DSP Certification:

1. Oregon has a certification for DSPs. Once you get that you are only required to have 12 hours of continuing training per year. Most are online classes.
2. Ohio has 120 hours of training available. Direct Support Professionals have an optional training tract available. If Direct Support Professionals obtain 2 years of experience and 60 hours of continued training, then then are eligible for an hourly pay increase.

Training Plan:

3. DDSD is developing a self-advocate Abuse Neglect and Exploitation online training to be provided to Center for Development and Disability (CDD) (platform) by March 2020. We are also having continued discussion about an in-person option for self-advocates. DDSD has been looking at National Training opportunities including Open Futures Learning trainings. We met with the State of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities training program representative. P&Q participants asked why can’t all trainings be general enough to meet any staff independent of waiver? We discussed examples of trainings that are general enough for anyone that supports any person on any waiver to receive. We discussed having other trainings available for more of a self-directed tract. There was a recommendation for 1-3 trainings that are specific to a waiver type in addition to a core group of trainings.
4. Discussed issues with requiring an extra 24 hours of case management trainings was discussed.