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## Training Announcements

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The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Office of Human Resources and Learning, are offering virtual and in-person trainings. For more information regarding trainings, [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [DBHDDLearning@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:DBHDDLearning@dbhdd.ga.gov).



The Georgia Collaborative ASO and DBHDD present the following training opportunity for DD Providers. Please click on the title of the training to register:

**[Incorporating Choice and Control Webinar](#)**  
**Friday, February 6, 2026, 9:30AM - 10:30AM**

This webinar is designed to empower IDD providers in Georgia with the knowledge and skills to incorporate choice and control into the planning process for individuals with developmental disabilities. Participants will learn how to create person-centered plans that prioritize the preferences and autonomy of the individuals they support, ensuring that their voices are central to all decision-making processes.

**Please note this training is targeted for IDD providers, Support Coordination, Direct Support Professionals, Case Managers, Nursing, Behavioral Specialists and Day and Residential Direct Support Professionals.**

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**Hybrid Positive Behavior Supports Curriculum**  
**Train the Trainer Series**

**Sessions Available:**



The DBHDD Division of IDD is pleased to sponsor the **Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) Curriculum Training** that is offered to community residential and day service providers using a train the trainer format. These sessions will be conducted via Webex video conferencing, online and in-person.

The PBS Curriculum is specifically designed for training direct support professionals and supervisors with the principles and practices of positive behavior supports to use in daily interactions with people with challenging behaviors in settings providing supports and services.

**This training is intended for employee participants who will be trainers of direct support professionals and supervisors within their DD Provider organizations. In addition, the employee participants must have been selected by their agency to become trainers of the PBS Curriculum.**

[Register Now!](#)

## Featured Article

### DBHDD Licensure Webpage Now Available!

Effective January 1, 2026, Georgia House Bill 584 transfers the licensing and oversight of several facility types from the Department of Community Health (DCH) to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). The affected facility types include:

- Community Living Arrangements (CLAs)
- Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs (DATEPs)
- Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTPs)
- Adult Residential Mental Health Programs (ARMHPs)

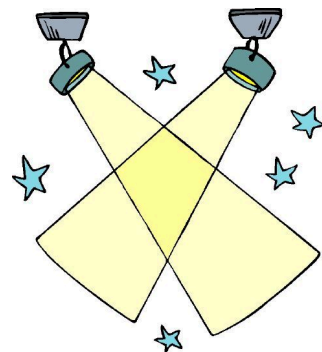
To support this transition, DBHDD has created and launched a new Licensure webpage on the DBHDD website. This webpage contains important information and requirements for existing licensed providers as well as for applicants seeking licensure.

**Please visit, explore, and bookmark the new DBHDD Licensure webpage for more information regarding the above licenses and transition of oversight.**

If you have questions or need assistance with DBHDD Licensure, please refer to the contact information below:

- Licensure Applications - [Licensure.Application@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Licensure.Application@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- Licensure Surveys - [Licensure\\_Survey@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Licensure_Survey@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- Complaints or Incidents - [Licensure.Complaints@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Licensure.Complaints@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- Investigations - [DBHDD.LicenseINV@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:DBHDD.LicenseINV@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- Corrective Action Plans - [LicenseCAP.Request@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:LicenseCAP.Request@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- Hearing Requests - [Licensure.hearingrequests@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Licensure.hearingrequests@dbhdd.ga.gov)

For general inquiries regarding DBHDD Licensure, DBHDD providers and/or licensure applicants may submit their questions directly into DBHDD's [Provider Issue Management](#)



## DBHDD Announcements



### Incident Reporting in Image

DBHDD is aware of functionality issues with Image which may be hindering the ability to enter incident reports. The IT team is actively working to resolve the issues. In the meantime, please note that we do request you do your best to adhere to the reporting requirements outlined in [Reporting Deaths and Other Incidents in Community Services, 04-106](#).

Some tips that may be helpful when experiencing issues in Image include refreshing the page, logging out of Image then logging back in, restarting your browser connection, and uploading large files in smaller segments. Please note the Image issues and error codes are periodic throughout the day so continued attempts to enter information in Image, while slower than preferred, will be successful after some time.

Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this issue.

## DBHDD Regional Field Operations

### Regional Community Collaboratives

reminder

#### What is a Regional Community Collaborative (RCC)?

RCCs are facilitated in all six (6) DBHDD Regions by regional teams and other members of the collaborative. It is a membership of stakeholders by invitation that minimally include our community providers, individuals with lived experience, and community partners (i.e., law enforcement partners, area hospital staff, nonprofit organizations, local government, area businesses, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, professional organizations, associations and citizens) who share ideas, expertise and resources to meet the needs of their community and/or region.

The purpose of the regional collaboratives is the same across all regions: To eliminate barriers to services and solution for gaps in the continuum at a community, regional and state level.

The Collaboratives ensure that participants are effective in:

- Communicating
- Educating partners

- Solution focused discussions
- Network/relationship building
- Resource sharing and development

For a list of the upcoming January 2026 Regional Community Collaborative (RCC) Meetings, please click the button below.

[View the Jan 2026 RCC Meeting Schedule Now!](#)

## Division of Behavioral Health

IN CASE YOU  
MISSED IT ...

### BH Quality Reviews Scoring Guidance: DBHDD Suicide Prevention, Screening, Brief Intervention and Monitoring Policy, 01-118

On 1/1/2026, Quality Management will begin scoring provider's adherence to the revised DBHDD policy **Suicide Prevention, Screening, Brief Intervention and Monitoring Policy, 01-118**, during the following provider reviews:

1. Behavioral Health Quality Review
2. Crisis Stabilization Unit Quality Review
3. Housing Quality Review

Quality Management worked closely with DBHDD subject matter experts to develop indicators related to the revised policy. The Quality Review document below outlines the indicator, citation/reference, applicable review type(s), scoring definition and scoring methodology. Additionally, the new indicators have been added to the FY26 Quarter 3 quality review tools.

The document has been posted to the [Georgia Collaborative website](#) and is also available by clicking on the following link:

[BHQR-CSUQR-HQR-Suicide-Prevention-Indicators-Effective-1-1-2026.pdf](#)

For questions related to the new indicators, please submit to The Georgia Collaborative Quality inbox: [gaquality@carelon.com](mailto:gaquality@carelon.com)

## Division of Developmental Disabilities

### Applications Now Open for SUN Learning Journey

**Application Deadline:  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026**



The Sangha Unity Network, Inc (SUN) is seeking 6 providers from across the state who want to enhance their support of self-advocates and

person-centered practices through a Learning Journey **funded and supported by DBHDD**. This journey includes mentor sessions, workshops, networking, and guided study led by Michelle Schwartz, M.Ed. CCC-Sp, and Katie Bailey, LCSW.

This journey is an **8-month commitment** that offers personal growth for individual participants *and* collective discovery for provider organizations.

To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, please click the button below. For questions, please contact [katie@sanghaunitynetwork.org](mailto:katie@sanghaunitynetwork.org).

[Join SUN's Learning Journey Now!](#)



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## Person-Centered Coaches Now Available at DBHDD Regional Field Offices

DBHDD is excited to announce the addition of Person-Centered Coaches, who are available now at each of the six DBHDD Regional Field Offices (RFOs).

To further this work, IntellectAbility is extending an offer to Georgia DBHDD Providers to have people within their organization trained on Person-Centered services. Additional information is available on the [IntellectAbility Georgia Coach Training webpage](#).

**Visit the webpage above or scan the QR code below to Register Now!**

**A 10% discount** is available to all Georgia providers for a limited time!



**Regional  
Person-Centered  
Coaches are now in  
place across Georgia.**

It's time to train your own Coaches, as they will now have a counterpart in the Regional Offices.

A **10% discount** is available to all Georgia providers for a limited time!



**Register Now**  
for Feb. 2026 Coach Training



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## Office of Provider Relations

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### 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 selecting the "**Submit a Question to Provider Relations**" tile on the DBHDD homepage.

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