



# Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

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## **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:** February 20, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Online – Zoom Webinar

### **MORNING SESSION: POSITIVE PRACTICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH DUAL DIAGNOSIS**

#### **SESSION DESCRIPTION:**

Pressley Ridge serves children and families with complex behaviors, mental health diagnoses, and intellectual disabilities across the state of Pennsylvania in a variety of programmatic levels of care. This presentation will introduce Pressley Ridge - the history, mission and vision of the organization and who they serve. A summary of their approach to treatment will include their focus on data, their consultative approach to solving complex clinical dilemmas, and some of the organizational resources that support their work with children and their families. Pressley Ridge will present treating children and families from a variety of levels of care, including residential treatment, educational settings, in-home family therapy, mobile crisis, and treatment foster care and community residential rehabilitation. Leaders representing these levels of care will focus on specific best practices and treatment interventions, including approaches to crisis intervention in each treatment setting.

#### **PRESENTERS:**

**Alexander Cameron, MS, LPC**, Senior Director of Clinical Services, *Pressley Ridge*

**Tiffany Wiloughby, MAED, CAADC**, Beaver County Family Based Supervisor, *Pressley Ridge*

**Samer Kazour, MSW**, Program Coordinator, Transition Age Youth Program, *Pressley Ridge*

**Alicia S. Green, MA**, Mobile Crisis Team Lead, *Pressley Ridge*

**Michael “Buddy” Giffith**, Program Director, Home Places, *Pressley Ridge*

**Rachel Duval**, Senior Director, Treatment Foster Care and Adoption, *Pressley Ridge*

**Kelly Harrah**, Home and Community Liaison, School for Autism, *Pressley Ridge*

**Sherri Kingensmith, LPC**, Director of Outpatient Services, *Pressley Ridge*

## **AFTERNOON SESSION: QUALITY BEHAVIOR SUPPORT & BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS**

### **SESSION DESCRIPTION:**

This session will provide a basic overview of what quality Behavior Support services and documentation look like. Objectives include:

- Behavior Support as a service, definition
- Role of the Behavior Specialist
- ISP, Behavior Support Plans (and Behavior Support Component of the Individual Plan)
- Best Practice Standards
- Resources

### **PRESENTERS:**

Office of Developmental Programs Clinical Team

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### **AGENDA**

- 10:00am - 10:15am    **Welcome and Announcements**
- 10:15am – 12:00pm    **Positive Practices for Children and Families with Dual Diagnosis**
- 12:00pm – 12:15pm    **Q&A**
- 12:15pm – 1:00pm    **Lunch Break**
- 1:00pm – 2:45pm    **Quality Behavior Support & Best Practice Standards**
- 2:45pm – 2:55pm    **Q&A**
- 2:55pm - 3:00pm    **Survey and End of Day Reflection**
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