

Calendar of Events

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May 20, 2024

Re-Conceptualizing Autism: For Justice Professionals

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Do you struggle with understanding how to support someone going through the justice system or knowing what to say to their judicial teams? This training will walk through ODP's new way of reconceptualizing autism with a large concentration on how a person's presenting symptoms may be misunderstood by justice system professionals. The training is designed to equip an individual's team so they can support not only the individual, but the justice professionals involved with their case as well.

[Click here to Register.](#)

May 21, 2024

Title III of the ADA and Readily Achievable Barrier Removal [WEBINAR]

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Title III of the ADA requires places of public accommodation to remove barriers to accessibility that are deemed "readily achievable". The term "places of public accommodation" includes businesses that are generally open to the public and that fall into one of 12 categories listed in the ADA, such as restaurants, movie theaters, schools, daycare facilities, recreation facilities, and doctors' offices. Having an awareness of barriers to accessibility, taking steps to determine how they can be overcome, developing a plan to address those improvements (including a time frame for improvements), and finally implementing those improvements if they are readily achievable, is critical for Title III entities.

[Click here to learn more and register](#)

May 21, 2024

Call-to-Action for Building the Home-and Community-Based Services Workforce Data Infrastructure

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

A new issue brief released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides recommendations to improve HCBS workforce data. The recommendations are informed by input from HCBS providers, workers, consumers, and researchers. HHS is implementing these recommendations through the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services rule and through the DCW Strategies Center's intensive technical assistance to selected states.

?HHS and DOL in collaboration with the DCW Strategies Center are hosting a webinar to present their recommendations to improve data about the HCBS workforce. A non-federal panel of leaders in the field will discuss the recommendations and share innovations.

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May 21, 2024

What Does the New Physician Fee Schedule Rule Mean for Community-Based Organizations

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Every year, the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issues a Notice of Proposed Rule Making for the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) that defines services and reimbursement rates for physicians and other providers providing care to people with Medicare. As of Jan. 1, 2024, Medicare will reimburse for various services including Community Health Integration services, Social Determinants of Health risk assessments, and Principal Illness Navigation services. Furthermore, the final rule provided supportive language for clinical providers to contract with community-based organizations (CBOs) to meet the needs of beneficiaries. Join the webinar for a discussion of how the final rule may impact CBOs implementing, expanding, and sustaining evidence-based health and wellness programs through individual organizations or community care hubs (CCH).

Presenter:

Timothy McNeill, RN, MPH, Founder, Freedmen's Health

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May 22, 2024

The 2024 Dual Diagnosis Virtual Conference

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

The Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) invite you to save the date for the statewide Dual Diagnosis Conference. This year's two-day conference will be held virtually. Nationally recognized speakers will provide perspectives on the impact of trauma, physical health, and metabolic health.

To learn more, [Click here to visit the Conference Site](#).

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May 22, 2024

ANCOR Live: Understanding State & National Trends Using State of the States Data
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

ANCOR Live is a new, ongoing series of virtual sessions designed to improve your ability to find, analyze, and leverage data in business operations, advocacy efforts, and more. It is presented in partnership with the State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at the University of Kansas.

You know that data is key to making solid decisions. But what data can you tap into? How do you know what's credible? And how do you make sense of it all amid the barrage of information we encounter each and every day? In this inaugural session of ANCOR Live, presenters will use data from State of the States to support your deeper understanding of state and national trends related to I/DD service delivery. By using the data presented to delve into these trends, you'll hone your data-driven decision-making skills while gleaning tips and tools to help you find and make sense of whatever data you encounter.

Presenters

Emily Shea Tanis, Ph.D., Principal Investigator, State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, University of Kansas

Gabrielle Sedor, Chief Operations Officer & Foundation Director, ANCOR

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May 23, 2024

PA Business-to-Business Mentor Network event on how organizations can be more inclusive

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

May 28, 2024

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL NEEDS ASSOCIATION

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Please join the Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP) and the Technology Assisted Children's Home Program (TACHP) at the next Eastern Pennsylvania Special Needs Association quarterly meeting. This HYBRID event will take place on May 28, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

FEATURING:

A presentation from PHLP's Janice Meinert, MSW, on Medicaid eligibility for all ages and stages of life. During the session, attendees will learn:

- ? An overview of Medicaid (aka Medical Assistance)*
- ? Who qualifies for Medicaid*
- ? Medicaid income and resource limits*
- ? How to apply for and renew Medicaid benefits*
- ? Tips for keeping Medicaid coverage*

Lunch for in-person attendees will be served at 12pm, immediately following the program. Virtual attendees will join via Zoom. When registering, please indicate whether you plan to attend in person or virtually.

Download a copy of the webinar announcement flyer [here](#).

For accessibility accommodations, please email Danna Casserly at dcasserly@phlp.org.

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May 29, 2024

The CEO and Board Strategic Alignment: What Separates the Best Nonprofit Organizations from

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This is an engaging discussion of the innovative concept called "Strategic Alignment" which refers to the process of going beyond the traditional strategic planning process to achieve long term success and sustainability. Strategic Alignment motivates all stakeholders, both internally and externally, to be focused and committed to achieving one goal: the organization's strategic vision. In addition, this concept requires the development of new competencies and non-traditional skill sets for both executives and board leadership.

Presenters: Dennis C. Miller, Founder & Chairman and Michael Shriver, Managing Director

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May 29, 2024

Upholding Dignity: Combating Oppression and Prioritizing Mental Health in the Workplace

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Employee mental health is negatively impacted by societal and systemic oppression. If organizations don't take steps to combat oppression, they risk unintentionally replicating it within their own policies and structures.

In this FREE Community Conversation, we'll dive into the complexities of systemic oppression and its impact on employee mental health. We'll gain valuable insights from the personal anecdotes and professional expertise of our esteemed panel of speakers.

From understanding interlocking oppressions to advocating for institutional policy changes, you'll discover practical approaches to creating inclusive work environments that prioritize mental well-being, empower employees to bring their authentic selves to work, and ultimately, enhance organizational success and sustainability.

An on-demand recording of the webinar will be emailed to all registrants.

Presenters

Matthew Canuteson, DEIA Director, Empire Justice Center

Olivia Fadul, Licensed Therapist, Project Lotus and Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council Member, City of Albuquerque

Arnetta Greene, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Janelle Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Bridges Life Center

Sasha Sencer, Director of Education & Intersectional Collaboration, ANCOR (moderator)

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May 30, 2024

How To Support Adults With IDD Through Regressive Illnesses

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) may exhibit dementia and clinical symptoms that are distinct to this group. This can lead to misconceptions that make it challenging to recognize cognitive decline in adults with IDD. Educating direct support professionals about these unique characteristics is crucial for effectively supporting this population. Join Relias to hear Christina Marsack-Topolewski, PhD, LMSW, discuss the regressive characteristics that may occur in older adults with IDD.

You'll learn:

Signs of regression in adults with IDD

Types of dementia

Trends and prevalence of dementia in IDD

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May 31, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (May 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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June 3, 2024

Provider Preparedness Summits for Performance Based Contracting Information Overview and

01:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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June 4, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE TODAY ON RATES/WAIVER AMENDMENTS

11:45 PM - 11:45 PM EST

[Click here for PA Bulletin \(04/19/24\): Availability of Application for a Waiver for Selective Contracting for Residential Services and Availability of Amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living, Person/Family Directed Support and Adult Autism Waivers Required for Selective Contracting of Residential Services, as Well as Additional Proposed Changes to the Waivers](#)

[Click here for PA Bulletin \(04/19/23\): Availability of the Proposed Rate Setting Methodology, Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees for Services Funded Through the Office of Developmental Programs' Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers and the Community Intellectual Disability Base-Funded Program and Availability of Proposed Amendments to the Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers](#)

June 5, 2024

ODP Employment Regional Symposium: Closing the Gap: Achieving a Workforce with Differ

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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June 10, 2024

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June 10, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 12, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 20, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 12, 2024

The Importance of Nonprofit Board Leadership: A Guide to Creating a Highly Successful Nonprofit

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

An educational and insightful discussion of nonprofit best practices for CEOs and Board leaders to gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to become a great nonprofit board. Key issues that will be addressed include the characteristics of successful nonprofit boards, the concept of the CEO and Board partnership, board recruitment and reappointment, the importance of board diversity, committee structures, the board's role in strategic planning and "how good boards evaluate the CEO, great boards evaluate themselves."

Presenters: Dennis C. Miller, Founder & Chairman and Joe Costa, Managing Director

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June 20, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 12, 2024

ODP Policy Team Virtual Office Hours for Individuals and Families

05:30 PM - 07:00 PM EST

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) invites individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or autism and their families to join in a virtual conversation with ODP's policy team. The conversation will cover basics about the services ODP offers and it is an opportunity for individuals and families to ask questions. These meetings are informal, meaning the conversation will not be recorded, and rules will be set before the meeting starts to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe to provide questions and comments. The meeting will be held through Microsoft Teams.

What Will Be Covered? This next meeting will consist of policy members from ODP providing an overview of two topics: the philosophy and framework used by ODP, which is called Everyday Lives, as well as what a Supports Coordinator is and what their role is.

Please note: This webinar/conversation is not for professionals, it is specifically for individuals, caregivers, and families and/or legal guardians. Please share this invitation with your networks. This webinar/conversation is geared towards individuals and families who are just beginning to learn about ODP or for those who want a basic understanding of the topic being discussed.

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June 13, 2024

TPA HR Committee

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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June 14, 2024

Community Participation Support (CPS) Overview for Supports Coordinators (SCs)

01:30 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Join the Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP's) Policy team for an informational webinar covering Community Participation Support (CPS) for Supports Coordinators (SCs). The webinar will provide an in-depth review of different components of the CPS service and how they relate to SCs. Time is planned at the end of the presentation for ODP staff to answer questions submitted by participants.

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June 18, 2024

TPA Integrated Care Committee Meeting

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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June 18, 2024

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10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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June 19, 2024

ID Connect Townhall: Psychiatric and Neurological Aspects of Infectious Diseases

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Overview of psychiatric, neurologic, and cognitive manifestations and side effects of some infectious diseases in medically complex adults.

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June 12, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 20, 2024 – 1 PM - 3 PM

June 26, 2024

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10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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June 28, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Jun. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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July 26, 2024

TPA Annual ODP Policy Conference (In Person)

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Event Details and Registration are forthcoming.

August 14, 2024

- August 15, 2024

The Pennsylvania Regional Collaboratives for Supporting Families Virtual Summit

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

The Regional Collaboratives for Supporting Families Summit will be held virtually this year. The Regional Collaboratives for Supporting Families connect diverse individuals, families, and community partners to identify what people and families need to be supported, to develop and implement strategies to meet these needs through local collaboration and partnerships, and to participate in the conversation to improve systems. This objective allows all people to best nurture and support their loved ones in having full, meaningful everyday lives in their communities. This year's Summit will bring together Regional Collaboratives from across the Commonwealth sharing experience and knowledge and developing strategies with a focus on Family Matters! What does it mean to support families?

What is the Regional Collaborative Summit? Watch the video to learn more!

Join the Summit this August to learn from peers and professionals about how to bolster your Regional Collaboratives for Supporting Families

August 23, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Aug. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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August 29, 2024

REV UP National, Quarter 3

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

We invite you to join us for our 2024 national REV UP calls! These calls provide an opportunity to learn from fellow state partners, share updates on your work, and strategize together with fellow coalition members.

Click here to Register.

September 27, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Sep. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Click here to Register

October 10, 2024

Portable, Wearable, Totable: Accommodating with Technologies that Go With You

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Are you curious about the features of the latest smartwatches? Do you have questions about portable options for print access? Do you have employees on the road who need travel friendly technology? Attend this training for an introduction to wearable, portable, travel friendly products and how to apply them as workplace accommodations. A variety of accommodation examples will be showcased, featuring applications for employees with motor, sensory, cognitive, and neurological needs.

Presenters:

Matthew McCord, Senior Consultant – Motor Team

Teresa Goddard, Lead Consultant – Assistive Technology Services

[Click here to Register for this webcast.](#)

October 24, 2024

REV UP National, Quarter 4

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

We invite you to join us for our 2024 national REV UP calls! These calls provide an opportunity to learn from fellow state partners, share updates on your work, and strategize together with fellow coalition members.

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October 25, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Oct. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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November 22, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Nov. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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