SAFE SWALLOWING TRAIN THE TRAINER WEBINARS

May 11, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
May 18, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This training session will equip trainers to present the DDS Safe Swallowing Training curriculum. Safe Swallowing training will teach staff to:

- Recognize signs that may indicate that an individual is experiencing or is at risk for swallowing difficulties
- Understand responsibilities associated with caring for individuals with dysphagia or swallowing risk
- Understand reporting and documentation responsibilities
- Be aware of interventions and treatments that are implemented with individuals who have dysphagia or identified swallowing risks
- This program teaches attendees to train staff on the topic of Safe Swallowing. NOTE: This program does not certify you to teach other trainers.
- ALL trainers who teach Safe Swallowing, must have personally attended one of these DDS Train the Trainer courses

* Note: If you register and must cancel for any reason, notify us as soon as possible at to allow us to accommodate those on the waiting list. Simply send an email to DDS.Training@ct.gov.

TRAINER REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists or Nurses. PRIVATE PROVIDERS ONLY may send Supervisory level residential staff with a minimum of 3 years of experience supporting persons with developmental disabilities.

INTERPRETER OR ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS: Please indicate in your email if you require Sign Language Interpreter Service or accessibility considerations. DDS must be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the session in order to accommodate special needs.

CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Maureen Evelyn, by email: DDS.Training@ct.gov

TO REGISTER: FORWARD this email to DDS.Training@ct.gov with your name, title, organization, phone and email contact information (where you will connect to training), and the date you wish to attend.

Spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis.
Please RSVP – Forward below information requested to DDS.Training@ct.gov

On May 11 & 18, we will host Safe Swallowing Train the Trainer Webinars, from 8:30-11:30, using the TEAMS format. That means we must have contact information for each attendee. We will not confirm attendance, until we have all items needed:

- **Your title matters** – in order to attend and teach this curriculum, you must be: LPN, RN, SLP, OT, PT, or a Supervisor who worked in Direct Care for at least 3 years
- **Email address** where you will get the invitation email to attend – the invite has a link to join the training on your respective day– and a few logistics. If you are not a techie, logon early!
- **Cell/Phone number** – optional, but if you are not connected, we’ll try to call you before the actual start time of 9:00
- **Which session you are registering to attend.**
- **Equipment**: - Webinars, especially larger ones, work best on a laptop or pc, where you have a working mic and camera
  - Each person attending must have their own equipment – we cannot grant successful completion with groups watching from one device
  - We will not have time to track individual phone numbers, nor know who attended that way, so you may need to make accommodations prior to the event (borrow a laptop, work in a computer lab, go to library, etc.)
  - When logging on before training, when prompted, please add your first and last name for tracking purposes
  - Turn up the volume on your laptop/pc lower right next to date and time
- We will be ready to help you get connected to training as of 8:30 prior to each webinar – the invite will have my cell number, as the Chat person monitoring attendance
- The first half-hour will be getting people logged into the training, 1.5 hour presentation and an hour Q&A at the end
- After each webinar, I will send the slides and presentation materials for students to use during their staff Training

Warmest regards,
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