

**Date:** September 1, 2021  
**To:** All DDW Providers, Trainers and Agency Administrators  
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**Subject:** In-Person Training Suspending and Other Reminders

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**The DDSD Training Unit, is once again suspending all in-person/face to face DDSD core classroom trainings effective September 1, 2021. This announcement rescinds Covid-19 Response-Memo dated June 15, 2021: Allowing in-person training.** One-to-one skills demonstration trainings may occur for trainings such as IST, AWMD, First Aid/CPR, etc.

- Training staff who do not otherwise already work in an individual's home must use distance technologies. If distance technology is not possible, certified trainers already working in an individual's home may provide face-to-face training or agencies may have trainees come into the office for scheduled, individualized teach backs.
- DDSD continues to allow the hands-on training for MANDT, CPI, and Handle with Care when necessary to assure DSP are able to address behavioral issues when an individual is in imminent risk of hurting self or others. See memo "COVID-19 TRAINING PROTOCOLS for Crisis Prevention & Intervention Systems (CPIS) Currently Approved Protocols are Mandt, Handle with Care, and CPI from March 15, 2021."  
<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/quide/6653/>

**A few Reminders:**

1) The following online course are available on the New Mexico Waiver Training Hub:  
<http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsd-courses/index.html>

We expect to finish trainer guides by 12/31/21. Until that time, certified trainers may conduct live streaming pilots of these modules. Contact your regional trainer for live streaming certification and course pilot material.

- Keys to Health
- Communication Supports Training (CST)
- Advocacy in Action (As per the memo dated June 1, 2021, the deadline for completing this training for most job classifications is today, September 1, 2021)
- Positive Supports Training (PST)
- ANE Awareness

2) DOH-Developed Face to Face ANE annual requirements 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 4/1/2022.

3) If agencies are requesting Train the Trainers courses, please contact UNM/CDD at:  
[CDD-NMWaiverTrainingHub@salud.unm.edu](mailto:CDD-NMWaiverTrainingHub@salud.unm.edu). They are our new contract partner.

4) Please see link above for the DDS Training Requirements by Job Classification which included, current training requirements. Future training requirements will go into effect once CMS approves the new DDW Standards.

5) Course name changes:

- 1-day Person-Centered-Planning (PCP) for Direct Support Professionals (DSP)/ Direct Support Supervisors (DSS) has been changed to **Individual Service Plan (ISP) DSP/DSS**
- 2-day Person-Centered-Planning (PCP) for Case Managers (CM)/ Service Coordinators (SC) has been changed to **Individual Service Plan (ISP) CM/SC**

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