The Professional Development Institute is Seeking Award Nominations

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Pennsylvania was chosen to host this year’s Annual Professional Development Institute, sponsored by the National Staff Development and Training Association (NSDTA). This institute is a premier national training and networking event for people involved in human services training, staff development and organizational development. It will take place at the Hershey Lodge on October 20-23, 2013. During the Institute, several awards will be awarded to staff development and training professionals.

NSDTA believes the opportunity to attend its Institutes should be shared with as many human services training professionals as possible. However, it also recognizes that many agencies simply may not have the funds necessary to send staff. To that end, NSDTA offers the opportunity to apply for a Joan Carrera Scholarship to attend its annual Institute. Joan Carrera was a pioneer in staff development and training, and a true friend, mentor, and inspiration to NSDTA. The scholarships can cover registration, hotel, travel and per diem costs. The deadline for nominations is June 14, 2013.

In addition, NSDTA is pleased to offer the opportunity to recognize outstanding performance in the training and development field. The Distinguished Service in Training Award is open to any individual, agency, company, or program that provides quality training for public sector employee. The deadline for nominations is June 14, 2013.

Another award that will be awarded is the Career Achievement Award. This award winner is recognized to an individual who has demonstrated throughout his/her career a commitment to the profession of human services training, organizational development, and/or staff development; and/or significant contributions to the profession in terms of leadership, new ideas, and education. The deadline for nominations is June 14, 2013.

Another award is the Pro Humanitate Human Service Professional Development and Training Literary Award. The intent of this award is to recognize meritorious literary work that exemplifies the intellectual integrity and moral courage required to transcend political and social barriers to champion “best practice” in human service professional development and training; thereby encouraging research, scholarship, and constructive professional discourse in the human services professions. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2013. Please consider nominating someone for a Joan Carrera Scholarship, the Service in Training Award, Career Achievement, or the Pro Humanitate Human Service Professional Development and Training Literary Award for this year’s Institute. Nominations can be submitted online by visiting the NSDTA Conference Scholarships and Awards link on the NSDTA website http://nsdta.aphsa.org/, and emailing completed forms to corrie.rice@eku.edu.

The mission of the NSDTA is to build professional and organizational capacity in the human services through a national network of membership sharing ideas and resources on organizational development, staff development, and training.
CONSULTANT AND TRAINER BIRTHDAYS

**MAY**

Patricia Gadsden 14  
Jo Sterner 14  
Krysta Heffner 26  
June Fisher 31  
Elaine Newkirk 31

**JUNE**

Nancy Johnson 2  
Raheemah  
Shamsid-Deen Hampton 8  
Robert Novotny 10  
Gina McCone 14  
Edward Nowak 21  
Judith Omerza 23  
Amy Chipetz 26  
John Compher 26  
Jane Yeatter 29  
Sue Cohick 30
The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center is getting connected! Within the next few months, we will be rolling out new additions for social media uses. We will be focusing our efforts on Facebook, Twitter, and adding QR Codes to our publications for easy access to our online publications via your smart phone!

In our effort to keep you up-to-date, you will be able to use Facebook and Twitter to find out the various information including: if your trainings are cancelled, if there are any new pilots, and how to RSVP for any of our events!

You can like us on Facebook at:


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Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one is watching.

- Randall G Leighton
Back in December, the CWRC received notification from OCYF that Berks County would transition from being part of the OCYF Northeast Region to becoming part of the Southeast Region as of April 1, 2013. As you probably know the CWRC’s regional structure mirrors the OCYF regional structure.

Earlier this year, the CWRC formed a workgroup to address the impacts of this change to our structure and operations. The workgroup identified changes to our systems and website as well as operational changes such as the transition of practice improvement responsibilities for Berks County from the NE Regional Team to the SE Regional Team. As part of those changes, the workgroup considered impacts to our trainers and consultants. Here are some of the impacts that may affect some of you:

The trainers and consultants who live in Berks County were previously designated in our Encompass system as living in the NE Region. The region designation on these trainer and consultant records in Encompass has been changed to reflect the SE Region. Since most trainers and consultants often deliver services across regions, this is primarily an administrative change, and should have little, if any, impact on how training and consulting is scheduled.

Jessica Shiffler, jms137@pitt.edu, the Regional Resource Specialist for the SE Region now has responsibility for coordinating training for Berks County and working with the county to schedule training in the Berks County Services Center.

Chris Reese, chr23@pitt.edu, Regional Team Supervisor for the SE Region is responsible for managing and supervising practice improvement work for Berks County.

If you have questions about this change or how it may impact you as a CWRC Trainer or Consultant, please feel free to contact Amy Warnagiris at alw130@pitt.edu.

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