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Announcing Provider Peer Learning Sessions!

DDS has heard from several providers expressing interest in more opportunities to connect with fellow providers to discuss opportunities, best practices, and challenges. In response, we are pleased to announce the launch of Provider Peer Learning Sessions! These interactive virtual meetings will feature provider mentors and open discussion.

You are invited to join the first Provider Peer Learning Session on **Friday, March 22nd at 10:00 am**. Erin Langford from Community Residences, Inc. (CRI) will lead this session focused on starting, maintaining, and expanding **Cluster Individualized Home Supports (IHS)**. Please join to learn more about CRI's experience, share the experience of your agency, and discuss the opportunities and challenges of Cluster IHS with other providers!

- **Who?** All provider staff are invited to join, especially executive leadership and program directors. You do not need to be participating in STEP.
- **What?** Provider Peer Learning Session: Cluster IHS
- **When?** Friday, March 22, 10:00-11:00am
- **Where?** Please [register here](#)

You can also open the attached calendar item to add this to your calendar.



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