



Main Line Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.

NeuroCognitive Specialists in the Home and Community

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Funding updates for Pennsylvania

The Office of Long Term Living has recently announced that the OBRA Waiver will re-open. They report they are developing a plan to first work with the individuals on the waiting list for services. For many of the individuals, months, even years, of waiting for essential home and community based services will soon come to an end. We are looking forward to serving those individuals and their families.

In addition to this encouraging news, the Pennsylvania Head Injury Program will also begin serving more individuals. This past year, a waiting list for both assessments and services quickly grew as the program sorted out funding limitations. It is expected that those individuals who had been assessed and were on the wait list for services will soon all be approved and receiving services. This means that individuals who have been waiting for assessments will begin the process, most likely with the new year. The program is notifying individuals and providers one month in advance that they will be eligible to start the assessment process.

This is very positive news for all of those individuals and families who have been waiting for home and community based services.

Brain Injury Support Group

Individuals with brain injuries, families, supports and professionals are invited to our quarterly support group in the Green Tree area in Western Pennsylvania. The meetings are designed to be both educational and to provide a forum for individuals to share their own personal experiences. The next meeting will be in January, 2014.

Location: Manor Oak Two

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Main Line's Cognitive Rehabilitation Conference

Main Line hosted a conference in Valley Forge on November 14, 2013. This conference focused on Evidence Based Practices and Main Line's Cognitive Rehabilitation Model. It was very well attended by professionals such as therapists, advocates and service coordinators. Individuals with brain injuries and their family members also attended and provided very positive feedback.



The Speaking Circuit!

The Western PA Brain Injury Symposium was held at Slippery Rock University on October 26th, 2013. This annual symposium, run primarily by family members of brain injury survivors, brings together a unique and close-knit group each year. The family members, survivors, and passionate rehab professionals that come together for this event inspire us all to keep working hard for brain injury awareness, prevention, and treatment. Main Line Rehabilitation Associates has presented for the past two years at this symposium. This year, Jessica Chappell, our Executive Director, spoke on the topic of Evidence Based Practices in Cognitive Rehabilitation.

From the President...

I am pleased to announce that Main Line is the top rated awardee of a grant to address the prevention, identification and treatment of brain injuries for middle school age children in Pennsylvania. This grant proposal was developed with the support and resources of Phil Hossler, lead athletic trainer in New Jersey for the state's award winning concussion management program, Chris Nowinski, former Harvard football player and WWE star who has led the charge for the improved concussion management at the professional sport level, and ImPACT, a leading organization in the development of tools for concussion identification, management and education.

This education program consists of two phases. In the first phase, general information and resources will be distributed by email, along with an invitation for a free, comprehensive seminar for (6) groups working with middle school age children, throughout the state. Phase 2 is the delivery of (6) seminars and the distribution of a comprehensive Concussion Tool Kit, developed by Phil and Ron Savage for Lash Publishing.

We will be sure to share our experiences in future publications!!

Rita Carroll

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