



Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

ADVOCACY~CAPACITY BUILDING~SYSTEMS CHANGE

Schedule of CEU Trainings: 2016-2017

All trainings will occur between the hours of 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

October 25th (STT) and 27th 2016 (STX) – Transition Services for Youth With Disabilities– Island Therapy Solutions

Transition Services for Youth With Disabilities when compared to their peer without disabilities. One way to help ensure better outcomes for youth with disabilities is through good transition planning. The purpose of this presentation is to help parents and caregivers navigate the transition from childhood to adulthood for their children with disabilities. Where will she live? Can he work? Can she stay on my insurance? How do I obtain legal guardianship? The presenters will provide answers to these questions more during this interactive, discussion-based presentation.

November 29th (STT) and December 1st 2016 (STX) – Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying & Discrimination in Schools: Prevention and Intervention– Island Therapy Solutions

Bullying has long been perceived as a typical experience that all children experience growing up. Bullying, however, has serious consequences that impact the emotional and physical well-being of students in schools and they deserve to learn in an environment free from harassment, bullying and discrimination. This training is designed to enhance understanding of diversity and multi-cultural environments and examine personal biases. Participants will learn about bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and discrimination as well as indicators, early warning signs, prevention and reporting procedures. Activities and supporting video will be presented to sensitize participants to the experiences of specific vulnerable populations and emphasize how school climate and culture have an impact on student achievement and behavior.

January 24th (STT) and 26th 2017 (STX) - Childhood Trauma– Island Therapy Solutions

Data suggests to 60% of adults report having experienced traumatic occurrences as children. Childhood trauma, if not properly addressed can cause a tremendous amount of problems for children later in life. Childhood traumatic experiences can have a compounding impact for a person with a disability making it even more difficult for them to grow up into a happy, productive and independent adult. Learn more about the different kinds of childhood traumas and learn about research based best practices to address childhood traumas once they occur.

February 21st (STT) and 23rd 2017(STX) - Disability and Addiction– Island Therapy Solutions

Addiction to various substances affects 10% of the general population, but it is estimated that 25% of people with disabilities have substance abuse problems. The intersection between disability and addiction is a real problem as addiction problems can exacerbate the challenges that come from having a disability. In some cases people with disabilities may use substances to medicate themselves in absence of a doctor's prescription. Learn more about the phenomenon of disability and addiction and learn better ways to help address this need.

March 28th (STT) and 30th 2017(STX) – The State of the Scientific Evidence to Support Music, Art and Nutritional Therapies-VIUCEDD

Do you ever wonder what the science is like behind things like, music, art and nutritional therapies? Have you ever wanted to try natural remedies and therapies as a supplement to facilitate your progress towards a happier and healthier lifestyle? This workshop will explore the latest peer reviewed scientific research behind some of the more popular alternative therapies. We will discover, what works, what doesn't work and what therapies have a promising future as scientifically validated treatments for a variety of maladies. This workshop will provide hands on practice with some therapeutic interventions that have been proven to address various behavioral and emotional challenges.

May 30th (STT) and June 1st 2017(STX) - Mental Health Awareness-Disability Rights Center

Mental Health concerns are a top priority for persons living in the USVI. The lack of adequate Mental Health services has been an issue of concerns for all Virgin Islands Residents. This workshop will feature a screening of the film :Forgotten in Paradise, which highlights the mental health challenges faces the USVI. This workshop will also feature a state of affairs update on mental health services in the USVI.

VIUCEDD Services Include:

- *Assistive Technology Assessment, Demonstration, Equipment Loans & Technical Assistance.
- *Autism & Disability Assessments.
- *Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) & Behavioral Programming Overseen by a Doctoral Level Board Certified Behavior Analysis (BCBA-D).
- *Community training & Development.
- *Parent Advocacy & IEP School Meeting Assistance.
- *Technical Assistance towards the Development of Data Collection Systems & Other Empirically Verifiable Outcome & Measurement systems.
- *American Sign Language Courses.
- *Research & Dissemination.
- *Leisure Recreation Development for People with Disabilities.
- *Loan Assistance to People with Disabilities.
- *Policy Development.
- *Disability Employment Support.
- *Inclusive Education Facilitation.
- *Capacity Building Initiatives to Support the Disability Community Throughout the USVI.

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