

The **West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council** is pleased to announce
two upcoming workshops:
Social Role Valorization (Part I) and PASSING (Part II)

Purpose of the workshop:

Human service workers play a critical role in the lives of the children and adults they serve. The two workshops (Part I & Part II) described in this flyer **together** lay out a helpful framework for service workers to use in implementing relevant and effective services in the lives of socially devalued people.

Social Role Valorization, Including 10 Related Themes: A High-Order Concept for Addressing the Plight of Socially Devalued People, & For Structuring Human Services

- To be held **Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19, 2009.**
- Location: **Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, WV**
- Taught by **Jo Massarelli** of the SRV Implementation Project and **Joe Osburn** of the Safeguards Initiative.

Description of the workshop:

This workshop is specifically oriented to leadership development and is Part I of a two part workshop. It introduces the learner to Social Role Valorization (SRV), using the 10 core themes developed by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, one of the most influential thinkers in the field of human services broadly, and mental retardation specifically. His work helped lay the foundation for many current human service trends, including integration, deinstitutionalization, and safeguarding of individual rights.

A central goal of SRV is to enable socially devalued people to attain culturally valued roles, with an eye towards having a typical life and gaining access to all that typical citizens enjoy. SRV will be reviewed with the implications of its positive assumptions about the worth of all people and their belonging in our communities. Since competency and image enhancement are essential building blocks of valued social roles, both concepts will be thoroughly explained. Participants are encouraged to reflect on the typical life experiences of socially devalued people, with an eye towards deeper identification with the people they serve. A past participant said of this workshop, *“This training has changed my outlook on human services and has provided me with a better understanding of how expectancies can affect success or performance. Thank you all for your helpful suggestions and educated experiences, it was a truly informative and beneficial training!”*

Who the workshop is intended for:

The well motivated learner! This included paid or unpaid human service workers and managers, service recipients, family members, advocates, teachers, board members, and others interested in the lives of people who are disenfranchised due to mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, poverty, homelessness, age, mental illness, or physical impairment.

The workshop is taught at a college-level, with long hours and hard work. The information presented is quite complex in its entirety, requiring a systematic exposition of multiple ideas.

Format of the workshop:

The workshop is taught in lecture format, with extensive use of overheads and images.

What participants will learn:

- To recognize current social trends that affect vulnerable people, including social policies, laws, and cultural values.
- Positive strategies in support of personal social integration and valued social participation, particularly in different areas of social life.
- Essential elements of relevant and effective service, including group size and composition, accessibility, individualization, and interactions.
- A developmental approach to learning and teaching, especially for people with significant intellectual impairment.

For online information about Social Role Valorization:

Go to <http://www.srvip.org/>

Overnight accommodations:

Individuals are responsible for making their own arrangements if overnight accommodations are needed. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Wingate Inn, which is attached to the Conference Center. A block of rooms has also been set aside at the Microtel, which is across the parking lot.

Wingate Inn: (304) 808-1000

350 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Rate: \$88/night

Code for Block Rate: WVDC

Cutoff Date: February 15, 2009

Microtel Inn & Suites: (304) 808-2000

201 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Rate: \$70/night

Code for Block Rate: WVDDC

Cutoff Date: February 15, 2009

Check in - March 15/Check out – March 18.

Directions: **Traveling I-79 North**, take Exit 124. Turn right onto SR 279, and then left onto Genesis Boulevard. Take the next left onto Conference Center Way. The Bridgeport Conference Center is straight ahead. **Traveling I-79 South**, take Exit 124. Turn left on SR 279, and then left onto Genesis Boulevard. Take the next left onto Conference Center Way. The Bridgeport Conference Center is straight ahead.

Tuition:

Because the WV DD Council is committed to providing valuable and worthwhile information to policymakers, human service workers, and others to benefit citizens who have developmental disabilities and their families, the **tuition is only \$150**. This **includes handouts, refreshments, and 4 lunches**. Some assistance with expenses will be made available to people with developmental disabilities and family members.

To register:

Complete the registration form and send, with payment, to: *Linda Higgs, WV DD Council, 110 Stockton Street, Charleston, WV 25312*. **Deadline for registering is February 15, 2009.**

Please **DO NOT** make checks payable to the WV DD Council. Follow the instructions given below. **The Council cannot accept checks or credit cards.**

CEU Information: 27 Social Work CEUs have been approved for this workshop.

For more information:

Contact Linda by e-mail at LindaHiggs@wvdhhr.org, or by phone at 304.558.4884.

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SRV-10 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COMMUNITY ACCESS, INC.
MAIL TO: WV DD Council 110 Stockton Street, Charleston, WV 25312**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2009

PASSING WORKSHOP

A Tool for Analyzing Service Quality According to Social Role Valorization Criteria

September 20-25, 2009

The WV Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to be able to offer the introductory PASSING workshop for the second time in WV! This workshop will be led by members of the Safeguards Initiative and the SRV Implementation Project.

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 6:00PM through Friday, September 25, approximately 3:00PM.

WHERE: To be determined.

PREREQUISITE: In order to attend this workshop, participants must have attended, in full, a previous introductory SRV training workshop of 3 or 4 days.

DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOP: This workshop will orient participants to many critical issues affecting quality in human service provision, including: a deeper awareness of the identities and needs of the people served; the means to apply positive service ideologies and practices on their behalf; the elements of ideal service performance in regard to SRV, and; the key requirements for social image enhancement and personal competency enhancement to support valued social roles for people.

The four primary goals of the workshop are to: (a) help participants learn how to apply the principles of SRV to help address societal devaluation, (b) train participants in the implications of SRV to human services, (c) enable participants to begin to develop competency as PASSING raters, and (d) begin to identify and train potential raters and leaders for SRV implementation.

Participants in this workshop are organized into teams (small work groups) under the direction of the workshop senior trainer and team leaders. The teams will assess two practicum sites which have agreed to be available during the workshop for this purpose.

On Monday morning, following a brief overview of PASSING application guidelines, teams meet to prepare for their two practicum assessments. The first is usually a residential service, and the second a day program of an educational, habilitational, or similar nature. The teams begin their first practicum assessment early in the afternoon on Monday, with an interview of service staff, a visit to the service site, and meetings with service recipients. These activities will continue through the evening of the first day. Subsequently, after the visit to the service site, participants spend approximately 2-3 hours completing individual ratings.

Beginning on Tuesday morning, the team meets for an extended “conciliation” session during which PASSING ratings are analyzed and discussed, and a team consensus on the service’s performance is attained. A similar schedule is followed on the next two days for the teams’ assessments of their second practicum sites.

On Friday, the teams meet to clarify final points on PASSING, share their experiences, and evaluate the workshop.

Special Note: This workshop sets high expectations for participants. For example, it requires an extensive commitment of one's time and energy, and a preparedness to apply oneself to the task at hand. The first three workshop days will be very long, involving teamwork/discussion sessions lasting into the late nights. Thus participants are advised to arrive well rested, and plan to forego all outside involvement during the workshop. (For this reason, we request that participants not bring beepers, cell phones, computers, etc. to the workshop.)

Participants must arrive in time to attend the opening session, starting promptly at 6:00PM on Sunday, and plan to stay throughout the entire workshop.

No one should register for this workshop who plans to miss any part of it. Consequently, participants should advise associates, employees, family members, and relevant others that the demands of the workshop will necessarily mean that participants will, for all practical purposes, be unable to be available for other activities the entire week. It should be noted that most participants in previous PASSING workshops remark that these are among the more demanding ones they have attended, but express little dissatisfaction with the fact, and instead appreciate the workshop's rigor and high level of engagement.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The WV DD Council has made the commitment to underwrite more than 90% of the cost of presenting this important training so that as many of you as possible will be able to take advantage of it. The **registration fee is \$250**, and covers the purchase of a PASSING Manual and most meals, including Sunday evening dinner, which is the beginning of the workshop. Participants need to come prepared for the possibility of purchasing three meals on their own (one breakfast, lunch, and dinner) over the course of the week.

Hotel Reservation Information

To Be Determined

Registration for this workshop will be limited to twenty individuals.

CEU Information

Social Work CEUs and Nursing CE Contact Hours will be available for this training.

For Social Work CEUs: This workshop has been approved for up to 55 CEUs.

For Nursing CE Contact Hours: This six-day workshop, with evening and late night sessions, is approved for 66 contact hours of Continuing Education for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses by the Ohio Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation OBN-001-91. CE contact hours are provided by Family Lives Nursing Services.

Other Workshop Details

Upon receipt of paid registration, you will be mailed a confirmation letter with the PASSING Manual (which you should read through prior to arriving), directions to the workshop, and other relevant information. **Participants must bring the PASSING Manual with them to the workshop.**

If you have particular questions at this time, you may contact the workshop coordinator, Linda Higgs, at (304) 558-4884, or by e-mail at Lindahiggs@wvdhhr.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2009



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

AGENCY (if applicable): _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

_____ Workshop registration.....\$250.00

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO COMMUNITY ACCESS, INC.

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