

DMH 101: Understanding the Referral Process

Workshop Description: According to its mission statement, "The Department of Mental Health, as the State Mental Health Authority, assures and provides access to services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals of all ages, enabling them to live, work and participate in their communities." This workshop is designed to cut through some of the confusion that so many of us feel about referring students for mental health services. You and appropriate staff are encouraged to attend this session to consider the following:

- ***What is the referral process to secure mental health support for students?***
- ***Who meets the criteria to receive services?***
- ***What services are provided and available?***
- ***What are the qualifying diagnoses that can result in receiving services and supports?***
- ***How can we help a student and family access needed services?***
- ***How can we best support a student's transition into adulthood?***

In addition to presenter, Samantha Poutas, representatives from Clubhouse (Riverside Community Care) will be on hand to share their perspectives and expertise. Built into the workshop will be plenty of time to ask questions.

About the Instructor: Samantha Poutas is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Area Clinical Coordinator for the Department of Mental Health Central Area Office. Samantha oversees service authorization and clinical coordination of services through the DMH Central Area Office. Samantha has experience in community based and clinical program management within Caring Together.

Audience: Middle and High School Principals, Special Educators, Guidance Counselors

Location: The Education Cooperative, 141 Mansion Drive, E. Walpole, MA

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 3:00PM – 5:00PM

Snowdate: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 3:00PM – 5:00PM



To register: Go online to http://www.tec-coop.org/PDL_RegForm.html or complete this form and send, **along with a check or PO**, to:

TEC Professional Development, 141 Mansion Drive, Suite 200, E. Walpole, MA 02032

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