Positive Support Community of Practice

Review of the Department’s Proposed Revisions to HCBS Waiver Services

April 14, 2015
Explanation for PSCoP Format Change

• DHS experienced issues with reliability of streaming service
  – Alternatives were WebEx or adding lead agency videoconference sites
  – WebEx requires registration, but minimizes travel and may reach more people

• April 28, 2015 PSCoP will be via WebEx
How to submit questions

Email your questions to:

positivesupports@state.mn.us
Purpose of Today’s Session

• Review proposed revisions to waiver services
  – Behavioral Support
  – Specialist
  – Crisis Respite
  – Family Training and Counseling
• Provide opportunity for questions
• Provide opportunity for feedback on proposed revisions
Reason for Revisions

• Comply with Programmatic and Legislative Changes
  – Jensen Settlement Agreement
  – Minnesota’s Olmstead Plan
  – Implementation of 245D
  – Proposed Positive Supports Rule

• Support development of plans that provide person-centered positive support services in the most integrated setting
Behavioral Support Services: What’s the Same?

- Basic functions of Professional, Analyst, and Specialist
- Requirement for 245D license is still required
- Previous provider qualifications
Behavioral Support Services: Changes

• Service is renamed Positive Support Services
  – Positive Support Professional
  – Positive Support Analyst
  – Positive Support Specialist
• Expands availability from BI and CADI to DD and CAC
• Changes term “functional assessment” to “functional behavior assessment”
• Describes purpose of positive behavior support plan & positive support transition plan
Positive Support Professional

• Adds a requirement that Professional has competencies in person-centered strategies
• Expands provider qualifications to include a person with a master’s degree or Ph.D. in a behavioral science or related field who has demonstrated expertise in positive support services
Positive Support Analyst

• Adds requirement for four years supervised experience conducting functional behavior assessments and designing, implementing, and evaluating effectiveness of positive practices behavior support strategies
• Adds certification by Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst as an option for meeting provider standards
• Specifies types of instruction needed and adds requirement for instruction in person-centered thinking
• Allows for clinical supervision by Positive Support Professional instead of direct supervision
Positive Support Specialist

• Specifies types of instruction needed and adds instruction in person-centered thinking principles
• Requires that Professional determine if Specialist has training and prerequisite skills for providing PSS
• Requires direct supervision by Professional or Analyst
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Specialist: What’s the Same?

- Service definition
- 245D license
- Provider qualifications
Specialist: Changes

• Expands availability from DD to CAC, CADI, and BI
• When fully implemented, Specialist will not cover functional behavior assessments
Crisis Respite: What’s the Same?

- Service definition
- 245D license
- Provider qualifications
Crisis Respite: Changes

• Expands availability from DD to the BI, CAC, and CADI waivers
• Allows crisis respite to be provided in an unlicensed setting that is approved by the case manager
• Increases number of days a person may be authorized to receive crisis respite from 21 to 180
• Requires lead agency to submit documentation of need for stays in excess of 180 days
Family Training and Counseling: What’s the Same?

• Service definition
• Current cost limitations and unit maximums
• Provider qualifications, applicable licensure requirements, and certification requirements
Family Training and Counseling: Changes

• Added language regarding use of service to facilitate person-centered planning and development of a person-centered plan
• Added providers offering person-centered planning
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Thank you!