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Transitions (TDD) Waiver

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will transfer the operation of the Transitions-Developmental Disabilities (TDD) Waiver to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). Effective January 1, 2013, County Boards of DD will be responsible to provide service and support administration to individuals enrolled on TDD.

No changes will be made to waiver services, payment rates or enrollment processes at this time to minimize disruption to the individuals served. Each service plan will remain the same until the individual's annual review or when a change is required to meet the individual's changing needs. Individuals also may keep their current providers.

Prior to January 1, 2013, TDD providers will need to complete training in regards to the rights of individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Rights Training) and the processes required by DODD for identifying and reporting incidents that may impact an individual's health and safety (MUI Training).

Transitioning from case management by CareStar to the County Board will be the

most significant change. The County Board will be responsible for developing plans, establishing budgets and monitoring services. County Board personnel are receiving training to meet the needs of individuals and their families who are affected by this transfer of responsibility.

DODD will review all individuals enrolled on a TDD Waiver in 2013.

The required trainings for providers are available through Southern Ohio Council of Governments (SOCOG). The schedule for all training offered through SOCOG is available on the website at www.socog.org.

Required Trainings

Southern Ohio Council of Governments offers MUI, Rights and Medication Administration trainings. Register by calling 740-775-5030, ext. 103.

MUI Training

- October 31 at 1 p.m.
- November 28 at 1 p.m.
- December 10 at 9 a.m.

Rights Training

- October 31 at 3 p.m.
- November 28 at 3 p.m.
- December 10 at 11 a.m.

Medication Administration Training

- December 5 and 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

All trainings **except on December 10** are held at 150 E. 2nd Street, Chillicothe. The trainings on December 10 will be held in Room B of the Ross County Service Center at 475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe.

The cost for both MUI and Rights is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. The cost of Med Admin is \$140 in advance and \$150 at the door. Send payment to SOCOG at 126 E. 2nd Street, Suite C. Chillicothe, OH 45601.

DID YOU KNOW...

You can update your DODD provider profile by using the Provider Certification Wizard.

Wizard.

Just log in at <http://dodd.ohio.gov>

Provider Billing Agent

Providers, are you struggling with entering your billing on a timely basis? SOCOG offers provider billing services. You may submit your billing via email, fax, or mail on weekly, bi-weekly or even monthly basis for processing.

The cost includes an initial one-time \$10 set up fee for each individual you serve and a monthly billing fee of \$30 per IO Waiver clients and \$30 per quarter for Level I Waiver clients (up to 3 clients effective January 2013; increases by \$10 for each client over 3).

Human Resources Coordination Services

Southern Ohio Council has begun offering human resources services. The services are tailored to the specific needs of the entity. Services available include assisting with all aspects of hiring and orientation, terminations, employee records, benefits, policy development and much more.

Contact:

For information about any SOCOG services call 740-775-5030, extension 103.

CB Employee Certifications/Registrations

September brought not only slightly cooler temperatures but also a new requirement that County Boards of DD are responsible for the registrations and certifications of their staff. This does not apply to investigative agents and superintendents.

SOCOG has taken on this role for many county boards within its membership. The process for completing the registrations and certifications has not changed; only the processor.

A revised application form has been provided to mem-

ber County Boards and is available on-line at www.socog.org. While there is a quick turn around, County Board employees are asked to continue submitting applications in a timely manner.

County Boards may request that the current files for staff be forwarded by DODD to them so the employee will have access to their previous documentation.

Initial applications for certification or registration should include appropriate documentation clearly indicating the requirements for

the credential have been met such as high school diploma or college transcripts. Renewal applications should include documentation that renewal requirements have been met for the credential.

The application, documentation and application fee (check made out to SOCOG) should be sent to SOCOG at 126 E. Second Street, Suite C, Chillicothe, OH, 45601.

Upon review and approval, a certificate will be sent via email to the county board and to the employee if an email address is provided.

NEED TRAINING OR A PRESENTER? If you would like SOCOG to provide training on your site, please call 740-775-5030, ext. 103 for costs and to schedule.

Roundtables—Past and Future

County Board Members

May 2012 Roundtable

A Regional Roundtable for County Board Members was held May 30 at the Golden Corral in Chillicothe. There were 20 board members and superintendents in attendance from Adams, Jackson, Ross and Scioto Counties. Topics addressed included updates on legislation, SELF waiver, TDD (transition) waiver, succession planning and various aspects of adult services. Attendees earned two CEUs.

November 2012 Roundtable

A fall Regional Roundtable for County Board Members will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 6 p.m. at the Wild Horse Café in Pomeroy. Some of the topics to be discussed include levies, succession planning, employment, sharing services and/or management, and future trends. Attendees will receive two CEUs. To attend, contact your County Board Superintendent.

Providers

October 24, 2012 Roundtable

Have something on your mind? Attend an informal gathering of providers to discuss issues of concern and get updates on MUI trends, quality assurance changes, waivers, and regional training needs. There is no cost and you will receive two CEUs. To register and request specific topics, call 740-775-5030, extension 103.

Spotlight: Gallia County Board Member/Volunteer



Lance Clifford
Gallia CB President

The success of the County Boards of Developmental Disabilities rests on the shoulders of a group of

volunteers who serve on their boards. Gallia County Board recognizes long-time board member and current President of the Board, Lance Clifford. Mr. Clifford joined the Gallia CB in August 1999 to fulfill an unexpired term. He has remained on the board and has served in several capacities—board member, vice president and now president (since 2005). During his tenure, the board’s role in expanding programs has resulted in more services for more individuals in Gallia County. He is proud of the construction and utilization of a new Gallia County Early Child-

hood and Family Center (2008) and the relocation of the Adult Services Program to a more central location.

Mr. Clifford stated he developed a passion for the field of developmental disabilities over his 38 years in the public school system. He loves being involved in programs and services that nurture children and adults. In addition, he takes seriously the board’s responsibility to provide quality services while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayer.

Announcements/Acknowledgments

- Welcome, Parker Avery Williams, born on July 25 to Bethany (Investigative Agent) and Kyle Williams. He weighed 5 lbs 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.
- Congratulations to Mary (Office Assistant) and Jim Saunders on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Dustin Cottrill on September 22 in Chillicothe.
- Congratulations Amy Cartwright (Executive Director) on the completion of the Master of Science in Public Administration from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
- Congratulations Bethany Williams, (Investigator) and Kendra Roosa (Investigator) on the completion in July of a Masters in Business Administration – Organizational Leadership from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa.
- Best wishes Sue Honeycutt, SSA, Highland CB, on your retirement.
- Congratulations Rhianna, (SSA Adams CB), and Allen Seitz, on the birth of triplets, Emma, Ella and Eden, on September 19, 2012.

SOCOG Participates in Back to School Project

The Salvation Army conducted its annual Back to School Project in August. SOCOG participated with a partnership of several community agencies, government offices, and area churches, to distribute 791 book bags to area children in need of school supplies. The event included free haircuts, fingerprinting,

games, hands-on activities and free lunch.

Photos: A long line of parents and children circled the block.

The turnout was so great, more backpacks had to be purchased.



Superintendents Summer Conference

Region 4 hosted the Summer Superintendent's Conference at Cherry Valley Lodge on August 8, 9, and 10. With almost 80 attendees, including some CB administrative staff, this was by far the most-attended Superintendent's Summer Conference ever! Topics included SELF and TDD Waivers, Levy Discussion, CB/ Waiver Sustainability, Employment First and Transition Youth. There was ample time for networking between and among the CB's. A big thanks to those who presented or helped to coordinate the event: John Martin, Rick Marriott, Mark Gerhardstein, Eric Young, Mike Pelcic, John LaRock, Lew Hurst, Jed Morrison, Natalie Lupi, Dan Ohler, Ben Hollinger, Pete Moore, Amy Cartwright, Lori Lippert and all the Transition Youth Panelists from Athens, Butler, Hancock, Fairfield and Summit Counties.



Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, Ohio

SPOTLIGHT: MUI Investigations & Extensions

SOCOG staff investigate Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs) for 14 of the 15 county boards in our region. According the MUI rule (5123:2-17-02 *Incidents adversely affecting health and safety*), an investigative agent shall complete a report of the investigation and submit it for closure to DODD within 30 working days unless an extension is requested and granted.

An extension of the due date may be requested by the county board or the investigative agent. DODD grants extensions only for "good cause." If an extension is granted, DODD may require submission of interim reports and may identify alternative actions to assist with the timely conclusion of the case.

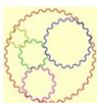
Extensions may be requested due to involvement of law enforcement and or Children Services, waiting for documentation or statements

from health care facilities, providers, and or multiple witnesses as well as the addition of new allegations, unavailable key witnesses, or any other reason the investigator deems "good cause".

SOCOG investigations are completed in a thorough manner. Rarely are investigations completed within the thirty days. There are no penalties for obtaining extensions, but they are harder to obtain the longer a case is open.

All staff involved with the individual associated with the MUI such as the SSA, providers, etc., are required to cooperate with investigations by first reporting MUIs and then responding to requests for information.

Ultimately, the MUI process is designed to protect the health and safety of the individuals. The cooperation of everyone involved contributes to meeting this goal.



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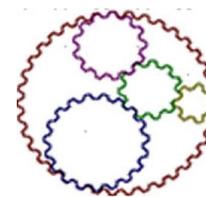
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SOCOG Mission

- **Do things together we can't do effectively and efficiently alone**
- **Offer members a trusted source of external expertise and feedback**



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