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RE: Guidance for DBHDD Clubhouse Programs; CYF, AD & Prevention

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Georgia, and Governor Kemp's Public Health State of Emergency guidance to increase efforts related to social distancing, DBHDD is supporting techniques that allow the continuation of services virtually through our DBHDD Clubhouse Programs. The health, safety, and well-being of the individuals we serve, and staff are DBHDD's top priority, and this decision has been made with those in mind. DBHDD is closely monitoring related developments and will provide additional information and updates related to Clubhouses in the coming weeks.

DBHDD has the expectation that all providers and their locations are open and able to serve their target populations. However, we realize that providers may need to adjust how they offer services considering the new guidelines from the federal government to limit all social gatherings to fewer than 10 people.

DBHDD appreciates the connectivity that our many Clubhouses have created within our communities and would like for our Clubhouses to stay connected during this time of need by:¹

- Virtual recovery, prevention and resiliency support meetings
 - Zoom, Go-to-Meeting, Web-ex
- Increased social media presence
 - Testimonial watch parties
 - Online group activities
 - Regular posts with peer support contact numbers
 - Regular posts with contact numbers for other important community resources such as
 - Food banks, [CDC](#) and [Georgia](#)

- Telephonic recovery coaching
- One-on-one sessions

Please be sure to regularly check the [CDC](#) and [Georgia DPH](#) websites for the most up-to-date information about COVID-19, and remember to be vigilant about personal hygiene.

If you have additional questions that relate to COVID-19, please submit them to the provider relations email, DBHDD.Provider@dbhdd.ga.gov, so that they can be properly tracked.

Thank you for all that you do!

¹The supports provided by these Clubhouses are not medical treatment supports, so if there are no transactions of personal health information, these technologies can be used. However, clinical services provided by the CYF clubhouses should follow the DBHDD current telehealth guidance;

<https://files.constantcontact.com/c2257ded301/3e0220f3-4ccb-4a95-8451-dd05f672b14c.pdf>

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