

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2025-005
MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM DUAL-DIAGNOSIS PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 5, 2025

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is striving to meet the dynamic needs of individuals who have a co-occurring mental health diagnosis with a developmental disability. After conducting preliminary data analyses on prevalence of need, APD requested, and was awarded, funding from the Florida Legislature for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, for the following items:

- Embed Board-Certified Behavior Analysts® (BCBA®) and Registered Behavior Technicians® (RBT®) on existing Mobile Response Teams in Broward, Hillsborough, Leon, and Orange counties.
- Offer training for Direct Support Professionals, Waiver Support Coordinators, BCBAs®, and RBTs® in the specified counties.

APD is excited to announce and offer a series of training opportunities for Direct Support Professionals beginning Monday, May 5, 2025, through the National Center for START Services.

The training will include an “Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Mental Health (IDD-MH) Professional Development course for Direct Support Professionals” in **Broward, Hillsborough, Leon, and Orange counties** who serve individuals with dual diagnosis and who reside in licensed Intensive Behavior or Behavior Focus Residential Habilitation settings.

Direct Support Professionals who complete this training will be eligible for in-service credits and will learn strategies to further support children and adults with developmental disabilities who have a co-occurrence of a mental health diagnosis.

Direct Support Professionals in Broward, Hillsborough, Leon, and Orange counties serving this population please register [here](#) for the “IDD-MH Direct Support Professionals” courses.

These weekly virtual training courses will be held online and must be completed in full to receive the certificate of completion. If unable to attend a session, a recording will only be available for reference up to two weeks following the conclusion of the course. Participants must complete all modules no later than close of business June 30, 2025, to receive certification of completion.

Spring Session: Once weekly classes each Monday from May 5, 2025– Monday, June 16, 2025. *Classes will not be held on May 26, 2025, in observation of Memorial Day.*

- Classes are scheduled from 2:30-4:15 p.m. EST.
- Use code **FL71DSP25MAY** or **FLAPD144DSPMAY** to waive registration fees.
- [Direct Support Professionals Course | National Center for START Services®](#)

In-Service Credits: 10.5 hours of in-service credits will be awarded upon both registration and successful completion of the course. To earn in-service credits, participants must provide a copy of the certificate of course completion to Dual.Diagnosis@apdcares.org.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact Dual.Diagnosis@apdcares.org.