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Training Update

DODD On-Line Training

The Ohio Department of DD's free on-line training for direct service providers experienced almost 3000 people enrolled to complete the initial eight-hour training during its first three months of operation. For more on-line courses on topics such as billing and service documentation, internal compliance, and service and support administration, go to <https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov>.

SOCOG's Training for 2018

Southern Ohio Council will be making some changes in its trainings for direct service providers in 2018. The new provider trainings and established provider trainings will not alternate the same as in 2017. In addition, training will be held the last Tuesday of the month rather than the last Wednesday of the month. New provider trainings will be held in February, May, August and October. Established pro-

vider trainings will be held in January, March, April, June, July, September and November. Providers who take the annual medication administration refresher training please note as to when established provider trainings are held so your certification does not expire.

The Medication Administration (two-day) training and First Aid/CPR again will be offered on a quarterly basis.

As in the past, the new and established provider trainings will include all required information. The full day of training will include the required courses for new providers. Established providers will be offered the mandatory trainings plus electives to fulfill the requirement of getting 8 hours of training per year.

As soon as the 2018 schedule has been finalized and room assignments confirmed, the schedule will be emailed to providers, agencies and county boards. The schedule also will be posted on the SOCOG website at

www.socog.org under the TRAINING tab.

Medication Administration Rules Change

Rule changes for unlicensed personnel administering medication will go into effect November 2, 2017. Mandatory implementation of the changes is January 1, 2018.

Among the rule changes, direct service providers who are not certified to administer medication but who have taken state-approved annual training will be able to use vagus nerve simulators, Epinephrine auto-injectors, and administer a limited number of over-the-counter topical products without a prescription.

The one provision that could that could go into effect before then is the removal of restrictions on 17+ setting. All residential setting of 6 + will now follow the same rules.

All changes are available in Ohio Administrative Code 5123: 2-6.

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New Staff

Southern Ohio Council of Governments welcomed several new staff members since our spring newsletter.



Patty Richards, Representative Payee, joined SOCOG in June. Her work experience includes 36 years with the Social

Security Administration in several different capacities including claims representative, technical expert, operations supervisor and assistant district manager. An Ohio native, Patty is a graduate of Huntington Local Schools and Pickaway-Ross Career and Career and Technology Center. Patty and her husband, Steven, live in Chillicothe and have two grown children and three grandchildren.



In May, **Juliana Speakman**, Early Intervention Development Specialist, joined SOCOG and will be providing part-time services for Vinton County Board of DD. Her previous work experience includes developmental specialist for Vinton County Board, head costume designer for The Scioto Society and cake decorator for K-Mart. She has bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education from Ohio University-Chillicothe and Speech Communications from Northern Michigan University. Juliana and her husband, Raymond, live in Londonderry.

Susie Beaver joined SOCOG in September as Behavior Support Specialist serving Pike County. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in



childhood education and youth services. Her previous work experience includes teacher-intervention specialist for Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, early childhood teacher for Community Action of Pike County, behavior mentor for Pike County Family and Children First Program. In addition, she taught a multi-handicapped class in Waverly Schools for many years and also has been a youth job coach, behavioral technician, tutor, advocate, and Special Olympics coach. Susie earned a bachelor's degree in education with a minor in psychology with a concentration in behavior modification and has completed numerous other trainings as well as graduate level coursework in special education. She and her husband, Scott, live in Waverly. They have four grown children and six grandchildren.

In August, **Jona Moberg**, joined SOCOG as an investigator covering Vinton and Athens Counties. Jona received her bachelor's degree from Ohio University-Athens. Previously, she worked as a job developer for PersonnelPlus, a deputy clerk for



Lorain Municipal Clerk of Courts Office, scheduler for Congressman Sherrod Brown as well as served on his campaign staff. Jona lives in Athens and has a son who is a junior in college and daughter who is a junior in high school.

Maggie Gons, speech-language

pathologist, joined the Early Intervention services at SOCOG in October. She has a bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science from Ohio State University and a master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Cincinnati. Her previous work experience includes speech-language pathologist and PLAY Project consultant and then director of PLAY Project & Special Interventions with the Childhood League Center in Columbus, a service provider for Relate and Grow in Columbus, and speech-language pathologist for the Early Childhood Special Education Center of North Kansas City School District. Maggie and her husband, Andrew, live in Worthington.



Brian Bohnen joined SOCOG in April as a custodian at Clinton County Board of DD. His work experience includes a general laborer for Orion, bagger/stocker/janitor for Kroger,

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Certification Renewals

The revised process for certification of adult services workers and SSAs and their supervisors went into effect July 4, 2013. All certifications awarded starting July 4th were considered "initial" for everyone and are effective for five years. Applications submitted for renewal for certificates awarded July 4, 2013-2018, will be processed as a renewal and will need to meet the continuing education requirements for the position. When renewing, complete the [application form](#) and the [Continuing Education Completion Verification Affidavit](#) (this form is available on the SOCOG website). Maintain your copies of continuing education for possible audit; do not submit copies with your application. Mail forms and payment to SOCOG, PO Box 456, Chillicothe, OH, 45601.

Medication Administration continued...

Changes to the RN QA Rule also will go into effect: Reviews will be completed per location instead of per individual. All individuals in each location will be reviewed. Reviews will be performed in Adult Day Services of settings of 16 or fewer along with residential settings of 5 or fewer.

What the provider needs to do:

A. Ensure you receive training and perform skills checklists on the five new health related activities, oxygen and OTC topical medications for musculoskeletal comfort. This must be completed and entered into the DODD system database before December 31, 2018. If you receive your Medica-

tion Administration update training through SOCOG this will be completed at the time you receive this training.

B. Ensure you complete the 3 stand-alone trainings (OTCs, VNS & Epi Pen) you will need to work with your individuals. These will be required annually. If you receive training for the Epi Pen with CPR and First Aid then you will not need the Epi Pen training.

C. Read the new Rules once they are released.

D. The new curriculum additions and stand-alone trainings are available on the DODD website at <http://dodd.ohio.gov>. From the DODD Home Page, click on Health and Welfare, then on Medication Administration.

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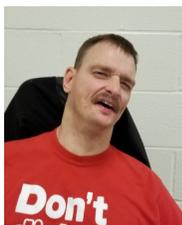
janitor for Liberty Savings Bank and a service worker for UHL's IGA Foodliner. He completed his high school education through Wilmington High School. Brian lives in Wilmington.

Shawn Matson joined SOCOG in June as a custodian. He completed the Commercial Food Career Program at Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center. His work experience includes custodian for First



Capital Enterprises, recycling for Goodwill Industries, custodian for Douglas Industries, and ride/game operator for Kissel Brothers. Shawn serves on the Human Rights and Behavior Support Committee at Ross County Board of DD. He lives in Chillicothe.

Bill Adams joined SOCOG in October as an advocate serving Scioto County. Bill has a bachelor's degree from Shawnee State



University. His previous work experience included advocacy specialist for STAR, Inc., student activities department courier at Shawnee

State, recreational assistant at Scioto County Board of DD. He also interned at Carousel Center as an observer/evaluator. Bill is a resident of Lucasville.

Sherri Daniel

also joined SOCOG in October as an advocate for Scioto County. She completed secretarial education at Shawnee State University. Her work experience includes coordinator and teacher for Project STIR, greeter at Lowes, and delivery person for STAR, Inc. Sherri lives in Wheelersburg.



Regional Events

Walk-A-Thon Raises Funds for Special Olympics



The Scioto County Special Olympics 2017 Walk-A-Thon was Friday, Sept. 15, in Portsmouth's Tracy Park. The event was a kickoff of the 2017-2018 athletic season. Students from Vern Riffe School, individuals from STAR, Inc., as well as the Portsmouth West Sensational Senators marching band, and our friends from Southern Ohio Correctional Facility had a great time while raising money for Scioto County Special Olympics. Participants gather pledges and do their assigned four laps around the park before lunch followed by an afternoon of games, music and fun. About

\$2,500 was raised and will stay in Scioto County to support local Olympians.



Special Olympics Softball Team

Highland County Special Olympics Softball Team played an exhibition game against the Highland County Sherriff's Department in September. The Wildcats beat the Sherriff's Dept. with a final score of 14-7. Highland County Commissioner Terry Britton served as the umpire for the game. The greatest win was shown by the comradery of the two teams and the fans that cheered them on!



Announcements/ Acknowledgments

- Congratulations Cera (SSA Assistant) and Ryan Wymer on the birth of their daughter Lyric Michelle on October 17. She weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces.
- Congratulations and thank you to Fayette County Board of DD on 50 years of service to the people of Fayette County.
- Congratulations to Theresa Rowland who recently transferred from her Bridges to Transition position to Community Opportunities Navigator at Scioto CB.
- Adams County's Medical Foundation and Health and Wellness Coalition invite you to the dedication of a new wheelchair charging station at the Ohio Statehouse in the Map Room on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 1 p.m.



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The Southern Ohio Council of Governments was formed in March 1996 and began services in March 1997. The Council was created by Superintendents of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities in southern Ohio. The Council is a government entity created under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, representing 15 County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. The Council provides administrative supports for County Boards in Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton Counties.

