

Maximum Potential Kids (MPK)

An On-line Training Offered to Parents and Service Providers

The Arc of Florida and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) have partnered with an on-line video-based training series called, "Maximum Potential Kids." The training series offered, at no cost, to family members and providers is an opportunity to develop skills in the application of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to work with individuals to build new skills and manage challenging behaviors.

This training series includes 17 modules (6 hours of training) and access to supplemental materials. The modules will be offered to each APD Region through their field offices to distribute specific codes to family members on the Medicaid waiver or the waiver waiting list and to waiver providers to access the training. A parent can take the modules at a pace that will fit best with their schedule. This training will be available up through June 30, 2016.

Some of the concepts included in the training include: use of reinforcement, prompting, natural environment teaching, and management of disruptive behavior. The Arc of Florida worked with the Family Care Council to review these modules. Although some of the modules were reported by some to be, "somewhat technical," overall it was felt that the training made tools available to parents who might not otherwise have access to training. Chief Executive Officer of the Arc of Florida Deborah Linton, states, "A priority area for us is to bring training for all stakeholders into the 21st century. A well-educated and trained workforce and stakeholder community will help us to achieve higher quality services and oversight for those we serve."

A limited number of APD Regional access codes will also be available to providers of services who are interested in enhancing or developing ABA skills. After completion of the full 17 modules, a parent or provider staff can request a certificate of completion from Maximum Potential Kids.

IF INTERESTED IN TAKING THIS TRAINING, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL APD OFFICE.

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