

Calendar of Events

August 27, 2024

Cognitive Stimulation Therapy Programs

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Tune into this webinar to hear from CaringKind and CareLink R.I. about how Cognitive Stimulation Therapy can support people living with dementia. Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) programs are providing direct support to people living with dementia (PLWD) including those with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD), primary progressive aphasia (PPA), and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) grantees are expanding their services to meet a variety of needs through these evidence-based/informed, small group programs. Through virtual and in-person sessions held over 7 weeks, participants strengthen their retained cognitive abilities and decrease depressive symptoms, while gaining confidence and social connection, and improving their well-being.

CaringKind, a community-based organization in New York City, delivers CST both virtually and in person with an ongoing CST-Maintenance program. CareLink in Rhode Island delivers CST as an outpatient service delivered by skilled clinicians. Having identified gap areas for specialized populations, CareLink is delivering an adapted version of CST for PLWD and IDD and individuals with PPA. Both organizations are seeking to build sustainable models of care through efficient service delivery models that don't compromise quality care.

Speakers:

Stephani Shivers, MEd, OTR/L; CaringKind, Chief Innovation Officer & VP Program Development

Kelsey Akinsinde, M.S. CCC-SLP; CareLink R.I., Lead Clinician - Center for Brain Health and Cognition

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The Link Center's Shared Learning Group - Supporting the Whole Person for Direct Support P

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

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ANCOR Live: Using National Sources to Advocate for Meaningful Data

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

In this second session of ANCOR Live, we're focusing on recommendations for providers using national data sources to advocate for meaningful I/DD data, especially in relation to their state's emerging needs.

We will use this lens to also discuss states who are developing and transitioning to new data infrastructures.

Presenters

Emily Shea Tanis, Ph.D., Principal Investigator, State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, University of Kansas

Gabrielle Sedor, Chief Operations Officer & Foundation Director, ANCOR

ANCOR Live sessions are free and exclusively available to ANCOR members. Registrants will be able to access the recording following the session

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August 29, 2024

REV UP National, Quarter 3

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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August 29, 2024

Traumatic Brain Injury Webinar on Cultivating Partnerships to Create Change
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Join the Traumatic Brain Injury Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TBI TARC) webinar on "Cultivating and Sustaining Partnerships to Create Successful Change." This webinar focuses on how collaborative and equitable partnerships play a role in the success of change initiatives. The goal of this session is to demonstrate the practical aspects of cultivating partnerships and sustaining relationships. The webinar will introduce an approach that brain injury programs can use to reflect the types and depth of a prospective collaboration using the collaboration spectrum.

Presenter:

Dr. Julia E. Moore, Executive Director of The Center for Implementation

Dr. Julia E. Moore will discuss the science of building trust and navigating power, including actions teams can use in the partnership-building process. Dr. Moore will introduce Cultiv8, a free tool designed to help teams identify appropriate actions that can be implemented to build the collaborative relationships you need during your partnership-building efforts.

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August 30, 2024

TPA Review of ODP Published Fee Schedule Rate Workshop
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST
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September 3, 2024

Public Partnerships LLC (PPL) MyAccount Training for Supports Coordinators (SCs) and Administrative Entities (AEs)
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST
Public Partnerships LLC (PPL) will provide MyAccount Training for the Administrative Entities (AEs) & Supports Coordinator (SCs) roles within MyAccount

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September 10, 2024

Thriving with Down Syndrome

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM EST

Speaker: Matthew Schwab

Matthew Schwab is a 26 year-old North Carolina native who recently realized a life-long dream of living on his own, in an apartment with his younger brother. He is an advocate, public speaker, and community volunteer, and works at Ruckus Pizza, Pasta & Spirits. Matthew is passionate about raising awareness about Down syndrome and the entire IDD community. Matthew's mission is to help change the way the world views Down Syndrome. His story inspires parents of young children with Down Syndrome. It shows everyone...community members, employers and even family members what IS possible.

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September 10, 2024

Learn About PA ABLE with the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Learn about the PA ABLE Savings Program!

A PA ABLE Savings Program account gives individuals with qualified disabilities (Eligible Individuals) and their families and friends a tax-free way to save for a wide range of disability-related expenses, while maintaining important benefits. The state and federal tax-free investment options are offered to encourage Eligible Individuals and their families to save private funds to support health, independence, and quality of life. Some of the topics that we will discuss include eligibility requirements for opening a PA ABLE account, the federal and state tax benefits of PA ABLE, and how a PA ABLE account interacts with current benefits.

If you require accommodations to participate in this webinar, please contact us at info@paable.gov.

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September 11, 2024
- September 12, 2024

The History of Human Services

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Sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Disability History and Action Consortium, This presentation has two parts and shows how major ideas and practices in human services have changed over time. It starts with voluntary, informal, unpaid help in ancient times and goes up to today's largely commercialized helping service systems. The presentation uses pictures of service settings, practices, and artworks to show what was happening at different times and why things changed. For previous participants, the event changed how they think about many human service practices. It helped them understand things they had seen, been part of, or contributed to, often for the first time.

September 11, 2024
- September 12, 2024

2024 HCBS Virtual Conference

On-Demand Sessions with Live Speaker Q&A - Virtual Conference Platform

The annual Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) conference provides attendees and sponsors with a unique learning experience. Join other long-term services and supports policy makers and service providers to help identify opportunities to improve the quality of services, and quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities. Additionally, this year will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Home and Community-Based Services Conference and the 60th anniversary of ADvancing States!

[Click here to Register for the Conference](#)

If you have any further questions about registering or the attendance options email inform@hcbsconference.org.

Insidious Trauma: Context, Impact, and Considerations for Care

10:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Oppression and marginalization in their various forms have a profound impact on individuals and communities as it does our interactions with systems and with one another. This session will introduce the impact of trauma broadly, provide an overview of insidious trauma and its effects, and explore some relevant interpersonal and clinical considerations in supporting those impacted by traumatic stress. Objectives:

- 1. Define trauma and discuss some of its impacts.*
- 2. Review SAMHSA principles for trauma-conscious interactions in various settings and roles.*
- 3. Define insidious traumatic stress and consider how it may affect individuals and communities.*
- 4. Explore strategies for trauma-conscious care in clinical and community interventions for working with clients experiencing insidious trauma.*
- 5. Consider some ways in which you can support those who are experiencing insidious trauma.*

PRESENTER

Crystal L. Austin, Ph.D., L.P:

Dr. Austin is an Assistant Professor of Instruction in the Temple University College of Education and Human Development. She earned a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Albany and is a licensed psychologist in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dr. Austin's clinical and research interests include exploration of intersecting identities, biracial identity experiences, and racism-related traumatic stress. She has developed and facilitated trainings for diverse professionals (e.g., educators, health professionals) about oppression-based trauma and trauma-conscious practice and has been involved in research and evaluation of trauma-informed intervention. Prior to her time at Temple, Dr. Austin worked in university and community mental health settings in a variety of roles, including intervention, assessment, outreach and supervision. In teaching, research, and practice, Dr. Austin strives to approach student, participant, and client care holistically and in a way that exercises cultural humility, curiosity, and respect.

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September 12, 2024

Adapting Activities as Dementia Progresses

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM EST

Presenter: *Katie Frank, Ph.D., OTR/L*

As dementia progresses an individual's ability to independently do personal care activities as well as hobbies and activities they used to enjoy can become compromised. This can be frustrating to caregivers who question why the individual no longer is able to do the things they used to be able to do so easily. A caregiver may need to offer different forms of assistance or provide more supervision. The individual may have trouble deciding what to do, how to start the task, or walk away before completing a task. When working with adults with dementia, everything you do with them is an activity. This webinar will provide strategies to modify and adapt personal care and leisure activities throughout the stages of the dementia while ensuring the safety of the individual as well as the caregiver.

Bio: Katie Frank, PhD, OTR/L has worked as an occupational therapist and close colleague of Dr. Brian Chicoine at the Adult Down Syndrome Center in Park Ridge, IL since 2016 and in the field of occupational therapy since 2001. Dr. Frank is one of only a few occupational therapists in the country who specialize in working with adolescents and adults with Down syndrome. Dr. Frank's experience includes treatment and evaluation as well as facilitating groups for people with Down syndrome; conducting trainings for staff, families, and caregivers; and offering a variety of other educational opportunities across the United States. Her research has been published in peerreviewed journals. She is the immediate past President of DSMIG-USA.

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September 17, 2024

PA Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Transportation Summit

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

The Transportation Summit is an open forum for anyone interested in discussing transportation related issues in the Community HealthChoices (CHC) Program. There will be staff from various programs on the call, including the managed care organizations (MCOs) and transportation brokers, Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), etc. They will be on the call to listen to your feedback and answer questions as they can. See below for webinar information and the link to join.

During the webinar, there will be three ways for individuals to ask questions. You can submit your questions to OLTL in advance by emailing Cortney Alvord at calvord@pa.gov and they can be read during the meeting, you can use the "Raise Hand" feature during the meeting and you will be unmuted so you can ask your question, or you can type your question into the "Chat" box located on the right side of your screen.

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Captioning will be available through a remote streaming link: <https://2020archive.1capapp.com/event/oltl> for those who want to access it. We will also have an ASL Interpreter on video. If you need another accommodation, including an alternative method for submitting questions or comments about meeting topics, please send an email to Paula Stum at pstum@pa.gov no later than September 3, 2024, so accommodations can be scheduled.

September 19, 2024

Participant Directed Services (PDS) Virtual Training Day

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST

What is working well in Participant Directed Services (PDS) and what needs improvement, a review of the Public Partnerships LLC (PPL) Resource Guide and review of the Participant Advisory Committee.

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September 26, 2024

Positive Exposure: The Beauty and Richness of Human Diversity

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM EST

Presenter: Award winning fashion photographer and founder of Positive Exposure, Rick Guidotti, This webinar will feature award-winning fashion photographer, Rick Guidotti. for an inspiring and uplifting talk on finding the beauty and humanity in disabilities of all forms. After a chance encounter in 1997 with a young lady living with albinism at a bus stop in New York City, Rick undertook a quest to better understand albinism. This search led him to seek out medical textbooks, where he was affronted by the dehumanizing images depicting disease. It was this experience which prompted Rick to turn his lens from the more traditional ideas of beauty to the beauty and richness of human diversity. Rick is a fascinating and inspiring speaker with much to say on changing societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral, and intellectual difference. You won't want to miss this webinar and a chance to see Rick's beautiful photos!!

Rick Guidotti: Rick Guidotti, an award-winning photographer, worked in NYC, Milan, Paris and London for a variety of high-profile clients including Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L'Oreal. His work has been published in newspapers, magazines and journals as diverse as GQ, People, the American Journal of Medical Genetics, The Lancet, Spirituality and Health, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly and LIFE Magazine. Rick has since spent more than twenty-five years collaborating internationally with advocacy organizations/NGOs, medical schools, universities and other educational institutions to change societies view of people with disabilities.

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September 27, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Sep. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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2024- 2025 Charting the LifeCourse: Applying Principles and Using Tools to Support a Good L

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Charting the LifeCourse was created to help individuals and families of all abilities and all ages to develop a vision for a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. These standalone training sessions are for all professional stakeholders. Each session will cover the same content. Participants in this training will:

*Learn about the National Charting the LifeCourse Community of Practice.
Apply LifeCourse Principles and LifeCourse Framework.
Practice Using LifeCourse Tools.*

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October 10, 2024

Portable, Wearable, Totable: Accommodating with Technologies that Go With You

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Are you curious about the features of the latest smartwatches? Do you have questions about portable options for print access? Do you have employees on the road who need travel friendly technology? Attend this training for an introduction to wearable, portable, travel friendly products and how to apply them as workplace accommodations. A variety of accommodation examples will be showcased, featuring applications for employees with motor, sensory, cognitive, and neurological needs.

Presenters:

Matthew McCord, Senior Consultant – Motor Team

Teresa Goddard, Lead Consultant – Assistive Technology Services

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October 24, 2024

REV UP National, Quarter 4

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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October 25, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Oct. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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November 22, 2024

TPA Virtual Membership Meeting (Nov. 2024)

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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Coming Soon

Performance-Based Contracting Webinar 2: What to Know & How to Succeed

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM EST