



Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority

Presents:

Dispelling Benefit-to-Work Myths (Staff & Community Members)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Employment is a path to financial stability and increased quality of life. In making the decision to work, work more, earn more, or keep working, people with disabilities need accurate information about the effect of work on public benefits. Professionals in mental health services don't have the time to build and maintain expertise in public benefit work rules, but they can dispel myths, provide encouragement, and refer a person to a benefit expert when needed. This course is designed to support professionals in mental health services in completing those tasks.

3 SOCIAL WORK CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS

COURSE INSTRUCTOR: TRACY HOWARD, BSW, CPWIC, WIP-C
BENEFIT-TO-WORK STATE LEAD, MDRC

BIOGRAPHY: Tracy Howard is the MI Benefit-to-Work State Lead. For over a dozen years, she has provided a variety of services related to public benefits and Social Security work incentives, including individualized benefits counseling and trainings. She is credentialed as a Community Partner Work Incentive Counselor via Virginia Commonwealth University and as a Certified Work Incentive Practitioner via Cornell University.

DATE: Wednesday, November 2, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Alpena Community College – Granum Theatre
665 Johnson Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify individuals who have benefit and work concerns.
2. Recognize basic SSDI and Medicare eligibility and work incentives.
3. Recognize basic SSI and Medicaid eligibility and work incentives.
4. Respond to questions and concerns about the effect of work on benefits.

5. Identify when and whom to refer individuals to a benefits expert for individualized, ongoing assistance.

COURSE OUTLINE:

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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Introduction |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. | Identify Individuals with Benefits Questions & Concerns |
| 9:35 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. | SSDI & Medicare Basic Eligibility and Work Incentives |
| 10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. | SSI & Medicaid Eligibility and Work Incentives |
| 11:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | How to Respond to Basic Benefits and Work Questions & Concerns |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | When and Where to Refer Individuals for Individualized, Ongoing Assistance |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Q&A and Course Evaluation |

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

COMMUNITY PARTNERS - FREE
NeMCMHA STAFF – FREE

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Call **Genny Grimshaw at (989) 358-7842**, if you have questions, need more information, or require special accommodations.

Space is limited. Registration closes Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Cancellation notice is appreciated.

COURSE COMPLETION & CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:

To earn CE credit, social workers must attend the entire course, complete an evaluation, and provide their license number. Certificates of completion will be distributed at the conclusion of the course pending submission of completed course evaluation.

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