

## ODP and OMHSAS Publish Positive Approaches Journal Volume 8, Issue 2: “Meaningful Community Engagement” ODP Announcement 19-106

### **AUDIENCE:**

All Interested Parties

### **PURPOSE:**

To announce that the new issue of Positive Approaches Journal is available. This issue’s theme is “Meaningful Community Engagement.”

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) announce the publication of a new issue of 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 are 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, Positive Approaches Journal strives to feature resources, observations, and advancements that are relevant and timely to professionals and supporters of human service systems.

Data Discoveries, a feature of Positive Approaches, spotlights useful data presented in ways that are interesting and customizable. Data Discoveries will offer a heat map that highlights community opportunities across the state per identified activities.

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 is published quarterly.

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