

Program in Aging and Developmental Disabilities
Agency Webinar Series
Level 1 Aging and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)
January 2012 through June 2012

Description: The six topics are listed below with the date for each webinar and follow-up session. Each session will contain:

1. 2-hour lecture and discussion, all sessions 11:00am to 1:00pm EST
2. Assignment of exercises for participants (optional)
3. Feedback session for assignments (optional)

Agencies can offer the webinars to unlimited participants and sites based on their needs.

Objectives for Series:

To increase each participating agency's aging capacity by developing a core of staff with:

1. basic knowledge of aging in adults with IDD
2. understanding of the impact of the physical environment and sensory stimuli on quality of life of adults with IDD
3. knowledge of potential adverse effects and interactions of medications on adults with IDD
4. increased skills for health care advocacy
5. awareness of the need for differential diagnosis in adults with Down syndrome to avoid misdiagnosis and optimize health
6. increased understanding of medical implications as adults with IDD age and recommended follow-up to maintain quality of care

Webinar: Thursday January 12, 2012, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Follow-up session: Thursday January 26, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Introduction of Aging and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (Kathleen Bishop, PhD)

This webinar will introduce the issues, demographics, and challenges presented to agencies and families regarding the increased numbers of adults with IDD. A general overview of aging will be provided along with a discussion of the interaction of aging with a pre-existing disability.

Webinar: Thursday February 9, 2012; 11:00am – 1:00pm

Follow-up session: Thursday February 23, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Introduction to Sensory Processing and Environmental Adaptations (Kathleen Bishop, PhD)

The webinar will provide a background on the seven senses, sensory processing challenges with aging, and suggestions for cost effective environmental adaptations. Participants will develop a better understanding of the influence of the environment on behavior and quality of life as a result of participation in this webinar and the follow-up assignment.

Webinar: Thursday March 8, 2012; 11:00am – 1:00pm

Follow-up session Thursday March 22, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Introduction to Adverse Effects and Interactions of Medications (Ron Lucchino, PhD)

The webinar will include a discussion of increased risk factors for interactions and adverse effects for older adults with IDD. Suggestions will be made for ways to reduce the incidence of adverse reaction.

Webinar: Thursday April 12, 2012, 11:00am – 1:00pm
Follow-up session: Thursday April 26, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Health Care Advocacy (Kathleen Bishop, PhD)

Attaining quality health care for adults with IDD can be challenging due to lack of knowledge and experience by health care providers on aging with IDD, myths and stereotypes about aging, and communication limitations. This webinar will provide an overview of the challenges presented and tips for agencies or advocates to develop a system of health care advocacy.

Webinar: Thursday May 10, 2012, 11:00am – 1:00pm
Follow-up session: Thursday May 24, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Aging and Down syndrome (Kathleen Bishop, PhD)

An overview of Down syndrome and risk factors related to aging will be discussed. An emphasis will be placed on health care advocacy for adults with Down syndrome to reduce the potential for misdiagnosis or under diagnosis of underlying conditions causing cognitive or functioning loss.

Webinar: Thursday June 14, 2012, 11:00am – 1:00pm
Follow-up session: Thursday June 28, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Nursing, Aging, & IDD (Shelley VanLare, RN)

Agency nurses are the backbone for quality health care. This webinar will be presented by the PADD team nurse who has over 35 years of experience working in various IDD settings. She will provide suggestions for advocacy, partnerships with health care providers, and training of staff in observation and reporting of signs and symptoms.

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