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New CEAB Actions

On February 24, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on a new Advisory Opinion as well as a new Declaratory Ruling, summarized below. Click on the number to read the full text of the opinion or ruling.

[Advisory Opinion No. 2011-1](#), Application of the Code of Ethics to a DDS Employee Seeking to Complete Postdoctoral Licensing Requirements During State Employment

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a Department of Developmental Services employee may fulfill her postdoctoral licensing requirements in psychology at the place of her state employment. The employee may also fulfill the licensing requirements during her regular state work hours but only to the extent of the overlap between her established state job duties and the licensing requirements. Any postdoctoral experience requirements that do not overlap with the established state job duties must be performed outside of the employee's regular state work hours.

[Declaratory Ruling No. 2011-A](#), Outside Employment of a Legislator

A member of the General Assembly may accept outside employment as an owner of a political and nonprofit consulting firm given that he does not hold a committee chairmanship or leadership position, and that he developed an expertise in political consulting and fundraising before being elected. He must, however, abide by strict guidelines detailed in the ruling regarding the types of issues that may arise under the Ethics Code.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The first monthly general training on the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees will take place at the OSE on Monday, March 21. Please send your new employees or any who may have missed a training opportunity at your agency. Details and online registration can be found on the OSE's website, in the [calendar of events](#).

The OSE continues to offer in-person training at your agency free of charge. Please use the [Training Request Form](#) to make arrangements.

Statements of Financial Interests

The annual Statements of Financial Interests (SFIs) are due to the OSE by May 1, 2011. If you are a liaison with SFI designees in your agency, please take a moment to review and update your agency list in the [online system](#). We will be communicating with you in the next few weeks with more detailed information and instructions.