

## ODP and OMHSAS Relaunch the Positive Approaches Journal

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#### **AUDIENCE:**

All Interested Parties

#### **PURPOSE:**

To announce the relaunching of the Positive Approaches Journal

#### **DISCUSSION:**

It is with great enthusiasm that the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) announce the relaunching of the Positive Approaches Journal, written by and for professionals who provide supports and services to individuals with mental and behavioral health challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities.

The Positive Approaches Journal seeks to improve lives by increasing knowledge and capacity of professionals that provide supports and services to individuals currently utilizing services within the ODP and OMHSAS systems. The articles will be written using the guiding principles of *Everyday Lives*, Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP), System of Care; and the Resilience and Recovery Movement in mind. Through case studies, articles, interviews, and related academic sources, the Positive Approaches Journal will strive to feature resources, observations, and advancements that are relevant and timely to professionals and supporters of human service systems.

With this relaunching of the Positive Approaches Journal, we add Data Discoveries, useful data presented in ways that are interesting and customizable. Data presented will be focused on a topic related to each issue theme.

In 1996, the Office of Mental Retardation (OMR) Statewide Training Initiative through Temple University, Institute on Disabilities, University Affiliated Program and Contract

Consultants, Inc. printed the premiere issue of the Positive Approaches Journal in the summer, and last published in 2005. This “new” Positive Approaches Journal is in digital form, available for viewing online or for downloading at

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1362>. It will be published quarterly.

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