

ODP Announcement

REISSUE

Supporting People Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Special Training Series

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: Individuals and Families, Providers, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, County Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCO) and Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE: The purpose of this communication is to announce the December 2018 trainings offered by the ODP Special Populations Unit to address the needs of individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

DISCUSSION: In June of this year the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) established a new Special Populations Unit within the Bureau of Autism Services. This Unit oversees the management of the Harry M. Settlement and supports efforts to build system-wide capacity to support individuals with communication challenges. A focus of the work will align with the Everyday Lives recommendation that emphasizes the need to build communication supports for the individuals assisted by ODP programs.

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is excited to announce a kick off series of training webinars presented by the Special Populations Unit in the month of December. These trainings will focus on specific topics related to communication.

Please review the schedule below for detailed information about individual training topics, dates and times, and intended audience.

To register, click on the linked title of each training you plan to attend. Once you pre-register, you will receive an email with instructions to participate, including a new link to join the meeting.

Date/Time	Topic	Audience	Description
<p>12/7/18</p> <p>1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<p>Deaf Sensitivity</p>	<p>Individuals and Families, Providers, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, County Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) and Other Interested Parties</p>	<p>This training will present a brief history of deaf culture and provide information on lip reading, cochlear implants, and sign language. This training also will provide a brief look at Harry M. and the importance of communication.</p>
<p>12/14/18</p> <p>1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<p>The 7 Senses and Hand-Under-Hand Prompting</p>	<p>Individuals and Families, Providers, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, County Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) and Other Interested Parties</p>	<p>This training will discuss the 7 senses (taste, sight, smell, touch, sound, vestibular, and proprioceptive senses) and how they impact communication and behavior. Regardless of the communication mode used with an individual, it is critical to understand that communication itself is the key to success. In addition, the training will discuss the importance of empowering individuals by respecting their hands and using hand-under-hand prompting as opposed to the invasive hand-over-hand approach that is so often utilized.</p>
<p>12/21/18</p> <p>1:00-2:00 pm</p>	<p>Best Practices when Working with Interpreters</p>	<p>Individuals and Families, Providers, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, County Administrators, SCOs, and Other Interested Parties</p>	<p>This training will review the different types of interpreters, as well as the best practices for meetings with an interpreter present.</p>

CONTACT: Questions about the contents of this memorandum may be directed to the ODP Deaf Services Mailbox at RA-odpdeafservices@pa.gov.