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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Person-Centered Planning Concept Presented by Connie Lyle O'Brien

To: Staff who serve as Facilitators for Person Centered Planning at State Hospitals
Providers of MH&DD Services
Support Coordinators
Regional Coordinators
Regional Hospital Administrators
Regional Services Administrators

From: Cherry Finn, Director of the Office of Mental Health
Stephen Hall, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities

CC: Regional Hospital Training Program Administrators
Division Management Team

Date: November 8, 2005

The purpose of this memo is to invite hospital staff, service providers, support coordinators, and families to these upcoming events on Person Centered Planning.

Title: The Person Centered Planning Concept

Description: This event is part of a larger ongoing project on the Person Centered Planning (PCP) philosophy and process. Training was previously conducted for hospital staff for use in created Person Centered Plans for consumers transitioning out of hospital settings. This year, the Division of MHDDAD is collaborating with APS Healthcare to bring the concepts of Person Centered Planning to include Support Coordinators, Service Providers, and families as well. Person centered thinking and planning have been in common use for over twenty-five years. Done well, using a person-centered approach can assist a person with a developmental disability to move from a life of "clienthood" to a life of contribution in community. This day will build on four themes:

- Seeing people first rather than relating to diagnostic labels;
- Using ordinary language and images rather than professional jargon;
- Actively searching for a person's gifts and capacities in the context of community life;
- Strengthening the voice of the person and those who know the person best in accounting for their history, evaluating their present conditions in terms of valued experiences, and defining desirable changes in their lives.

Presenter: **Connie Lyle O'Brien.** Connie Lyle O'Brien and her husband and partner John O'Brien have been in the forefront of thinking and creating precedent-setting innovations that helped to create full lives for people with disability labels the world over. In addition to developing many of the planning systems used internationally and training thousands of facilitators and human service workers, they have also been writers with enormous insight and sensitivity. John and Connie are advisors to advocacy groups, service organizations, and governments and assist them in planning and learning from their innovations. They began working with people with disabilities three decades ago in institutions and have followed and supported people with disabilities as they take their rightful place in community life. For more information about their work, see their website at <http://inclusion.com/jobrien.html> and <http://thechp.syr.edu/rsapub.htm>.

Purpose: To discuss issues around Person Centered Planning. Areas to be explored include:

- Old patterns of relating to people with disabilities that person centered planning works to change
- Capacity thinking
- Dimensions of inclusion and person centered work
- A basic strategy for developing good quality services

Real life examples will be used to illustrate key ideas and concepts.

Audience: Those who serve as PCP facilitators for DD and MH consumers in State Hospitals are asked to attend, as well as service providers, support coordinators, and families. In addition, staff from the Division's Regional and State Offices are welcome to participate.

Dates: **Please see page three for dates and locations for all sessions.**

CEUs: The University of Georgia's School of Social Work has approved Continuing Education Units for social workers, licensed professional counselors and marriage & family therapists.

Registration: **Please email the Registration Form by the above deadlines to Tracie Al'Belar at RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us or fax to 404-657-2187.**

Note: While there is no charge for this training, participants are responsible for their own lodging, lunch and breaks.

Contact: For more information related to the content of this event, you may contact Stacey Ramirez, Project Coordinator, in the Office of Developmental Disabilities at (404) 657-6405, or Beth Spinning, APS Healthcare at espinning@apshealthcare.com or by phone at 404-523-7093 x 118.

Dates & Location: All Sessions start at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline to register</u>	<u>Location</u>
AUGUSTA Tuesday, December 13th, 2005	1 week before training	Augusta 1st Baptist Church - 2nd floor in the Adult Bldg 3500 Walton Way Extension, Augusta, GA 30909 Directions: http://www.fbcaugusta.org/contact.cfm
GAINESVILLE Thursday, December 15th, 2005	1 week before training	Georgia Mountains Center 300 Green St SE, Gainesville, GA 30501 Directions: http://www.gainesville.org/citydepartments.georgiamountaincenter.directions.asp
METRO - MARIETTA Tuesday, March 28th, 2006	1 week before training	Merchants Walk Cobb County Library – Meeting Room 1315 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, 30068 Directions: http://www.cobbcat.org/aboutmerwalk.htm
METRO - Morrow Wednesday, March 29th, 2006	1 week before training	Clayton State College and University - Down's Continuing Education Center 5900 North Lee Street, Morrow, GA 30260. Directions: http://www.clayton.edu/homefiles/maps.htm or www.mapquest.com . The University is 1-½ miles off I-75.
ROME Monday, April 24th, 2006	1 week before training	Sara Hightower Regional Library - Oostanula Mtg Hall 205 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161 Directions: http://www.floyd.public.lib.ga.us/about/directions.html
LAGRANGE Tuesday, April 25th, 2006	1 week before training	Troup County Parks and Recreation - Meeting Rm A 1220 Lafayette Parkway, LaGrange, GA 30241 Directions: From I-85 South exit #18/GA-109 toward LAGRANGE, turn right on LAFAYETTE PKY (GA-109)
THOMASVILLE May 9th, 2006	1 week before training	Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center- Hunt Room 15138 US Hwy 19 South Thomasville, GA 31757 Directions: http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?
MILLEDGEVILLE Thursday, May 11th, 2006	1 week before training	Milledgeville Hampton Inn 2461 N Columbia St, Milledgeville, GA 31061 Directions: The Hotel is on US 441 just north of Dunlap Rd. (478) 451-0050
SAVANNAH Monday, May 15th, 2006	1 week before training	Coastal Georgia Center 305 Fahm Street, Savannah, GA 31401 Directions: http://cgc.georgiasouthern.edu/directions.htm
VALDOSTA Tuesday, May 16th, 2006	1 week before training	Valdosta Technical College – Main Campus, Bldg 500 Auditorium 4089 Val Tech Road, Valdosta, GA 31602 Directions: http://www.valdostatech.org/about/campuses.asp



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<u>SELECT SESSION</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
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	Wednesday, March 29, 2006	ATLANTA- Clayton State College
	Monday, April 24, 2006	ROME-Sara Hightower Regional Library
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