplefirstohio.org.



2014 Statewide 2014 DD Awareness Month theme is 'Ability@Work.'

Each year *Ohio Public Images* creates a statewide theme for the March celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and theme-related efforts throughout the year. OPI prepares posters and other materials to standardize artwork and yet allow for local customization. Artwork is available free, online at www.publicimagesnetwork.org. *OPI encourages a year-long DD awareness effort*, and provides sample ideas and information both online, and at events to be scheduled in 2014.



'The Fatal Five' Training – March 20

The Fatal Five & Medication Used in the Geriatric Population

The Healthcare Advisory Committee is offering a one-day conference with two topics that may be of interest to nurses, SSA's, direct care staff, parents, and guardians. On March 20, *The Fatal Five: Preventing Preventable Deaths in Community Settings* will be presented by Karen Green McGowan, RN, CDDN. Karen has 35 years of experience in the Developmental Disabilities field, and will focus on the five subjects of bowel obstruction, aspiration pneumonia, sepsis, and dehydration. In addition, *Medications Used in the Geriatric Population* will be presented by Nanette Wrobel, RPH, a strong advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities. Her presentation will look at medications frequently used in the geriatric population and specific concerns in that process. For information and registration: <http://highdd.org> -- look under 'News and Info.'



Goodwill Columbus Workshop: Building an Independent Life, March 9

On March 9th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Goodwill Columbus will host a “Life After School and Beyond” workshop at 1331 Edgehill Road in Columbus. Families & Friends Network (FFN) of Goodwill Columbus is presenting their annual spring workshop for family members of individuals with developmental disabilities. Sessions include:

- Jobs and Employment with presenters Meg Griffing of COVA, and Lutrell Jolly of Goodwill
- Financial: Government/County Funding with presenter Anne Russell of FCBDD
- Future Planning & Employment with presenter David Zwyer, Esq. of Community Fund Management Foundation
- Defining Strengths & Safety Nets with Marilyn Messina, LISW

Cost for up to two family members is \$10 for FFN members, \$20 non-members (portion of fee waiver available). To register contact Pat Karshner, pkarshner@columbus.rr.com, (614)885-2291.



Disability Housing Network Offers Technical Assistance

Through partnerships with DODD and the Ohio DD Council, the Disability Housing Network (DHN) is offering technical assistance to County Boards and Housing Corporations in these areas:

- County Housing Planning
- Housing Development
- Property Management
- Master Contract Standards
- Exploring Alternatives to Current Housing Model

Contact Jaclyn Slemmer at jacalynslemmer@disabilityhousingnetwork.org to schedule technical assistance. In addition, DHN will offer a track of housing sessions at the 2014 Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) Spring Conference on April 8 & 9. Look for more information at www.opra.org.



Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Workshop, March 21-22 and 24-25

The Ohio Disability and Health Program is hosting a Healthy Lifestyles two-day Train-the-Trainer Workshop at the Ohio State University in Columbus March 21-22, and again March 24-25. The Healthy Lifestyles curriculum was designed by and for people with disabilities to help people develop confidence and skills to stay on a journey toward a healthy and happy life. This 2-day workshop is free, fun, and educational for people who will commit to teaching people with disabilities about Healthy Lifestyles. The training will feature Master Trainers, Angela Weaver, from the Oregon Office on Disability and Health, and Joe Basey, from the City of Eugene, Adaptive Recreation. Participants will learn about the history of the national, evidence-based Healthy Lifestyles© (HL) program; experience many of the hands-on practical aspects of the workshop; receive a certificate as a “Certified Lead HL Trainer”; receive all the necessary HL training materials; and have the opportunity to network with peers. *Registration opens January 30!* Contact: Erica Coleman, (513) 803-4399; erica.coleman@cchmc.org



Ohio Disability and Health Program Needs Disability Advocates

Representing the disability perspective on a public health committee is a crucial step to improving inclusiveness, and ensuring that people with disabilities are considered in public health matters.

The Ohio Disability and Health Program is dedicated to raising awareness and improving knowledge regarding the needs of Ohio’s disability community, specifically among staff at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Building relationships with the leaders of state-level public health committees within ODH is important to this effort, and the disability community must be represented on these committees.

By appointing people with disabilities and their guardians, caregivers, and/or other disability advocates as members on these committees, the Ohio Disability and Health Program will be better informed to do its work. There are six committees currently requesting a representative from the disability community, and most committees meet bi-monthly or quarterly. If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact health policy specialist, Anureet Benipal at ODH-- (614) 644.9848; Anureet.Benipal@odh.ohio.gov .



FUSE and One Accord to Host Deafness Awareness Event February 22

'Deaf, Deaf World,' February 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

It's a free adventure to have a "no speaking allowed" experience, designed to develop sensitivity to and increase awareness of communication methods of deaf and hearing-challenged people. Hosted at Vineyard Columbus, 600 Cooper Rd., Westerville, on Saturday February 22, 2014, Joni & Friends Ohio, and Deaf Services are working together to increase Deaf Awareness. "Deaf, Deaf World" is modeled after an event that was held at Wright State University years ago. Each participant will enter a room where they will learn about Deaf Culture. Each attendee will be given a Passport to enter Deaf, Deaf World where no talking is allowed. A person can sign, charade or write things out but no one will be allowed to talk. For more info, contact Deb Petermann, 614.259.5257 or Marsha Moore Deaf Services, 614.841.1991 (V/TTY). Also see: www.joniandfriends.org and www.vineyardcolumbus.org.



Different Needz Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

The *Different Needz Foundation* 2014 grant application period is now open. The Foundation accepts applications for grants from individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and organizations that serve them that are in need of medical services or equipment. *Applications must be post marked no later than March 1, 2014.* Grant applications are at: www.differentneedzfoundation.org. Grant awards will be announced in May 2014. The Different Needz Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose primary mission is to provide individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and organizations that support them with medical equipment, therapy devices, adaptive toys and/or services. Contact information: info@differentneedzfoundation.org (216) 904-5151.



Save the Date! SIBS Looking Forward: Transition Retreat, April 4-6, 2014

The *SIBS Looking Forward: Transition Retreat* is a weekend where students with disabilities (ages 17-22) and their siblings (ages 15-25) can explore transition topics and enjoy time together. Participants will learn about the transition process, get to know their siblings better, and develop more self-awareness and confidence about the future. Activities include group discussions, teambuilding challenges, and advocacy. The retreat will be held at YMCA Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Siblings pairs are asked to donate \$50/each to help offset the cost of the weekend, but any additional donation would be appreciated. Contact thomas.fish@osumc.edu or sahall@ashland.edu for more information or to register.

A link to a video from last year's retreat: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC-6hUh2w9Y>



Ohio Provider Resource Association Spring Conference, April 8-9

Planning is currently underway for the [Ohio Provider Resource Association \(OPRA\)](http://www.opra.org) Spring Conference, April 8-9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin. This well-attended conference will provide updates and new information on many subjects of interest to Ohio's statewide community of service providers, as well as showcase providers, themselves, during the two-day conference. More information at www.opra.org



DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free: **1-866-313-6733**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

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