

August 2014 *HEALTHY OUTCOMES* – HCQU newsletter

Central PA Positive Practices Committee - Individual to Individual Abuse Focus Group

In last month's newsletter there was a summary of the Individual to Individual Abuse Focus Group that meets in conjunction with the Central Region Positive Practices Committee. As a reminder, the upcoming meeting is **August 26** at the **CSG Office in Williamsport**. The address is **1000 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 110, Water Tower Square, Williamsport, PA 17701**. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and the Focus Group will convene at 11 a.m. Any caregivers, providers or county staff wishing to be part of this group should contact Lynn Libby at lalibby@geisinger.edu or 570 271-7240.

One thing we decided to do at our last meeting is to add a piece in our newsletter that may help others learn about I to I Abuse in order to help decrease its occurrence. Everyone deserves to live without being teased or bullied. Some web sites on Bullying that caregivers and others may find interesting:

www.stopbullying.gov

www.youtube.com/user/StopBullyingGov

www.eyesonbullying.org/websites.html

www.thebullyproject.com

www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org

www.stompoutbullying.org

http://stopcyberbullying.org

www.eyesonbullying.org

www.stopbullyingworld.org

www.workplacebullying.org

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A group of people from provider agencies, vocational settings, county and state programs and the HCQU have met twice to work on developing initiatives around preventing and reducing Individual to Individual Abuse (verbal and physical) for persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. All activities of the group will be directly related to improving the quality of life for the consumers served. The group's objectives include: sharing strategies that focus on prevention; learning how to effectively debrief after the incident with involved individuals and their caregivers; accessing resources such as tools that are proactive and focus on prevention; finding information that may include noticeable correlations between diagnoses and etiologies i.e. Autism, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder, ADHD; developing critical thinking for effective corrective actions to reduce I to I in repeated situations; and to educate through posting articles in this newsletter. Robin VanEerden, MS, LPC, NCC, NADD-CC, who is the state's Office of Developmental Programs Dual Diagnosis Coordinator for the Central Region, is facilitating the group.

The next meeting is August 26th at the CSG of-ice in Williamsport. Any wishing to be part of this group should contact Lynn Libby lalibby@geisinger.edu