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Training Announcements

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Office of Human Resources and Learning, is offering virtual trainings. Listed below are those currently scheduled. For more information regarding virtual trainings, [click here](#).



- **Facilitating Healing of Family Violence, Anger and Substance Abuse in Treatment**
- **I/DD Participant Direction New Enrollment Webinar**
- **HRST: One Day Training for Intensive/ Support Coordinators, State Service Coordinators, and Intensive SC Clinical Supervisors - Webinar**
- **HRST: One Day Training for Clinical Reviewers - Webinar**

If you have any questions, please contact DBHDDLearning@dbhdd.ga.gov.

16th Annual
SYSTEM OF CARE
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DETAILS BELOW!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DBHDDLEARNING@DBHDD.GA.GOV



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WHEN: June 7-9, 2023
WHERE: Evergreen Lakeside Resort
REGISTRATION COMING MAY 2023!



I/DD Provider Training Opportunity

The Georgia Collaborative ASO and DBHDD present the following training opportunity for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Providers. Please click on the title of the training to register.

Prevention of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation - Webinar Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

This webinar session promotes safety awareness for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This session will teach participants how to recognize signs of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, as well as neglect and exploitation. Steps for how to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation will be shared. The session will offer discussions on strategies which help prevent abuse.

Please note these trainings are targeted for I/DD providers, Support Coordination, Direct Support Professionals and Planning List Administrators.

For any questions or registration issues, please contact GaCollaborativePR@beaconhealthoptions.com.

Featured Article

Attention I/DD Providers

Qlarant Resumes Collecting Community Life Information



As providers may recall, during the public health emergency, DBHDD instructed Qlarant to stop scoring Community Life in the Quality Enhancement Provider Review (QEPR). With the public health emergency winding down, DBHDD has instructed Qlarant to resume collecting information on Community Life beginning in March 2023. The data collection will use the existing Qlarant QEPR tool with which providers are familiar.

Although Community Life information will be collected, it will not become part of the overall QEPR score at this time.

During the QEPR exit interview, Community Life findings and recommendations will be shared with the provider. These findings will **not** be published in the final report which is public-facing.

DBHDD, after a review of the findings, will determine whether to begin scoring Community Life in July 2023, or continue to collect additional data on provider practices before a resumption of scoring for this focused outcome area.

As a reminder, the tool used for scoring QEPRs may be found on the Georgia Collaborative website at [Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities \(IDD\) Providers | Georgia Collaborative](#)

Division of Developmental Disability

I/DD Statewide Provider Meeting

Presentation and Recording

AVAILABLE NOW

The DBHDD Division of Developmental Disabilities hosted an Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Statewide Provider meeting on February 9, 2023.

The slide presentation and a recording of the meeting is available on the DBHDD website by [clicking here](#).

IDD Rate Study

Fiscal Impact Estimates Updates

In partnership with Burns and Associates (HMA-Burns), DBHDD has released the fiscal impact analysis estimates associated with the IDD NOW/COMP rate study draft rate models.

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT ...

Please note this analysis will continue to evolve as DBHDD is currently considering public comment for the final adopted rate tables. The fiscal impact analysis has been updated to the Burns-HMA IDD rate study website and can be accessed here:

<https://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/GeorgiaWaiverRates/>.

For questions regarding the fiscal impact analysis or general IDD rate study questions, please email Ashleigh.Caseman@dbhdd.ga.gov. Stay tuned for more IDD rate study updates and thank you for your ongoing partnership throughout this process.

Office of Incident Management & Compliance

Important Reminders: Criminal History Records

GBI Moving from Gemalto to FieldPrint

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is in the process of switching vendors for fingerprinting services. Thales (Gemalto) will be replaced with FieldPrint later this month. The GBI is testing the new system and will provide more details in the near future.

We have also learned some fingerprint locations have already switched to FieldPrint and are no longer accepting Gemalto registrations. If applicants are having trouble finding fingerprint locations which accept Gemalto registrations, please email dbhdd-crs@dbhdd.ga.gov.

We will share more information when it becomes available.

Fingerprint-based Background Check Process

This article outlines information related to the fingerprint-based background check process.

Please read in full and share with relevant staff responsible for assisting in the hiring process for your agency.

One area of challenge during the pandemic has been the availability of locations to complete fingerprints for required criminal background checks; as such, DBHDD offered a temporary and time-limited allowance of an attestation if no fingerprint location was available in the area. **All fingerprint locations across the state of Georgia are now open.**

Accordingly:

- Attestations asking to waive the fingerprint requirement will not be accepted.
- Providers are encouraged to have employees (who formerly completed an attestation) take steps to complete the fingerprint-based background check as soon as possible.

When the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends:

1. All employees who signed the Applicant Attestation must complete a fingerprint-based background check **within sixty (60) days**.
2. The provider is responsible for sending any person who signed the Attestation for a fingerprint-based background check.
3. Providers are encouraged to have these employees complete the fingerprint-based background check as soon as possible. You do not have to wait for the PHE to end to do so.

Click the link below for additional guidance in completing the background check process.

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Office of Provider Relations & ASO Coordination

Question for your Provider Relations Team?

The Provider Issue Management System (PIMS) is your online source to have your questions answered in a consistent, reliable and timely way! In addition to providing a timely response, the information we gather from PIMS will assist DBHDD in trending common concerns, developing FAQs, and informing policy reviews. You can access the PIMS site directly by using the link below.

Provider Issue Management System

PIMS is also accessible through the [DBHDD website](#) by hovering over the **"For Provider"** tab located across the top of the page. When the drop-down menu appears, click on **"Submit a question to PIMS"**.

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