



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

News Bulletin

April 22, 2020

Your well-being is very important to us! We have scheduled online meetings (morning and evening options) to keep individuals and families that Care Design NY supports informed on developments related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This is also an opportunity to ask our leadership team questions. Your feedback directly influences our most important priorities.

Tomorrow, Thursday, April 23, at 11:00 am, you are invited to attend an online meeting. Please [click here](#) to register.

The webinar, ***How to Manage Stress & Mental Health*** presented by Michelle Israel, LCSW-R; Gordon Collier, LMSW; and Tiffany Lamance Douglass, LMHC; is now available to view. Please [click here](#) for the presentation and the assessment tool.

April & May Online Meeting Schedule

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New York State DOH /OPWDD Guidance

The state of emergency declared by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to ensure the health and safety of New Yorkers during the COVID-19 public health crisis is rapidly changing. The New York State Department of Health (DOH) and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) have been updating their guidance with modifications to the service delivery system for individuals with I/DD to prioritize and protect their welfare.

Please [click here](#) to read the April 17 **Interim COVID-19 Guidance Regarding Community Habilitation**. It includes modifications to allow individuals who live in a certified residence with less than 24-hour staffing to receive Community Habilitation services when certain criteria are met. It also allows for services to be provided at out-of-state-locations, if necessary, for the safety of the service recipient.

Please [visit our COVID-19 Resource Center](#) for more information on DOH and OPWDD guidance.

CCO Advocacy

The Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) have also provided **guidance to I/DD providers on extended home visits** during COVID-19. Please [click here](#) to read the guidance.

Please [visit our COVID-19 Resource Center](#) for additional information.

Care Design NY Salutes Direct Support Professionals

Care Design NY members rely upon DSPs each day for their health and safety needs. These front line workers during COVID-19 are providing essential face-to-face support for individuals with I/DD. They are assisting individuals with daily living tasks and providing tremendous emotional comfort and encouragement during this period of social distancing and isolation.

Our heart felt appreciation and gratitude to DSPs for ensuring Care Design NY members have the supports and services they need to live a quality life!

Please [click here](#) to view our messages of appreciation. Follow Care Design NY on [Facebook](#) and share our appreciation for Direct Support Professionals with your friends!

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Care Design NY is committed to getting answers to your most pressing questions. We have created a list of questions with answers for you to conveniently access. Please click on the Frequently Asked Questions button below to review.

Have a question? Please email: memberfeedback@caredesignny.org. We will continue to update this FAQ list, so please check back frequently!

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

COVID-19 Resources

The COVID-19 public health crisis is rapidly changing. This information represents the most up to date information we had at the time of publishing. We will update as new information becomes available.

[COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

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