

Announcement

The Behavioral Health Administration will offer training and technical assistance to behavioral health treatment providers to support planning and preparation for accreditation.

A combination of training and technical assistance services focused on planning and preparing for accreditation will be offered to behavioral health treatment providers at various locations throughout the State. A statewide training event will be provided as a webinar and technical assistance will be delivered in smaller group meetings organized by geographical region and/or treatment programs seeking accreditation.

The webinar, scheduled for **2:30 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2015**, will present information on planning for accreditation including an accreditation readiness survey (self-assessment) and identification of the planning steps necessary to begin preparing for accreditation. Providers will be able to develop individualized plans to achieve accreditation. To register for this webinar go to <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5597672336291273986>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.

The webinar will be followed by 3-4 workgroup sessions in which providers will begin preparing for accreditation. Technical assistance will be offered on conducting a gap analysis (comparison of accreditation standards to agency's existing evidence of compliance). This process can reveal the need for any new or revised policies, procedures, plans, etc. Work group members can share samples or resources for needed evidence of compliance and can choose to independently continue to meet as a group to complete the gap analysis of all accreditation sections.

If you are interested in participating in the workgroups, please send an email by April 15th to Mildred Brooke at mbrooke@hmconsult.com with the following information: name, agency, address, phone number, email address, and behavioral health treatment programs provided by your agency. This will allow the work groups to be organized according to level of interest by geography and programs offered.

Health Management Consultants will be assisting with this project. Additional information, including the scheduling of activities, will be shared in the next few weeks. Please contact Mildred Brooke, Health Management Consultants, at mbrooke@hmconsult.com, 301-785-3407 with any questions.