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Division of Developmental Disabilities
March 7, 2024

Agenda

- Member Advocacy Council (MAC)
- Positive Behavior Support Training
- Social Security Benefits and Application Process
John Burns - Public Affairs, Social Security Administration

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Member Advocacy Council (MAC) Volunteers

Member Advocacy Council

- DDD is developing a new Member Advocacy Council
- The purpose of the Member Advocacy Council (MAC)
 - Gather input, discuss issues and barriers, identify challenges and barriers, problem solve, share information, and strategize on ways to strengthen the service delivery system
 - Provide input and suggestions for agenda topics for future Public Town Hall Events
 - MAC meetings will occur quarterly

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Member Advocacy Council

- Seeking volunteers representing the diverse DDD community who are interested in joining the council
- The council will consist of members, family members, professionals, advocates and DDD leaders
- Volunteer interest form available at <https://forms.gle/NByQqm477QU1cpT38>
- Volunteers will be selected and notified by the end of March 2024
- First meeting will be held at the beginning of May 2024

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Positive Behavioral Support Training

Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training

- DDD partnered with Raising Special Kids to offer training for family members and caregivers
- Called Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Training
 - Evidence-based and inclusive
 - Promotes empathy and sensitivity
 - Teaches person-centered practices
 - Offers tools to support people with challenging behaviors and improve their quality of life
 - Improves communication with members
 - Builds caregiver confidence to support members with challenging behaviors, therefore supporting stronger relationships

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Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training

- Training total = 8 hours
- Offered in English and Spanish
 - Also available in other languages upon request
- No cost to families and caregivers

Learn More: <https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/current-member-resources/pbs-training>

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Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training

- PBS Training will be offered once per month on different days and times
- The next training will be on April 11 & 12, 2024
- Visit Raising Special Kids, <https://raisingspecialkids.org/events/>, to register for an upcoming PBS training.

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