

COVID-19: What we know today

LCBDD offering local Med. Admin. classes

The Licking County Board of D.D. will be offering local Medication & Certification classes to our Providers. The classes will be conducted at LCBDD offices (116 N. 22nd Street, Newark) by MEORC on the following dates & times. A registration link will be sent closer to the time of each class.

Cert 1 Initial – September 29 & 30th 8:30am-4:30pm

Cert 1 Renewal – October 1st 9:30am-12:30pm

Cert 1 Initial – November 4 & 5th 8:30am-4:30pm

Cert 1 (Initial or Renewal TBD) - December 8 & 9th 8:30am-4:30pm

LCBDD to pay DSP wages to qualify for Longevity add-on

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is temporarily offering provider agencies reimbursement of DSP wages for the time required to complete the training for the Competency-Based/Longevity Add-On, which will result in \$1.00 hourly wage increase to those eligible DSPs for HPC funded through the Level One and Individual Options waivers. (Please note this only applies to those situations.)

See attached flyer for more info.

Adult Day Support (ADS) and Vocational Habilitation (VH) Payments

Effective September 1, 2021 (DODD) will resume using the ADS/VH rates associated with the acuity group assignment for each person receiving services.

- Providers may continue to use the Restart billing codes for ADS/VH services delivered on or before August 31, 2021.
- For services delivered on or after September 1, 2021, providers should use the traditional ADS/VH billing codes.
- STEP billing rates and codes will remain in place and are unaffected by this guidance.

Changes to Competency-Based Add-On Now Live

The competency-based add-on has been altered to enable more trainings to be available to DSPs. County boards, COGs, providers, and other companies can now develop and apply for their training to be approved to count towards the competency-based add-on.

[Learn More](#)

DSP Superheroes Coloring page

Here's something a little more frivolous! Please feel free to use this DSP Superheroes coloring page as you choose, in your marketing, hiring, for events- whatever gets it into people's hands! If kids take their picture home, maybe their parents or siblings are looking for a job...



**BECOME A DIRECT
SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL
BE A HERO!**

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) help people with disabilities live their best lives. Start your journey and become a DSP Hero by going to DSPcareers.com.



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WANT AN INCREASE IN PAY????

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is temporarily offering provider agencies reimbursement of Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages for the time required to complete the training required for the Competency-Based/Longevity Add-On, which will result in \$1.00 hourly wage increase to those eligible DSPs for homemaker personal care services funded through the Level One and Individual Options waivers.

Here is a fun link to a Direct Course Sign-Up Tutorial video hosted by Friends for Life Residential Care, LLC from Toledo: <https://youtu.be/paB67CR7ZjI>.

As a reminder, Direct Support Professionals interested in obtaining the add-on rate must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- two years of paid full-time or equivalent experience providing support to people with developmental disabilities,
- and completion of 60 hours of applicable training.

Training that applies toward this add-on includes:

- Completion of Ohio DSPATHS Certificate of Initial Proficiency or Certificate of Advanced Proficiency, regardless of when it was completed,
- or any combination of the following courses completed, within the last five years:
 - Any online course offered through Direct Course accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.
 - Online courses offered through Relias that have been accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.
 - Any other NADSP Accredited Course.
 - In-person DSPATHS seminars, offered by the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, with content accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, see oadsp.org/training.
 - Online or in-person training courses that have been approved by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

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