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## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

You are invited to participate in the Department of Human Services' (DHS)

### **STATEWIDE POSITIVE APPROACHES & PRACTICES MEETING**

Jointly hosted by

The *Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)* and  
the *Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)*

*This quarterly meeting aims to provide the most recent research and resources for people with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities to live an everyday life.*

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**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Online – Zoom Webinar

#### **TOPIC: Restrictive Procedures**

A restrictive procedure is a practice that limits an individual's movement, activity, or function, interferes with an individual's ability to acquire positive reinforcement, results in loss of objects or activities an individual values, or requires an individual to engage in behavior the individual would not engage in given freedom of choice.

#### **Morning Session: Program Licensure and Restrictive Procedures**

OMHSAS and ODP will discuss restrictive procedures as they relate to the licensing of Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) services, Inpatient Psychiatric services, Long-Term Structured Residences (LTSR), Residential Treatment Facilities for Adults (RTF-A) and Community Homes. The team will provide a compliance overview and trends found when licensing these programs.

#### **Afternoon Session: The Planning and Implementation of Restrictive Procedures**

Although restraints and restrictive procedures are not ideal tools for managing dangerous behaviors, they are at times necessary to maintain health and safety. This panel presentation will review some of the strategies associated with the development of restrictive procedures, including tips for the creation of plans consistent with best practice strategies. The team will provide examples of plans that meet basic standards and discuss components that should be considered and evaluated by the Human Rights Team when reviewing restrictive procedure plans.

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## **AGENDA**

10:00am - 10:15am **Welcome and Announcements** – *Marlinda Smith*, LCSW, BCD, ODP

10:15am - 12:00pm **Program Licensure and Restrictive Procedures**

- *Angela Douglas*, Human Services Program Representative 2, OMHSAS Bureau of Community and Hospital Operations (Central Region)
- *Dave Gabello*, Human Service Program Representative 2, OMHSAS Bureau of Community and Hospital Operations (Northeast Region)
- *Phyllis Knott*, Human Service Program Representative 2, OMHSAS Bureau of Community and Hospital Operations (Western Region)
- *Ron Melusky*, Director of the Division of Program Operations, ODP Bureau of Community Services

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm – 2:55pm **The Planning and Implementation of Restrictive Procedures**

- *Jordan Hollander*, Senior Clinical Consultant, ODP Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations
- *George Bell*, Regional Clinical Consultant, Northeast Region, ODP Bureau of Community Services
- *Shannon Rico*, Regional Clinical Director, Central Region, ODP Bureau of Community Services
- *Jeff Kohler*, Regional Clinical Director, Western Region, ODP Bureau of Community Services
- *Lindsay Gaworski*, Regional Clinical Director, Western Region, ODP Bureau of Community Services
- *Amy Nemirow*, Regional Clinical Director, Southeast Region, ODP Bureau of Community Services
- *Pamela Treadway*, Senior Clinical Consultant, ODP Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations

2:55 pm - 3:00 pm **Survey and End of Day Reflection**

Next meeting: April 17, 2024

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The Zoom link for joining the session will be sent to the email you used to register.

Questions? Email: [PATraining@columbusorg.com](mailto:PATraining@columbusorg.com)

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