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 to offer an on-line video-based training series called, “Maximum Potential Kids.” The training series is being offered, at no cost, to family members and approved providers as 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 training can be accessed by requesting a “coupon” code through any of the APD Regional field offices who are authorized to distribute specific codes to family members on the Medicaid waiver, or the waiver waiting list, and to approved waiver providers. Parents can view the modules on-line through the internet at a pace that will best fit their schedules. Obtaining access to this training will be available up through June 30, 2016.

# Some of the concepts included in the training are: use of reinforcement, prompting, teaching in the natural environment, and management of disruptive behavior. The Arc of Florida worked with the Family Care Council to review these modules. Although they reported that some modules were “somewhat technical,” overall it was felt that the training provided tools to parents who might not otherwise have access to training. Chief Executive Officer of the Arc of Florida, 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 APD Regional access codes (Coupon Codes) will also be available to approved 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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