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FAMILY INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS, INC.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR

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Dear Colleagues;

In the next few months there will be a number of changes that will occur in our delivery of services so that everyone is not shocked when they occur. We have just completed an audit with APS and they have brought to our attention some Best Practices that we will be starting.

Also there are some new policies from DHR that take effect October 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008 which will require us to change a few things. As we start to implement these changes we will let you know.

The first change is that we have to have an ending

time on our progress notes, not just the units so watch for that field on the MICP in the very near future.

crepancy in the file results in the entire file being revoked.

I want to thank everyone who sent their paperwork in when we sent out the e-mail, but I want to say how much I appreciate those folks that didn't require notice. The Administrative Staff worked very hard in putting everything in place and Petr actually lived in the office for a couple of days.

Again thanks for all you do, and make time for your children and loved ones.

MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID ANTHONY

We had a few problems with the last Audit, nothing that can't be fixed. The primary problems are missing paperwork and the quality of documentation.

Clinically we are very sound and the Auditors were very complimentary about what we do. The problem is that one dis-

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Last year we encountered various barriers through our attempts of conducting sessions with clients in "some" Fulton County schools and had to discontinue conducting sessions in specified schools due to their request to have a school official present during our sessions.

However, we have just received clearance from Mr. Scott Oprey (Director of Social Work for Fulton County School Systems), to meet with our clients without the presence of a school official in ALL Fulton County schools.

Please remember school sessions should never exceed 4 units (except for an IEP or SST meeting) and clients should never be taken out of core classes.

Thanks and have a wonderful month.

- Latrina R. Ingram

TREATMENT TEAM SCHEDULE

We would like to remind all Lead Therapists and Paraprofessionals that treatment team meetings will be held throughout the month. You are expected to attend the treatment team which has been assigned to you. Here is the schedule for the month of September:

“Teamwork

*is the
ability to
work*

together to

achieve a

common

vision ... It

is the fuel

that allows

common

people to

attain

uncommon

results”

- Andrew

Carnegie

Monday 09/03/2007 – Gwinnett Treatment Team at 1pm. Buckhead at 5pm

Tuesday 09/04/2007 – Hiram Office at 6pm & 7pm. Bartow, Carroll & Paulding.

Floyd County treatment team at 11am.

Monday 09/10/2007 – Treatment Team at the Hiram Office 6 & 7pm - Cobb & Douglas County.

Tuesday 09/11/2007 – Treatment Team at the Fulton County Juvenile Court at 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Spalding at 6pm. Clayton/Henry at 8pm.

Monday 09/17/2007 – Gwinnett Treatment Team at 1pm. Buckhead at 5pm

Tuesday 09/18/2007 - Hiram Office at 6pm & 7pm. Bartow, Carroll & Paulding.

Floyd County treatment team at 11am.

Monday 09/24/2007 - Treatment Team at the Hiram Office 6 & 7pm - Cobb & Douglas County.

Tuesday 09/25/2007 - Treatment Team at the Fulton County Juvenile Court at 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Spalding at 6pm. Clayton/Henry at 8pm.

*Buckhead Library – 269 Buckhead Avenue NE, Atlanta, Ga 30305. (404) 814-3500

*Clayton/Henry County – 1882 Hardwood Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236. (404) 309-4806

*Fulton County Juvenile Court (F.C.J.C) – At the Mental Health Suite. Court is open 8:30am to 5pm. 395 Pryor Street S.W. Atlanta, GA 30312. (404) 224-4401

*Floyd County Library – 205 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161. (706) 236-4600.

*Gwinnett Library – 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. (770)978-5600

*Hiram Office – 127 Enterprise Path, Suite 401. Hiram, GA 30141. (770) 222-6622

*Spalding County – 333 South 9th Street, Griffin, GA. (478) 731-1850.

WHO'S NEW AT F.I.S.?

F.I.S would like to officially welcome on board our new contractors hired in the month of August/September:

We have recently hired:

*Natalie Rhaney – Accountant
Hiram Office

*Stephanie Furey – Quality Assurance
Hiram Office

*Emily Hendrix – Intern
Hiram Office

*Misty Bequette –Intern
Hiram Office

*Jennifer Brown – Intern
Hiram Office

*Sami McNeal – Intern
Hiram Office

*Yvette West – Intern
Hiram Office

*Allison Haynes –Intern
Hiram Office

*Richard Hamilton – Intern
Hiram Office



Welcome On Board.

SEPTEMBER 2007 BIRTHDAYS

The Following employees/contractors have their birthdays in the month of September:



Wow Birthdays!

- Wayne Petties (wayne_petties@yahoo.com) – September 8th
- Lorenzo Jones (upwardboundj@yahoo.com) – September 9th
- Janet Johnson (janetshad@yahoo.com) – September 9th
- Deela Brown (dbsw99@aol.com) – September 11th
- Erica Bennett (erica.bennett@fisinc.org) – September 12th
- Gary Clement Michael (cdic@alltell.net) – September 19th
- Renee Jones (agapepsyd@msn.com) – September 21st
- David Russell (davidrussell@bellsouth.net) – September 27th

The staff at Family Intervention Specialists would like to wish them a happy birthday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psychiatric Appointments:

Our psychiatrist, Dr. Kanawati will be at the **Fulton County Juvenile Court** on Thursday September **6th, 20th** and every other Thursday .

She will be at the **Hiram Counseling Center** on Thursday September **13th, 27th** and **every Friday** this month.

*If you need to schedule an appointment please call Erica: Monday thru Wednesday (770)222-6622

Payroll Concerns:

All concerns and questions regarding payroll should be directed towards Zuzana Horova. She can be reached at (404) 944-7255

Clinical Paperwork:

All clinical paperwork should be faxed to (800)519-3992 rather than mailed to the office.



TRAINING OPPURTUNITY

Theme: Learn safe methods for managing disruptive or assaultive individuals

Date: September 18 – 21, 2007.

The Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) is going to hold a 4-day training program on non-violent crisis intervention.

“As we all know, proactive strategies for managing violent situations are becoming increasingly important – not only for staff safety, but also to reduce the risk of potential liability..... Since 1980, more than 5 million human service professionals have participated in this training - making it the most widely used program in the world for managing disruptive and assaultive behavior.”

Venue: Atlanta Marriott Downtown, 160 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA. (404)-688-8600.

If you would like to get more information or register for this program, you can contact CPI at (800) 558-8976.

“An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child”
- Carl Jung (1875—1961)



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F.I.S is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in the State of Georgia. We provide Intensive Family Intervention (IFI) which is an intensive family- and community-based treatment that addresses multiple determinants of serious antisocial behavior in juvenile offenders.

The company was founded in 1998 by David Anthony. In 2003, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became approved provider for Georgia Health Partnership (Medicaid).

In June 2004, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became certified by Department of Human Resources, Compliance and Certification Unit. September 2006, FIS, Inc. became certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

S U P P O R T S T A F F

We have our staff to answer any questions or to support you as the need may arise. Whether you email us, call us or walk-In, we are here to answer your questions.

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