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MEMORANDUM

TO: Adult and Children's Mental Health Providers

FROM: Michaelene A. Barone
Mental Health Services Coordinator

DATE: February 27, 2007

REGARDING: Deaf Sensitivity Training

The Dauphin County MH/MR Program, in collaboration with Temple University-Harrisburg, is sponsoring a training session for Mental Health providers. You are invited to the following training:

Program: Deaf Sensitivity Training
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (no charge for catered lunch)
Location: Spring Garden Reception and Conference Center
901 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA

Kenneth Puckett, M.S., who is the Regional Representative for the PA Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will be the workshop presenter. He has extensive experience in conducting deaf sensitivity training.

Registration is free. You may want to register as soon as possible because space is limited for this event. A continental breakfast and lunch will also be provided.

Credit Information for Continuing Education (CE): The Deaf Sensitivity Training Program has been approved for four continuing education credits for social workers through the Temple University-Harrisburg School of Social Administration. Temple University-Harrisburg is a pre-approved provider by the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors, to offer continuing education for social workers. There will be a \$10 certificate fee charged to each person who needs credit, with a check payable to Temple University-Harrisburg. You will also be asked to sign a form affirming your attendance at the training in order for Temple University-Harrisburg to issue a certificate.

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Attachments

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This training will help participants understand the characteristics of the deaf culture/community and the experience of deafness and hearing loss. The course will also touch on issues of disaster preparedness relevant to the deaf and hard of hearing experience and their special effects.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In preparation for disasters and pandemics to provide best practice support to people who are deaf or have hearing loss, the participants will:

- Know and understand the diversity within the population of people with hearing loss.
- Know the characteristics of members of each group within the population.
- Know the different types of accommodations and support members of each group need.
- Know the different legislations that support the rights of people with hearing loss to equal access to information and services.
- Know the types of assistive technology from which each group benefit.
- Know and appreciate importance of the cultural aspects of each group in their work with them.
- Know and expect types of barriers the population will encounter before, during and after a disaster.
- Know appropriate references to use when advocating for people with hearing loss through all phases of any disaster.
- Know and utilize the best practice approaches and techniques in working with individuals and groups with hearing loss.
- Know available resources for technical assistance.

DIRECTIONS TO SPRING GARDEN RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE CENTER

From Steelton: Go east on Route 230 to Highspire. At Lumber Street, turn left. Go to Spring Garden Drive, turn right. Conference Center is on the right.

From Harrisburg: To 283 south to 283 east. Take the first exit, which is 441 and Airport exit. Take 441 to stop sign, which is Spring Garden Drive. Turn right onto Spring Garden Drive, and the Conference Center is on your left.

AGENDA FOR DEAF SENSITIVITY TRAINING

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*Presenter: Kenneth Puckett, M.S., Regional Representative
PA Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

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| 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. | Sign-in/Continental Breakfast |
| 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. | Welcome—Rose Schultz, Deputy Mental Health Administrator
Introductions—Michaelene Barone, Mental Health Services Coordinator |
| 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Demographics

Legislations

Diversity within Population with Hearing Loss

Characteristics and Needs of Each Group

Q & A |
| 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Assistive Technology

Understanding Deaf Culture

Disaster and Pandemic Preparedness

Barriers in Emergency/Disaster Situations

Best Practices in Working with Individuals with Hearing Loss

Resources

Q & A

Evaluation |

PLEASE CALL (780- 7050) or FAX (780- 7061) THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY PLAN OUR NUMBERS FOR THIS SESSION. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AND NO LATER THAN MARCH 14 BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED.

____ Yes, I will attend training on March 20.

____ Yes, I plan to have lunch.

Indicate here any special accommodations you may have in order to ensure full benefits of training:

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E- Mail: _____