



## Important information from DDD you should be aware of:

### **DDD's System Reform Webinars**

#### **Understanding What It Means for Someone Who Is Currently Receiving DDD Services**

This webinar will provide an update on the system reform currently underway at DDD and an overview of how these changes will affect people who are already receiving services through DDD funding. Information about continuing needed services, accessing new services, and shifting to the Support Coordination model of care management will be provided. This webinar is designed to provide information to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have already been receiving DDD-funded services, their families, and service providers.

- Tuesday, May 5, 2015 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
- Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, June 17, 2015 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- Saturday, August 15, 2015 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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#### **Understanding What It Means for Someone Who Is Entering DDD Services**

This webinar will provide an update on the system reform currently underway at DDD and an overview of the process of entering into DDD services for the first time. Information regarding the "life span" of an individual receiving DDD services - from intake and eligibility to care management to accessing services to disenrollment (as applicable) will be covered.

This webinar is designed to provide information to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and school personnel.

- Thursday, April 23, 2015 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday, May 16, 2015 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
- Friday, June 5, 2015 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Monday, July 13, 2015 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

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### **Assessment / Re-Assessment Through NJ CAT**

In order to successfully implement the reforms that are underway, the Division will be assessing each individual eligible for Division-funded services through the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT). This tool will help determine an individual's needs and also will help us determine an individualized budget to be used for the "purchase" of needed services.

To ensure that the Division has the most up-to-date and accurate status for each individual receiving services, we will assess everyone who currently is eligible for Division-funded services, except individuals assessed since November 1, 2014. Letters will be mailed and/or emailed to all participants beginning this week and continuing through the summer (for residents in a licensed setting, letters will be sent directly to the residential provider). This letter explains the steps that must be taken in order to complete the assessment.

*PLEASE NOTE: everyone will be contacted by the Division with instructions on beginning the assessment process. Until you, your loved one, or an individual in your care has been contacted, there is nothing that you need to do. To maximize the efficiency of this process, participant contact, as well as the assessments themselves, will occur in phases over the next several months.*

Please do not be concerned if you are not contacted right away. The Division will be monitoring the progress of the participant contact/assessment process and will announce any updates and/or changes via the Division Update e-news bulletin and on the [DDD News and Announcements](#) web page.

The Division has also developed a short pre-recorded webinar, [Completing the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool \(NJ CAT\)](#), to help individuals, families and providers better understand and prepare for the assessment process. Information about this webinar will be included in the letters sent to individuals and is available on the Division's [Fee-for-Service Implementation](#) web page.



### **Camp Funding Assistance Available**

As in previous years, the Division may be able to provide funding assistance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who plan to attend camp during summer 2015. For more information and instructions on how to apply for

assistance, please see the [2015 Camp Funding Assistance Fact Sheet](#). Please note that the deadline to apply for camp funding assistance is **Monday, May 4, 2015**.



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