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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](#).



- **DD Participant Direction New Enrollment Webinar**
- **HRST: One Day Training for Intensive/Support Coordinators, State Service Coordinators and Intensive SC Clinical Supervisors**
- **HRST: One Day Training for Clinical Reviewers**
- **Positive Behavior Supports Curriculum: Train-the-Trainer Training**

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

Registration is OPEN!

15th Annual System of Care Academy June 28 – 30, 2022

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families and the Georgia Interagency Directors Team are pleased to invite you to attend the 15th Annual System of Care Academy (SOCA) virtual event scheduled for June 28 - 30, 2022.



[Click here to register](#).

Registration is first come, first served until capacity is met and then a waitlist will open. Questions related to continuing education hours can be answered in the [FAQs](#) on the event website.

If you experience any technical difficulties with the link and/or registration, contact DBHDDLearning@dbhdd.ga.gov.

I/DD Nursing Course: Emory Nursing Experience

Next Course Starts July 7, 2022

Intellectual and Developmental Disability Provider Nurses can earn CEU's with in-depth topics presented by seasoned Emory faculty. This hybrid (online/face-to-face) course prepares nurses to sit for the Developmental Disabilities



Nurses Association certification exam and improve their clinical competency.

Topics Covered:

- Understanding Developmental Disabilities
- Skilled Body Assessment
- Basic Wound & Ostomy Management
- Respiratory Assessment and Care
- Degenerative Conditions
- School and Learning Issues
- Self-Care
- And more...

To register for this event email Shannon Smith at Shannon.L.Smith@dbhdd.ga.gov.

**EMORY NURSING EXPERIENCE
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Featured Article

**9-8-8 Available In Georgia
Beginning July 16, 2022**



What is 9-8-8?

9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is one of the largest federally mandated crisis response transformations in decades. It is designed to meet the rising needs of mental health, substance abuse disorders and suicide interventions across the country. 9-8-8 will, over an extended period of time, become as commonly used as 9-1-1, providing appropriate mental health crisis response for all Georgians.

9-1-1 began in the 1960s. It took thirty years to have 93% of the US population covered by 9-1-1 and it continues to evolve. We will take lessons learned from the 9-1-1 implementation: build capacity and staffing over time, with a focus on technology and infrastructure.

When does the rollout begin?

Starting on July 16, 2022, in Georgia, anyone will be able to call 9-8-8. Callers will be connected to a trained staff member who can help address immediate needs and connect the callers to resources. We expect volumes to be higher than ever before and we are working hard to prepare to meet this demand. We are focused on strategies that will help us build capacity to serve this increased demand at a time of workforce shortages and other unprecedented challenges.

For more information on 9-8-8 nationally, you can check out the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FAQs: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/faqs>

Behavioral Health Providers: How can you begin to prepare for 9-8-8?

- Begin the conversations with your staff on how you use the existing system and how you will use 9-8-8 in the future.
- Continue to provide the 10-digit number (1-800-715-4225) to clients and other individuals ahead of the 9-8-8 rollout on July 16th
- Continue to emphasize the importance of early treatment/interventions and NOT waiting for a crisis

- Sign up for the 9-8-8 Rollout Readiness Newsletter at 988ga.org/newsletter

Where can you get more information and resources?

Georgia's DBHDD has partnered with a coalition of organizations to create 988ga.org which hosts extensive FAQs, logos, assets as well as downloadable one-sheets. You can also reach out to the 988ga.org team with specific questions at questions@988ga.org.

Office of Deaf Services

DBHDD Regional Interpreters

DBHDD Providers, please remember to contact your Regional Interpreters at the contact information below to check availability before sending the request to the Office of Deaf Services.



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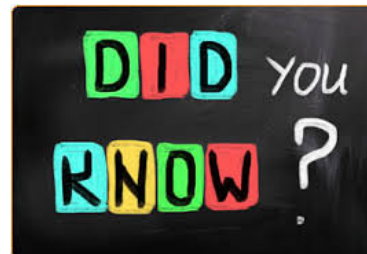
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Division of Developmental Disabilities

HRST Provider Admins Launched in May!

The DBHDD Division of Development Disabilities, in collaboration with IntellectAbility, has introduced new functionality within the HRST which will offer higher provider level information to specified users in each provider agency. To accomplish this, each provider agency is being asked to select at least two HRST users to be designated as the Provider Admins for the agency.



What is a Provider Admin?

A Provider Admin is an HRST user who has access to see data across their provider agency. This includes additional Dashboard cards and reports with information related to Persons Served screenings, User training progress, etc.

Who should be a Provider's Admin?

It is recommended to specify a person who has oversight over your agency. Data offered to

Provider Admins is intended to show the overall status of your HRST users and persons served. The people you wish to designate as Provider Admins must have an active HRST account.

How to submit a Provider's Admins?

Initially, please fill out the following form with at least two users who will be Provider Admins: <https://zfrmz.com/hGiT4FP0iFTulviwH2fg>.

After the launch, any updates, or additional users you wish to designate the Provider Admin role to can be submitted through the HRST Helpdesk at GASupport@ReplacingRisk.com.

New Options Waiver Renewal Public Notice

The current approved New Options Waiver (NOW) Program expires November 8, 2022, and must be renewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Department of Community Health (DCH) hereby notifies the public it intends to request a five-year renewal of the program, effective November 9, 2022.

DCH will provide the public the opportunity to review and submit input on the NOW renewal application. This notice provides details about the waiver renewal application and serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes on Friday, July 1, 2022.

Individuals wishing to provide written comments on or before **July 1, 2022**, may submit comments through an online webform located at [this link](#) or to Danisha Williams c/o the Board of Community Health at the following address, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. Comment letters must be postmarked by **July 1, 2022**, to be accepted.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov. Public comments and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **July 2022** Board meeting. The Board will vote on any proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health.

**NOW PUBLIC
NOTICE**

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Rate Study



DBHDD is currently in Phase One of implementing a service-wide Rate Study for all New Options Wavier (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP) services and are in the process of conducting background research and facilitating kickoff meetings with the DBHDD project team and provider advisory group. We look forward to the next phase which includes:

- Data Collection – Designing and administering provider survey
- Conducting other research and analysis such as collecting benchmark cost data

We appreciate the stakeholder partnership during this process and will be sure to provide additional updates- including releasing the provider survey- as we move forward in this process.

Division of Behavioral Health

Proposals for COVID-19 Testing & Mitigation Services



DBHDD is seeking proposals to design and implement COVID-19 testing and mitigation services for individuals impacted by COVID-19, including members of the COVID-related, COVID-impacted workforce.

Potential providers will utilize one-time funds awarded to DBHDD through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Mental Health Block Grant - FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Mitigation Grant to increase or augment existing testing and mitigation services for COVID-19.

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds have been expended. Those DBHDD contracted providers eligible to submit proposals are:

1. Adult Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Addictive Disease)
2. Adult Addictive Disease specialty
3. Children, Young Adults and Families Behavioral Health
4. Substance Abuse and/or Suicide Primary Prevention Services

The requirements for the proposal, the submission process, and additional information are available at the link below.

**MEMO: COVID-19 TESTING & MITIGATION
PROPOSAL**

Office of Provider Relations & ASO Coordination

JUST A REMINDER... 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 **"Questions for your Provider Relations Team"**.

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