

Training Resources and Announcements

Sarah's Virtual Office Hours

Join Sarah Blanchette and/or Robin Wiseman for our weekly virtual office hours!

(Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/2668525985> Meeting ID: 266 852 5985 – Dial by your location +253 215 8782 US - Tacoma)

We will answer your training questions, complete course and instructor approvals, review curriculum and provide feedback. You can also connect with other trainers for ideas, tips, useful resources, and training strategies.

New: Robin's Roundtable – A virtual gathering for trainers

Join Robin Wiseman in 2023 for “Robin’s Roundtable” – An hour (Teams Meeting) gathering every Thursday at 9 a.m.

Grab a cup of coffee and join this informal gathering!



This is your hour! Bring questions, comments/feedback, course/instructor approval requests (we will complete these, if possible, live and in the moment), requests for support and any new ideas. This is also a chance to get and provide helpful feedback to your training colleagues across the state. Grab a cup of coffee and join to share your successes or brainstorm your challenges! If you send Robin an email (robin.wiseman@dshs.wa.gov), you will automatically receive the link to Robin’s Roundtable and to Sarah’s Virtual Office Hours.

Monthly Trainers’ Webinar / New Trainer Orientation 2023 Schedule

Every month Robin and/or Sarah present an hour-long webinar that provides community residential training updates, announcements, resources, a peek into future projects and a chance to network with other

training professionals across the state. After the training webinar, we will also present a **New Trainer Orientation program**. The presentation slides can be sent to you by request after the webinar – please email Robin Wiseman (robin.wiseman@dshs.wa.gov) to make a request.

2023 schedule of Training Webinars / New Trainer Orientations
and the Zoom links (note we are switching zoom rooms, so zoom links have changed).

Link	Date	Trainer's Webinar	New Trainer Orientation
Zoom	Jan. 4	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	Feb. 15	1 to 2 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
Zoom	March 29	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	April 26	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	May 17	1 to 2 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
Zoom	June 21	1 to 2 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
Zoom	July 26	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	Aug. 16	1 to 2 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
Zoom	Sept. 20	1 to 2 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
Zoom	Oct. 11	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	Nov. 1	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.
Zoom	Dec. 13	10 to 11 a.m.	11 to 12 p.m.

40 Hour CORE Curriculum Update Project Status

We have completed Phase III – the Review Phase of the 40 Hour CORE curriculum! We are now preparing each chapter of the material for review and approval by our Communications Department. During the first quarter of 2023 Sarah Blanchette and Levi Luft will present the curriculum to stakeholders and provider leadership for a final review. We want to send out a big thank you to all the committee members and reviewers for their hard work and dedication to creating an updated and streamlined curriculum that will ultimately transform the lives of the people we support.

Orientation & Safety Curriculum Update Status

Our amazing committee members, made up of stakeholders and self-advocates, are heading into the final phases of their development and review process. In January 2023, our Master Trainers will begin polishing and preparing the curriculum for Articulate, the online course software. We will then coordinate a final review by our residential providers and

advocates. Changes will be made based on feedback and the final curriculum will be submitted to our Communications Department for review and approval. Our goal is to have a final product by May 2023. Thank you to all the committee members who have supported the development of this curriculum, we have created something great and it has been fun!

A special “Thank You” to Kathleen Nelson, Director of Residential Services at Village Community Services in Arlington.. Kathleen, a committee member and an amazing person who was dedicated to serving and supporting people with disabilities in her community, sadly passed away. Kathleen will be recognized in the Orientation & Safety Curriculum as a special contributor.

Watch Out For: Just In Time DDA's First Podcast for Residential Providers

Just In Time is a 20-30 minute, bi-monthly podcast series, which is essentially an on-demand talk radio show hosted by Robin Wiseman (*Residential Training & Transition Specialist*) and Kenny Davis (*Residential Quality Assurance Program Manager*). This means listeners do not listen to a live broadcast but are able connect, via their phones or computers, to a recorded version of the broadcast anywhere and anytime they like. Listeners can easily access DDA's podcast on their phones while multi-tasking at work, driving home, on their breaks, over lunch, during exercise or during a quiet moment at home.

Just-In-Time will include 20-minute interviews on a variety of topics.. The hosts plan to interview experts in business, personnel, self-development and disability, authors, DDA leadership, DDA policy and quality assurance leaders, people receiving DDA supports, advocates for people with disabilities, small business leaders, celebrities who have personal experiences with disabilities, faculty from universities and colleges, mental health leaders, service providers with success stories, and many more.

**We will send out a link to *Just In Time*
through the GovDelivery system very soon!**

Important: On-line Training Modules for the Positive Behavior Support Plan

Current Status:

The current on-line modules are being removed from the training web site.

Purpose of Change:

In collaboration with the Developmental Disabilities Ombuds Office, the functional assessment and positive behavior support plan training will be rewritten with the help of self-advocates, the ombuds office, and people with lived experience.

Impact:

The on-line training modules will not be available.

Project Timeframe:

The project was initiated on Dec.15, 2022, by Ombuds request. There is no current completion date.

When the project is completed, new modules will replace the removed modules and a notice will be provided through GovDelivery.

Need Your Feedback: Fatal Five E-Learning Training

DDA recently purchased a time-limited license for the Fatal Five E-Learning training. The Residential Training Unit needs your feedback to determine if we will extend the license. These courses are worth CE Credit and can be taken by all your DSPs. Training Directors and Administrators can offer their staff access and track their progress in the course through IntellectAbility, Inc.

This is an expensive license, so we need to make sure you find it valuable. Please email Robin Wiseman (robin.wiseman@dshs.wa.gov) with your feedback related to this training. We will be deciding soon, so do not hesitate to provide feedback.

Special Note

We would like to take a moment and honor **Matthias Austin** who, for a long time, has dedicated himself to improving the quality of DDA training initiatives. Matthias was not just a 40-Hour CORE trainer – he was on the

curriculum update committee, he provided many hours of support related to curriculum development, and he was always available to provide feedback on new initiatives and exciting training developments. Matthias will be moving to Oregon soon and will no longer be with Volunteers of America – Western Washington. Matthias, we will miss you, your expertise, kindness and laughter. Good luck to you and your family in all future endeavors!