

Ohio | Department of Developmental Disabilities

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Subject: SELF Waiver Trainings

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has established trainings for providers as a means to learn more about the Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) Waiver, which is on-track to become effective July 1, 2012.

As a part of the SELF Waiver informational trainings that are being conducted by DODD, the Department has set aside both a statewide webinar training for June 25 & 26 as well as an on-site training on July 31 & August 1 (the latter of which will be held in Reynoldsburg, Ohio). The agenda for these trainings is attached, but in general, the first day will cover the elements of the waiver, including such topics as service definitions and specifications and providing an explanation on the participant-directed aspects of the waiver (and what that means to Ohio's Developmental Disabilities System). The second day will be about the changes to DODD's IT systems to allow for the incorporation of the SELF waiver, including the Provider Certification Wizard as well as the Payment Authorization for Waiver Services and Medicaid Billing System. In addition, this training will explain the role of the new entity of Financial Management Services, and what that means to providers. The links to register for the webinar or the on-site training in Reynoldsburg are listed in the attached document, entitled "Registration for SELF Waiver Trainings".

In addition, as part of attempting to ensure that potential providers for the SELF waiver have the opportunity to learn about some of the new aspects available as part of the waiver before the waiver's launch, DODD has also been able to obtain national Financial Management Services expert Susan Flanagan, of The Westchester Consulting Group, to present a webinar on June 18, 2012 from 1 pm – 3 pm. She will cover the topic particular to the SELF waiver that is known as the Employer Authority option of Co-Employer, or Agency with Choice. This model allows for individuals and agency providers to work together, or *Co-Employ*, a direct service worker in accordance with the individual's wishes while still adhering to all State and Federal laws and requirements. For any agency interested in learning more about the specifics of being an Agency with Choice, the link for the registration for that webinar is also provided on the list of trainings in the attached document entitled "DODD SELF Waiver 'Agency with Choice' Webinar Registration Information".

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Finally, the Department has been working with the Support Broker Training vendor, Public Partnerships Limited, to establish Support Broker trainings that will be conducted on a statewide basis. In order to become a Support Broker, all potential providers must attend this training and will be required to present documentation as proof of attendance upon applying for certification as a Support Broker through DODD's Provider Certification Wizard. More details on these trainings will be forthcoming.

DODD SELF Waiver Regional Training Agenda

I. Day 1

A. SELF Waiver 101

1. History/Background
2. Unique Aspects of SELF Waiver
3. Paradigm Shift
4. Eligibility Criteria
5. Children with Intensive Behavioral Needs
6. Employment First
7. Overview of Support Brokers (SBs)
 - a. What they do/How they differ from Service and Support Administrators (SSAs)
 - b. SSA/SB coordination

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8. Services, Part 1 (Definitions, Limitations)
9. Participant-Direction under the SELF Waiver
 - a. Budget Authority
 - b. Employer Authority
- B. Scenarios – presentation with Self-Advocates
- C. Services, Part 2 (Provider Qualifications, Rates + Codes)
- D. Overview of Financial Management Services
 1. Who they are
 2. What they do
 - a. Goods + Services
 - b. Traditional vs. Common Law vs. Co-Employer (overview of role for each)

II. Day 2

A. DODD Systems

1. Enrolling an individual on the SELF Waiver
 - a. Tools & Forms for the SELF Waiver
 - b. Waiting List/Individual Data System (IDS)
 - c. Preliminary Implementation Component Tool (PICT)
 - d. Waiver Management System (WMS)
 - e. Provider Certification Wizard (PCW)
 - f. Medicaid Services System (MSS)

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- g. Payment Authorization for Waiver Services (PAWS)
 - h. Medicaid Billing System (MBS)
 2. Incident Tracking System (ITS)
- B. Financial Management Services
 1. How Goods + Services will be handled
 2. Common Law Employer & Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent

REGISTRATION for SELF WAIVER TRAININGS for PROVIDERS

This training will cover the basics of the SELF Waiver including service definitions/limitations and how participant-direction is incorporated in the SELF waiver.

Training #1: Statewide Webinar (please register for both days as each day will cover separate material):

Day 1:

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM EDT

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/336133985>

Day 2:

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM EDT

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/217148648>

Training #2: On-site Training to be held in Central Ohio:

Dates: Tuesday, July 31st & Wednesday, August 1st, 2012

Times: 10 am – 3:30 pm (both days)

Location: Ohio Department of Agriculture Auditorium
8995 East Main St.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43268

Registration

Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SELFWaiverProviderTraining>