

Maximum Potential Kids

Online Training Offered to Parents and Service Providers

The Arc of Florida and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) have partnered to offer an online, video-based training series called “Maximum Potential Kids” (MPK). It is being offered at no cost to family members of APDs customers on the iBudget Florida Medicaid waiver and on the waiting list, as well as approved providers. It’s a chance to learn to use Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) techniques while working with individuals to build new skills and manage challenging behaviors.

MPK includes 17 modules (six hours of training) and access to supplemental materials. It can be accessed by requesting a “coupon code” through any APD regional office. Participants can view the modules on the Internet at a pace that fits their schedules. The concepts covered include: the use of reinforcement, prompting, and teaching in the natural environment and the use of behavior management techniques. MPK training will be available through June 30, 2016.

The Arc of Florida worked with the Family Care Council to review these modules. Arc of Florida CEO Deborah Linton stated, “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 coupon codes will be available to approved providers who are interested in enhancing or developing ABA skills. Upon completing all 17 modules, a parent or provider staff member can request an MPK certificate of completion.

If you are interested in taking this training, contact your local APD area behavior analyst. Visit apdcare.org/region to get contact information for the APD regional office that serves your area.