

IGNITE YOUR SPARK at the 2024 MACS Direct Support & Supervision Conference

May 8-10, 2024

Ocean City, Maryland

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Pre-Conference:

The Frontline Supervisor's Role in Supporting LTSS will highlight the big picture; how the transition to LTSS changed the way providers are paid, why accurate documentation is important, the role of the quality improvement organization, the importance of training and the person-centered planning process. Staff will engage in activities on documentation to support efficient billing and enhance implementation of the person-centered plan.

May 9 - 10

Opening Plenary: Reconnecting with Values: Why You Chose this Work with John Raffaele, NASDP

Mid-day plenary: Ableism featuring Mat Rice and Tracy Wright from People on the Go

Closing Plenary: Showing Up as Your Best Self – Dr. Monica McCall

Conference workshop sessions include:

Frontline Supervision Track: A supervisory track specifically for frontline supervisors – how the FLS can support retention, supervising staff who are off-site, evaluating staff that promotes professional development and building and engaging with your team.

Conference Workshops (for DSPs and Frontline Supervisors):

Understanding the Why – Leslie Thompson, DDA Acting Director of Programs will shed light on why the regional office, OHCQ and Liberty keep showing up at our door.

Person-Centered Thinking – the shifting role of the DSP from caregiver to supporter and the important language that supports that shift.

Equity in Action – dignity of risk and supporting choice presented by Nick Burton.

It Starts with the DSP – the important role of the DSP in the planning process, Teara Winmond shares why after the person, the next step is engaging the DSP.

Work Life Balance: How to Stay in the Job You Love– what burnout looks like for you and those around you, and how to shift to a healthier path with the always engaging Dr. Karyn Harvey.

Adaptive Solutions for Independence - Adjusting the environment and making creative adaptations with the Maryland Department of Disabilities Deputy Secretary Lisa Belcastro.

Best Practices in LTSS Documentation – in addition to sharing tips, Sophia Lawson makes sense of this topic and why it's so important, she even makes it interesting.

Assumption and a Second Story – thinking and responding beyond our initial, sometimes knee jerk, reactions, what if we expanded our options?

Are you working with someone with a developmental disability and mental health diagnosis? DDA wants to hear from you. Join Dr. Monica McCall and Dr. Meg DePasquale for a listening session at lunch at the conference on Thursday, May 9th. Come prepared to share your experiences, tips, concerns, and opinions regarding supporting people with a dual diagnosis.

Click here to register for the conference before April 8th to avoid the late registration fee.

Call the Princess Royale hotel at 1-800-476-9253, use block code: 24MACS to make your reservations.