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**To:** All DDW Providers, Trainers, and Agency Administrators

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**Subject:** In-Person DDSD Core/Classroom Trainings

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The DDSD Training Unit has received many requests from providers to allow in-person training again. We are happy to announce that effective July 1, 2021, certified agency trainers may conduct DDSD core/classroom trainings in-person. Remote on-line trainings may also continue.

This announcement rescinds COVID-19 Response-Memo #6 dated March 25, 2020: General Guidance for Frequently Asked Training Questions (FATQ): #8:

*Q: Can trainings be provided face to face?*

*A: Training staff who do not otherwise already work in an individual's home must use distance technologies. If distance technology is not possible, staff already working in an individual's home can provide face to face training.*

This announcement also rescinds all other memos regarding in-person or face-to-face trainings of DDSD Core courses, and the Crisis Prevention and Intervention Systems guidance issued March 15, 2021. This memo does not impact Individual Specific Training at this time.

All COVID-related guidance issued by the Office of the Governor, or the Department of Health must be followed including current Public Health Orders.

A few reminders:

#1. The following online courses are available, but in-person trainings are on hold until trainer guides and grandfathering processes are completed. This includes Keys to Health, Communication Supports Training (CST), Advocacy in Action, Positive Supports Training (PST) and ANE Awareness. Written communication will be disseminated once these courses are available in the coming months. Thanks for your patience.

#2. DOH-Developed Face to Face ANE annual requirement for certified ANE trainers: "To remain current, the trainer must teach this course one time a year". If you are a current/certified ANE trainer, DDSD is extending the COVID-19 waiver until 12/31/21.

As always, thank you for all you do and for all your hard work!