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FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT TRAINING FOR BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST CONSULTANTS

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will soon be issuing a bulletin regarding the use of Functional Behavioral Analyses (FBA) in the assessment of children. Please note that current Community Care performance standards for BSC services strongly recommend that an FBA be completed as part of an assessment for BHR services.

Community Care supports the Bureau of Autism's efforts to ensure that all BSCs are trained in FBA completion. It should be noted that parents have the right to choose whether or not their child will be assessed using a functional behavioral assessment. In addition, anyone who completes an FBA must be certified to complete the assessment under the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Welfare's Bureau of Autism.

In order to ensure that all BSCs are trained, we have scheduled several additional training opportunities over the next few months. We will offer four two-part training sessions for FBA; one in each of these Community Care regions as follows:

- Capital Region: Part One on February 17, 2009; Part Two on March 3, 2009.
- Chester Region: Part One on February 12, 2009; Part Two on March 4, 2009.
- State College Region: Part One on February 18, 2009; Part Two on March 5, 2009.
- Tobyhanna Region: Part One on February 26, 2009; Part Two on March 16, 2009.

Individuals requesting training can contact Paul Wittman at 412-454-8625 or via e-mail at wittmanpj@ccbh.com.

All other FBA questions can be directed to Todd Dreyer at 412-454-2658 or via e-mail at dreyertm@ccbh.com.

Please note: All BSCs are required to be certified if they plan on completing a functional behavioral assessment.