



# Family Support Staff Training

*An educational series for staff supporting individuals living with their family.*

**Where:** CT Behavioral Health Partnership, 500 Enterprise Drive,  
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**Registration:** Contact Dianne Gill at [dianne.gill@ct.gov](mailto:dianne.gill@ct.gov) or 860-418-6091.  
Please register by August 14, 2015. Space is limited. Trainees are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions but it is not mandatory.

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**Module 1 Presenter: Molly Cole**

**Date: September 3, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**In-Home Support Staff & Values:** Direct Support Staff who work independently in family homes and in the community must be able to adhere to a high standard of professionalism. This module describes the ethics and values staff are expected to understand and implement in their daily role as a family Direct Support Professional.



**Module 2 Presenters: Robin Wood & Scott Wolfe Date: September 10, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**Person Centered and Family-Centered Supports:** Working with families is different than working with other types of support teams. This module describes the knowledge and skills that staff need to successfully work in family homes and in their local communities. Trainees will also learn ways to help the family obtain other types of supports that may be needed: how to expand personal networks, use of assistive technology, how to find community supports and how to navigate other eligibility supports.

**Module 3 Presenter: BethAura Miller**

**Date: September 17, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**Professional Judgment: Making Wise Decisions Quickly!** Staff working in family homes and in the family's local community often need to make quick, on-the-spot decisions that require good judgment. This module assists staff in understanding how personal values and biases impact judgment. Through this module staff will also learn strategies to enhance their professional judgment skills and to successfully apply the concept of "dignity of risk" in their daily work.

**Module 4 Presenter: Lakisha Hyatt**

**Date: October 1, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**Health and Wellness: Never Assume!** It is important staff are alert to health issues that may be impacting the individual they support. It cannot be assumed that the family is always aware of, or is addressing, important medical needs of the person. This module assists staff to recognize Signs and Symptoms of illness and to know how to help the individual and family use positive Wellness Practices in their daily routines.

**Module 5 Presenters: Peter Tolisano & Pam Lyle Date: October 8, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**Positive Behavior Support: Collaborating with Families to Support the Use of Positive New Behavior.** Families often need support to help manage their family member's behavior. This module assists staff to coach families on ways to incorporate Positive Behavior Support strategies into the family's daily routines.

**Module 6 Presenter: Tacie Lowe, Richard Joseph and Damian Parker Date: October 15, 2015 Time: 1:00-4:30pm**

**Promoting Independence: Direct Support Professionals as Educators.** Families often need assistance to teach their family member how to be more independent at home and in the community. This module assists staff to develop the skills to know what to teach and how to teach independent living skills to the individuals they support.