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To: Individuals, Families, Bureau of Disabilities Services Providers, Case Managers
From: Shelly Thomas, Outcomes Management Director, BDS
Re: Bureau of Disabilities Services Provider Mandatory Training Schedule
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The Bureau of Disabilities Services mission is “To connect people with disabilities and their families to resources and supports to live their best life.” In support of this mission, BDS is committed to supporting our provider network in working toward a true person-centered system. We believe that professional development strengthens our network as a whole and ensures quality supports for individuals receiving home-and community-based services.

As part of that commitment, BDS is continuing to host a series of web-based training opportunities. These opportunities are being provided at no cost to participants and are **mandatory for all approved Bureau of Disabilities Services Home and Community-based services providers**. This means if your organization is currently approved as a BDS HCBS service provider of **any** HCBS service, an executive level staff member of your organization is required to attend these trainings.

Sign-up, participation and completion of these trainings will be tracked and monitored throughout the trainings.

These trainings will occur on a bi-monthly, regular, set schedule:

- First Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. ET
- Third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. ET
- Recording, with live Q&A, last Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. ET

Below are the dates of the next five trainings. All reflect Eastern Time (ET):

- Sept. 7, 2023, 10 a.m.; Sept. 19, 2023, 1 p.m.; Sept. 27, 2023, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 2, 2023, 10 a.m.; Nov. 21, 2023, 1 p.m.; Nov. 29, 2023, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 4, 2024, 10 a.m.; Jan. 16, 2024, 1 p.m. Jan. 31, 2024, 10 a.m.
- March 7, 2024, 10 a.m.; March 19, 2024, 1 p.m. ; March 27, 2024, 10 a.m.
- May 2, 2024, 10 a.m.; May 21, 2024, 1 p.m.; May 29, 2024, 10 a.m.

Topics for the series will include Supporting Choice, Choice of Services and Settings, Dignity and Respect, Restrictions, and POCO Rules and Modifications.



More detailed information and registration links will be sent out approximately one month prior to each training. Individuals with disabilities, program managers, direct support professionals, case managers, and families are also all welcome to attend.

If you have questions, need additional resources or support, or have suggestions for additional training, please contact us at BDS.Help@fssa.IN.gov. We look forward to continuing to educate and support providers to empower individuals to live, love, learn, work, play and pursue their dreams!