

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

IMPROVING CARE AND COMMUNICATION FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

In this training you will improve your understanding of common healthcare issues for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). You will learn techniques to better communicate with Individuals with I/DD and strategies that will improve their access to quality healthcare. Behaviors associated with pain is a major topic throughout this presentation.

ALTERNATIVES TO PAIN MEDICATION

Many individuals who have a developmental disability are sensitive to medications that may be prescribed. Many individuals may not be able to be treated with standard treatment methods, other alternatives to pain methods must be sought. In this presentation, you will learn various methods of treating pain with a focus on non-prescription medications, their use and monitoring needs. We will also explore the use of alternative therapies as methods for treating pain.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

In this training you will improve your understanding of the different types of Diabetes and how they affect an individual with I/DD. We will discuss the common medications and their side effects and interactions as well as testing practices and nutritional needs of the Diabetic with I/DD according to their lifestyle and cultural background.

DUAL DIAGNOSIS: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND MENTAL ILLNESS (Anxiety and Depression)

In this training you will improve your understanding of the dual diagnosis of a person with Developmental Disabilities and specific mental illnesses, especially anxiety and depression. Attendees will learn the differences between I/DD, Mental Illness, and Dual Diagnosis.



Targeted Audience

- Caregivers
- Case Managers
- Direct Support Providers
- Guardians
- Health Care Providers

Call to schedule a training for your Agency or Healthcare setting. These training are provided at no cost.

For more information, or if you would like to schedule a training in your area, please contact Angela Burgess at Maine Developmental Disabilities Council by emailing: angela.b.burgess@maine.gov or by calling 207-287-4213.

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