NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Division Update for Individuals, Families, and Providers

May 26, 2022
**NJMentalHealthCares**

If you’re concerned about your mental health or the mental health of someone you love, **NJMentalHealthCares** can help. The **free helpline** offers telephone counseling, emotional support, information and assistance.

**866-202-HELP (4357)**

7 days per week, 8am - 8pm
Agenda

• June Webinar
• COVID-19 Statistics
• Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings
• Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
• Support Coordination Agency Updates
• MOM2MOM
• Resources
COVID-19 Update Webinar Schedule

• June Update Webinar:
  • Thursday June 23, 2022 – 10:30 am.
  • Register for the June Webinar.
New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

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*This update is as of Wednesday, May 25, 2022.


DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

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*DDD-specific statistics are updated weekly. Community data includes individuals actively under DDD services in settings such as group homes, supervised apartments, out of state, and own-home settings.

Full detail, including data for individuals not under services for whom reporting is voluntary and provided for informational purposes only, can be found at [NJ Department of Human Services COVID-19 Information](https://www.nj.gov/health/hsd/ddd/covid-19.html).
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

- As noted in Appendix E of the Supports Program and Community Care Program Policies and Procedures Manuals, Self-Directed Employees (SDEs) have six-months (180 days) from the first date of working/providing services for an individual to complete all mandated trainings.
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

• On July 15, 2021, Public Partnerships began processing one-time training payments for SDEs who had completed all mandated trainings and submitted a signed Training Certification Form.

• From that date forward, all new SDEs were provided six-months to complete the below to avoid any lapse in payment:
  • Complete all mandated trainings;
  • Obtain the signature of the Employer of Record (EOR) on the Training Certification Form; and
  • Submit the completed form to Public Partnerships.
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

- When Public Partnerships moved to enforce this requirement earlier this year they found that many SDEs were not in compliance.
- DDD released a communication on April 27, 2022, and reminder on May 16, 2022, relaying:
  - Public Partnerships has worked with DDD to provide a one-time extension for SDEs who have exceeded the described six-month timeframe to complete all mandated trainings.
  - Specifically, all SDEs who have been employed six-months or longer as of May 31, 2022 must complete all mandated trainings by that date.
  - All other SDEs have six-months from date of working/providing services to complete all mandated trainings.
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

• Any impacted SDE not in compliance with the above requirements will be unable to process timesheets after May 31, 2022.

• Employers of Record (EORs) who have SDEs and use PPL should ensure that their SDEs are up to date with trainings, with proper documentation having been submitted to PPL, to avoid any issues with timesheet processing.
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

Mandated Trainings include:

- **DDD System Mandatory Training Bundle.**
  - DDD Stephen Komninos’ Law Training;
  - DDD Life Threatening Emergencies (Danielle’s Law);
  - DDD Shifting Expectations: Changes in Perception, Life Experience and Services;
  - Prevention of Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation: Modules 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7;
  - Prevention of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Practicum (on-site competency assessment after completing Prevention of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation modules); and
  - Individual/Family-Developed Orientation (length, content determined by the individual/family).

- **CPR Certification with in-person practicum (re-certification every two years).**
- **Standard First Aid Certification with in-person practicum (re-certification every two years).**
Self-Directed Employee Mandated Trainings (PPL)

• For more information please:
  • Visit PPL’s NJ DDD Program webpage at www.publicpartnerships.com;
  • Call the PPL Customer Service Team at 1-844-842-5891;
  • Email the PPL Customer Service Team at njddd-cs@pcgus.com or PPL Training Helpdesk at njddd-training@pcgus.com;
  • You may also contact DDD’s Fee-for-Service Helpdesk at DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov.
Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

- In accordance with P.L. 2021, Chapter 292, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) has released an Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) for Licensed Providers of Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

- A Licensed Service Provider (LSP) is any entity licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by DHS to provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- A webinar for impacted LSPs will be held on June 2, 2022 at 10am. Please register for this webinar here.
Support Coordination Agency Updates

• As explained in recent SC Listserv Communications, the following documents have been updated and available on the Support Coordination Information webpage:
  • ISP Worksheet for Residential Providers.
  • ISP Worksheet for Day Habilitation Providers.
  • ISP Review Checklist for Support Coordination Supervisors.
  • ISP Revision and Notification Form.
  • ISP Signature Page Frequently Asked Questions.
  • ISP and PCPT Submission Criteria.
Support Coordination Agency Updates

As explained in recent SC Listserv Communications, the following documents have been updated and available on the Support Coordination Information webpage:

- Electronic Signature FAQ.
- Support Coordination Agency Policies & Procedures Guidebook.
- Residential Referral Coversheet.
- Residential Referral Coversheet Instructions.
MOM2MOM

• The MOM2MOM NJ help line has been expanded and is now available to provide help and support to caregivers of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

• The service connects moms, and other caregivers, of persons with special needs to moms of a similar circumstance.

• The helpline can be reached at 1-833-NJ-ADULT (1-833-652-3858) daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Important Resources

• Disability Rights New Jersey
  • 1-800-922-7233 (toll-free in New Jersey only)

• Ombudsman for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families
  • 1-609-984-7764

• New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
  • 1-800-792-8858
Important Resources

• For assistance during this time:
  • For issues, call the Division Community Services office for your county or 1 (800) 832-9173.
  • For routine questions: DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov
  • For COVID-related questions: DDD.COVID-19@dhs.nj.gov
  • To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation: call 1 (800) 832-9173, then press 1.
Highlighted Resources

For individuals, families and caregivers:
- Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources
- COVID-19 Materials for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Care Providers.

For individuals:
- NJ Self-Advocacy Project’s Stay Healthy at Home Webinar Series.

For Direct Support Professionals:
- National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) COVID-19 Toolkit for DSPs.
- CDC Guidance for Direct Service Providers.