

DDW Therapy Update

June 2021



DDSD Clinical Services Bureau

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Therapy Consultants Virtual Office Hours

Friday June 18th 11:00 1:00

- Questions about CARMP strategies? Paperwork deadlines? Mask requirements? Assistive Technology needs?
- Come ask us during drop in office hours
- Breakout rooms available for client specific issues
 - Occupational Therapy: 11:00am – 12 noon
 - Physical Therapy: 12 – 1:00pm
 - SLPs are welcome to join either session (Demarre, SLP Consultant, is not available for this date)

Join Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97956958455?pwd=SmZ1STZ3WTJCMGtWY3poV2pFU3lOZz09>
Meeting ID: 979 5695 8455 Passcode: office

New to DD Waiver? Need a refresher?

- These one-day trainings are required within the first year of working with individuals on the DDW
- More details on page 3

CSB Trainings for 2021

Aspiration Risk Management
7/16, 8/27, 9/10, 10/29

Participatory Approach

* *new dates: 7/20, 9/24, 10/26*

NOTICE: All provider agencies that receive this publication are **REQUIRED** to distribute this update in a timely manner to **ALL** therapy practitioners and/or case managers contracted or employed by your agency.

Thank you for all you do!



Environmental Modifications

Grab Bar Update

- The purchase of grab bars will no longer be funded through environmental modifications.
- This is a covered benefit through Medicaid and most health insurances.
- The installation of grab bars can continue to be funded through DDW Environmental Modifications budgets.
- Work with your Environmental Modifications service provider to coordinate grab bar installation.



Congregate Setting – Day Program Update

- *Planning Meeting Requirements:* It is the expectation that DD Waiver Interdisciplinary teams (IDTs) meet, discuss, and plan for COVID-related needs and changes to service delivery.
- The same expectation applies for Medically Fragile Waiver, Supports Waiver, and Mi Via Waiver participants and their identified supports.
- Agencies have been asked to submit a detailed Reopening Plan to their Regional Office to be reviewed and approved prior to starting Congregate Setting services.
- Staff training is critical before individuals return to attending day programs.
- Once a Reopening Plan has been approved, therapists will likely be contacted to start training staff.

Therapy Services Durng COVID-19

- Therapists can provide services *remotely and in-person* based on the wishes of the person or their guardians. Therapists are not prohibited from visiting with clients outside the home.
- In person therapy reminder: per DDSD only 1 therapist can visit in the home at a time
- Mask mandate remains in effect: Current guidance requires Direct Support Professionals (DSP), Therapists, Behavior Support Consultants, Nurses, etc. to wear face masks at all times, in all settings when providing services through DDSD
 - the only exception to this rule allows paid family members to wear a mask in their own home at their discretion
- Therapists and BSCs should continue to follow the Therapy and BSC Clinical Session Requirements memo [revised/updated 4/1/21].
- Remember, COVID-Safe Practices must be followed at all times.
- When unique circumstances occur, teams may request exceptions for delivery of services through their Regional Office. This may include two therapists being present in the home together. Please specify why the exception is needed, treatment goals, & estimated number of visits needed.

Specialty Seating Clinic (SSC) Virtual Office Hours

2nd Tuesday of each month 3-5pm **July 13** **August 10**

Hosted by Scott Hubbard, MPT and Jason Lavy, SSC Manager

Please fill out this short survey to help us plan for future sessions:

<https://forms.gle/xyiF8wq9buie9egg6>



**DDW Standards
Revisions**



Look for the July DDW Therapy Update: Special Standards Edition

**Physical Therapy coverage
needed in NW NM - Gallup!!**
If you or your agency are looking
to expand your caseload, please
contact Felicia Vidro for more
information!

Felicia.vidro@state.nm.us



Need access to Therap? SCOMM? To update your caseload?

Welcome to Susanna Whitten as she joins Justin Stewart in working their Therap-SCOMM magic diligently behind the scenes. Please continue to contact Justin for technical assistance as Susanna gets acclimated.

justin.stewart@state.nm.us

Therap Supervisor

Use SCOMM for all communication with PHI

DDSD employees and *all therapy consultants* are prohibited from opening any encrypted emails sent using outside programs. SCOMM only please.

**Please contact your
Therapy Consultant or
DDSD Regional Office if
you have questions or
concerns**

**Please note: During the
COVID-19 pandemic,
we continue to work in a
very fluid situation and
directives can and do
change rapidly.**

This *DDW Therapy Update* is current as of the time of release. Therapists and readers should follow the latest guidance available.

CSB Trainings

ALL TRAININGS
ARE
ONLINE UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE

Please see
the [Clinical
Services
Training:
Therapist
Training
Requirements](#)
to learn more
about the
training
requirements
for all therapists

Live stream, online trainings (not recorded) 2021 dates

Aspiration Risk Management	9:00am - 4:30pm	7/16, 8/27, 9/10, 10/29
Participatory Approach/Standards	9:00am - 4:30pm	7/20, 9/24, 10/26 (new dates!)

Pre-register for on-line trainings at: <https://ddsdtrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx>
Please use your own email when registering to ensure you get the meeting link and documents

Other trainings required for Therapists

Person-Centered Planning for Therapists	DDSD CDD Online Courses (available anytime)
Indications of Illness and Injury	http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsd-courses/index.html
ANE REFRESHER Training 'ANE Awareness'	http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsd-courses/index.html

Effective Individual Specific Training Techniques - "EIST-Live Stream" (<i>not</i> the Effective Trainer Techniques Part 1 course)	not recorded – see training calendar for dates https://ddsdtrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx
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ANE Training DOH – Live Stream Course	https://ddsdtrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx
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Note: All versions of the DOH - ANE courses will count during the COVID-19 PHE.

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Resources - Clinics

SAFE Clinic - Supports and Assessment for Feeding and Eating

Any adult with I/DD who is experiencing challenges related to oral eating and/or tube feeding can be referred for specialized assessment and recommendations regarding eating/feeding, nutrition, positioning, and associated medical needs to support health, safety, and independence. SAFE Clinic appointments are currently occurring via remote technology.

Specialty Seating Clinic

Referrals for wheelchair, positioning, and adaptive equipment are being processed and appointments made for remote and in-person evaluations or wheelchair fittings, dependent on the need of the individual as assessed by SSC clinicians.

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