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From Your LME

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The LME thanks the over 100 individuals (over 50 agencies) that attended the NC-TOPPS training with Mindy McNeely and Marge Cawley on February 13. Hopefully the information gained will assist you in increasing your compliance for both initial NC-TOPPS and updates. Here are a few reminders to help the entire system run smoothly:

- When you leave an agency, the super user for you agency must transfer all of your ongoing cases to another clinician within the agency.
- If you begin working at a new agency you must contact Jaclyn Johnson, Jaclyn_Johnson@ncsu.edu, 919-515-1310; or Kathryn Long, kathryn_long@ncsu.edu, 919-515-1310 to register with your new agency. DO NOT CONTINUE TO ENTER NC-TOPPS UNDER YOUR PREVIOUS REGISTRATION. This is a HIPPA violation
- If you provide a Mental Health or Substance Abuse enhanced service to an individual with a dual diagnosis of developmental disability and mental illness or substance abuse, you must do an NC TOPPS on the individual.
- You must do a discharge or transfer NC-TOPPS for an individual that is no longer being served or will no longer be served by your agency.

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. GET YOUR NC-TOPPS COMPLIANCE TO 100% TODAY

NOTE: ValueOptions is relocating its office and will be unable to retain its current local telephone and fax numbers. ValueOptions' toll free numbers are not affected by the office move. Beginning February 24, 2007 the following new fax numbers will be operational. Current FAX numbers will remain operational until March 31, 2007 to facilitate the transition. Please reset your fax machines accordingly: *Medicaid MH/SA FAX 919.461.0599; Medicaid Developmental Disabilities FAX 919.461.0669; Health Choice FAX 919.379.9035*

If you have any questions, please contact ValueOptions Customer Service at: Medicaid 1-888-510-1150; Health Choice 1-800-753-3224

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Incident Report Training
will be held on
February 26th at 1:00 pm
in Room 426 at 711 Executive Place
Please email Debbie Jenkins
djenkins@mail.ccmentlahealth.com

Training Resources, Workshops and Conferences:

- **The 2007 Autism Society of North Carolina Annual Conference** will be held March 23, 24 at the [Radisson High Point Hotel](#). For more information and to register please go to: <http://www.autismsociety-nc.org/html/conference.html>
- The March training dates for TIP – Training in Innovation and Practice have been set for Raleigh. The three-day training package (March 12,13, 22) will allow providers to fulfill the twenty hour requirement for community support providers. To register go to: www.nc-council.org and click on “March TIP Calendar Flyer.” For more information contact Lisa Rowland or Michael Owen at (919) 327-1500.
- Project STAR at Carolinas Rehabilitation presents: ***Beyond Tomorrow-Planning for the Future***. It will be held Friday, March 9, 2007 at Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel. For additional information or to register by phone you may contact Project STAR at 705-355-4354 or 704-355-1502 or Toll Free at 1-877-962-7246. For registration form and further information go to: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/tbi/beyond.pdf>.
- Southern Regional AHEC will hold training: ***Community Support Services*** on March 15, 2007 at their office in Fayetteville. For further information and to register go to: <http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/pdf/CommunitySupportMarch2007.pdf>
- Addiction Professionals of NC (APNC) provides training every 3rd Friday of the month. Hours are certified through the NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (NCSAPPB) for these 3 hour or 6 hour trainings. The trainings are held at the Myrover-Reese Fellowship Home (560 Wilkes Road in Fayetteville). Please call Elizabeth Ramos at 222-6012 to register. “**Spirituality and Addiction**” is the scheduled March training and will be conducted by Reverend Chris Humphries.
- Identity Theft Exposed is offering training classes on identity theft prevention. Please contact Marquis Jackson at (910) 527-6169 for more information and to schedule a class.



- **National Health Law Program** (<http://www.healthlaw.org/>) is offering free “train the trainer” sessions for parents and providers to increase your knowledge about Medicaid’s Health Check and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment benefits and give you the skills and knowledge needed to train other parents and advocates. The classes will be held February 22nd in Greensboro and March 1st in Raleigh. For more information and to register, contact: Sarah Somers or Jamie Brooks at the National Health Law Program (919) 968-6308
- The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) will present: ***Service Transformation: When Person-Centered Options are Made Available to All People Served . . . Without Exception*** on May 1-4, 2007 in Asheville, NC. For more information and to registration, go to www.nccdd.org or contact Cathy Womack at 919-518-0963 or email at cami@nc.rr.com
- On Saturday May 5, 2007, the Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center (ECAC) and The Arc of Cumberland Co. will present a FREE, 3 hour Training Workshop: **Public Health Programs Lunch and Learn** at 3007 Fort Bragg Road. Topics will include: CAP waivers, Medicaid, SSI, EPSDT, Title V, Health Choice, Health Department Programs, Low cost or free clinics and Children’s Special Health Services. To Register Contact: Nancy Szymkowiak (910) 867-2141 thearc@ncrrbiz.com or Wendy Ward (800) 962-6817 ext.35; (704) 892-1321 ext.35 ward@ecacmail.org.

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- The North Carolina Association for Persons in Supported Employment (NCAPSE) 22nd Annual Conference on Supported Employment: “**Expanding Employment through Empowerment**”, will be held March 28-30, 2007 in Atlantic Beach, NC. For more information please call 919-732-8124 or go to: http://www.ncapse.org/conference_info.htm
- American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology, Inc. and the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology—Division 22 American Psychological Association present: **Rehabilitation Psychology 2007 9th Annual Conference**, March 16–18, 2007 in Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information go to: <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div22/RehabPsych2007Brochure.pdf>
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The **2007 Conference on Developmental Disabilities - Toolbox for Transformation** will be held Monday, April 30, 2007 through Wednesday, May 2, 2007 in Greensboro, NC. It is presented by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services with support from The Developmental Disabilities Training Institute, Jordan Institute for Families, and School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information go to: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/whatsnew.htm> or http://www.unc.edu/depts/ddti/conf_info.htm
- **The 2007 National Smart Start Conference** will be held May 8-11, 2007 in The Joseph S. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC. For more information and to register please go to: <http://www.ncsmartstart.org/conference/index.htm>
- The NC Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services and the Public Health Nursing Continuing Education Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Office of Continuing Education, NC Institute for Public Health, School of Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill present The annual **Child Health Update** conference April 12-13, 2007 at the Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC. For more information and to register, please go to: http://www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/child_health_update_1050_1646.html
- **SMART START PARENTING TRAINING: Behavior Management Training for Parents with Children Ages 0-5** presented by Eileen Cedzo, HSCC II, Amy Davidson, M.Ed. HSCC II; and Belinda Canion, HSCC II at Cumberland County Mental Health Child & Youth Center—Child & Family Services, 711 Executive Place, 4th Floor. Classes are scheduled for on Thursdays for 8 week sessions. There are morning and evening sessions available: 10:00am to 12:00pm or 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Next sessions are: April 19, 2007 to June 7, 2007; July 12, 2007 to August 30, 2007; and October 4, 2007. To register, please call prior to each start date at (910) 222-6414 and ask for Smart Start Parenting Class, or come to the office. There is no fee for this class!
- L.I.F.E. Concepts is providing both on-site and online substance abuse staff training. For further information and to arrange a training contact: Alfred Spriggs, L.I.F.E. Concepts 910-222-8901 lifecocepts1@yahoo.com.
- Piedmont Behavioral Health will present **Person-Centered Planning Conference** featuring nationally known speaker Al Condeluci on Thursday & Friday, March 22 - 23, 2007 at Salisbury Holiday Inn (Interstate 85 Access). There is no charge for the event, but registration is required, please call Carol Gouge (704) 721-7018

2007 Summer Camp Directory is available on line at: <http://www.fsnn.org/camps/start.asp> This directory is a product of the Central Directory of Resources at Family Support Network of North Carolina. It is a listing of summer camps, both day and residential, serving children who have special needs.

- There are new Medicaid Claim Forms and instructions that must be followed for provider reimbursement in the NC Medicaid Bulletin dated December 2006, titled "New Claim Form Instructions". Please go to the following website to view and download this information: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/bulletin/NewClaimFormInstructions.pdf>

Got News???

Items for the *Providers' Times* should be received by Rose Ann Bryda on or before the 25th of each month for the next month's newsletter. Submission guidelines for the Newsletter may be found on the CCMHC website.

Just So You Know

- The Assistive Technology Exchange Post facilitates assistive technology device exchanges. North Carolinians may either list devices for sale on the Exchange Post or post devices they need. Anyone can browse the Exchange Post but registration is required to post an item or to access contact information for persons with listings. Once registered, individuals who are interested in a particular item can contact the current owner about acquiring the device. The Exchange Post is web-based and available at www.pat.org.
- The ARC of Cumberland County holds several support/learning groups at their office at 3007, Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303. **The Empowerment Support Group** meets monthly; the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. **The Play and Learn Club** meets monthly, the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. **SibShops** meets monthly, the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. **The Teen and Young Adult Advocacy Group** meets twice per month, the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. For further information contact the ARC at 867-2141.
- The Autism Society of Cumberland County holds several support groups and meetings. The **Monthly Parent Education Meeting** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month (September – May) at 6:30 pm at the Dorothy Spainhour Center, 223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC. The **Autism Breakfast Club (ABC)** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am at the McDonald's on Skibo. The **Autism Lunch Club (ALC)** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am at various locations. The **Higher Functioning Autism Spectrum/Asperger Syndrome** group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month (September – May) at 5:45 pm at the Dorothy Spainhour Center, 223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC. For more information go to www.autismcc.org, call at (910) 826-9100 ext. 266/268; or email autismcc@ccpfc.org
- The February issue of **NC Aging** is now available to view at <http://www.aging.unc.edu/news/newsletter/2007/2007-02.html>. This newsletter contains announcements of conferences, events, publications accepted and grants received; suggestions and resources of concern to the aging population and those who care for them. Please send news you would like to include in an upcoming issue at any time to aginginfo@unc.edu.
- SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC) offers free and low-cost trauma training and technical assistance to publicly-funded programs and systems. NCTIC also provides education and outreach, a speakers' bureau, and resources to stimulate and support change to address the trauma experienced by so many survivors. To learn more about the Center, visit www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/nctic. For technical assistance contact Jenny Howes at 703-739-9333 or jenny.howes@nasmhpd.org