Coronavirus (COVID-19)

News Bulletin

August 12, 2020

You are invited to join us for an online meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, August 13 at 11:00 am**. Please click here to register. This will be an opportunity for you to ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions as OPWDD resumes their in-person and service delivery operations (see the OPWDD guidance documents below). Your feedback is crucial to influencing our most important priorities!

We have recorded the online meetings for your convenience. Please click here to access.

Special Education Family Online Session
Tuesday, August 18: 12:30 pm OR 7:00 pm EDT

Whether you are an educator, a provider of related services, a student with a disability (SWD), or a family member supporting a SWD, you likely struggled with the challenges of online/remote learning following the school closures in March because of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Extended school year (ESY) programming will soon come to an end. These are just a few of the questions families have been asking:

1. How did ESY services go for you and your child?
2. If school districts return to online programming in the fall, what would improve your child's learning experience?

3. What should communication between special education teams and families "look" like moving forward?
4. Do you have a reliable device in your home for your child to utilize for online learning?

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUGUST 18 (select one session):

STEP ONE: Click on one of the following options:

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm EDT. Please click here to register.
OR
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT. Please click here to register.

STEP TWO: Click the "REGISTER" button. Enter your name and email address.

STEP THREE: Click on the 2nd tab, "ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS" and complete.
Note: these answers are required to participate in the session, as they will help us explore possible solutions and strategies with the group.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 14, 2020

SPECIAL SECTION:
OPWDD SERVICE DELIVERY REOPENING

Guiding A Reopening Conversation Checklist

The collective community of the I/DD care delivery system is working through an unprecedented COVID-19 public health emergency. Care Design NY worked with members and families to develop guidance documents to inform the New York State I/DD community on what is critical from their perspective in reopening OPWDD services and programs. Please click on the following:

1. A checklist of considerations and questions to guide conversations with providers and/or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) as the OPWDD service delivery system begins to resume in-person support and operations.
2. A reopening narrative.
3. An easy-to-read visual reopening overview.

Summarized OPWDD Reopening Guidance

We've created a one-page summary, *OPWDD "COVID-19 Safety Plan for Certified Day Program Reopening" Template for Individuals and Families*. Please click here for the Care Design NY summary document.

Here are the OPWDD reopening guidance documents:

1. Day Services Guidance
2. Home Visit Guidance
3. Return to Residence Following an Extended Stay Guidance
4. Community Outings Guidance

COVID-19 Testing: Learning Resources

A visual guide to testing has been developed by ASERT on what to expect if someone needs to be tested for COVID-19. Please click here to view on their website.

Click here for a social story on getting tested by Meg Stone-Heaberlin, PsyD, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics & UCCEDD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Care Design NY is committed to getting answers to your most pressing questions! We have documented the answers from our subject matter experts.

Have a question? Please email: memberfeedback@caredesignny.org.

Please click on the Frequently Asked Questions button below. We will continue to update this FAQ list, so please check back frequently!

Frequently Asked Questions

Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

COVID-19 Resource Center