Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)

Alta California Regional Advisory Meeting

October 1st, 2020

**Minutes**

• Welcome, Introductions

• Purpose of DSPT Advisory Committee Meeting

* To ensure that the Challenge Testing and Training are sufficiently scheduled to meet the needs of eligible DSPs within the Service Hub’s regional center catchment area
* Address and resolve issues related to the DSPT within the DSPT Hub Service Area
* Provide Training and Testing aggregate results
  + Review of Minutes from Prior Meeting
* Minutes of 19-20 were reviewed and approved.
  + California Department of Developmental Services Report – Tara Neilson
* HBCS waiver will not be included in the DSPT curriculum at this point.
* Most all DSPT will be entirely virtual or a hybrid version with skill check and testing in person. Online written testing will be ready after Oct 15th.
* Translation to additional languages has been delayed due to COVID.
  + California Department of Education Report – Tara Neilson
* Recertification training was brief and virtual focusing on the Zoom platform. Working weekly to get up and running with online trainings.
* Updated the training manuals and procedure manuals
* Recertification training next year the first week of August – hopefully in person
  + San Bernardino County Office of Education Report – Vicki Baylus
* Testing and Training results:

Alta RC Pass/Fail rates for 2019-20 are:

Year 1 95% 302/317

Year 2 98% 157/160

Year 1 Challenge 0% 0/17

Year 2 Challenge 0% 0/15

509 tested/721 enrolled

Over all pass/fail rates are very good and in line with other Regionals Centers.

More interaction of DSPs interacting with their DSPT portal will help. Most of the DSPs that show up the first day do complete the training. More commonly DSPs register for trainings and they do not ever show up.

DSPs can take a virtual training anywhere in California.

* + Service Hub Report – Jean Parker
* Training and Challenge Testing schedule
  + 2019-20 Trainings: 19 - Year 1 Trainings; 11 - Year 2 Trainings

2 - Year 1 and 2 Challenge each - location Sacramento

* + \*2020-21 Trainings: 2 - Year 1 Trainings; 2 - Year 2 Trainings
  + Challenge testing will be after the first of the year.

*\*Trainings scheduled from Oct 15th to Dec 31st 2020*

* Test after trainings will be in Google Doc – survey format. Med Skill Checks will be via Zoom call. A video is coming next week for trainers.
* DSPs must register themselves. Administrators may assist but DSPs must have their own account and passwords.
* DSPs have to have a laptop, desktop or a tablet to do the training. They cannot use their phone. Each DSP must have their own screen so the trainer can see each DSP.
  + Regional Center Report
  + Is there an avenue to gather information from DSPs. The survey has been updated. The survey is a Google Doc and will be in the DSPs portal. Trainers will hear back from the surveys only if there is something alarming. Will update the Hubs quarterly with survey results.
  + Provider Representative(s) Input
* Is it possible to know how many spots are open in the classes? Not possible because we need to have a cut off to get materials to trainers. Tara recommended contacting the help desk to help get all trainees into one training.
  + Providers thankful that trainings will be available online
  + Med Skill check – DSPs will get more information about the skill check in their welcome email from their trainer
  + Challenge Test will be scheduled after the first of the year.
  + It is not possible to retake the training but the materials are online on the DDS website.
* Student Guides – recommend DSPs have a physical guide. Could use a previous guide. Not possible to mail guides to students. Guide is downloadable also.
  + - DSP Trainer input
  + Trainer is excited about getting back to trainings
  + Next Meeting – October 7th, 2021 2 pm
  + Recap and Closure