

2009 NEW: PATHS Conference Presenter Presentation Summaries

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Keynote: “Reclaiming Our ‘Personal Power’”

Change is not the problem; stress is not the problem, personal challenges, family, work, finances, they are NOT the problem. All of these things will not go away; they are constant components of our daily lives. Are we doomed? Definitely not! We are naturally equipped to manage that which threatens our well being, but we have to be aware and willing to take the steps necessary to regain and maintain our physical and emotional health.

Teresita Castro-McGee, Ph. D. – “Stress Doesn't Have to Distress”

Define levels of stress, define positive stress vs. negative stress, its effects and impact on people's life. Learn ways to keep stress levels within a healthy range.

Teresita Castro-McGee, Ph. D. – “Changes and Transitions in Our Lives”

Explore the transitioning path when we journey through changes in our professional/personal lives. This workshop will provide participants practical ideas to implement in order to stay balanced.

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Keynote: “In the Eye of the Storm”

Through humor, laughter and story, you will learn seven keys to overcoming the habits of perception that drag us into turmoil. You will learn: 1) How your own physiology is designed to distort your reality; 2) How regret and resentment are illusions; 3) Why your greatest adversary may be yourself; 4) To use your mind instead of being used by it; 5) To reduce life's obstacles by redefining your goals; 6) Why satisfied just doesn't cut it; and 7) To free yourself from guilt and fear. This program will help you weather the storms of discontent to find your own person “*eye if the storm.*”

Randy Morgan – “Aligning Passion with Purpose”

This workshop is about the most important work we will ever do, it is about rediscovering “Our Own Way”. We never want to be a better version of someone else, but the best version of ourselves. True education is not learning what to think, but how to think. I use specific real life examples, not to encourage the replication of behaviors, but to demonstrate the underlying belief systems that drive the behaviors. Most training fails because they are designed to change actions without first trying to change insights. We are upset only to the extent we are confused, we are angry only to the extent we do not understand. Once we change what we “see”, changing what we do is easy.

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“Finding Your True Color”

Participants determine their own personality color style, learn the difference between the colors and use information for building work teams, improving relationships and resolving conflicts.

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“Medicaid/Medicare Outreach: Linking Seniors with Programs that Save Money”

SSC’s presentation will provide information on our outreach programs that assist Medicare Advantage members with applying for Medicare Savings Programs (QMB/SLMB/QI-1) to pay their Medicare part B premium, the low income subsidy known as Extra Help, through the Social Security Administrations for help with out of pocket Part D expenses and linking recipients with additional resources that will help them save money on needed and useful services.

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– “Update on Medicaid Eligibility”

Learn about CHIPRA Changes, SSA Verification Activities, Citizenship Documentation, Express Lane Eligibility, Automatic Applications for Medicare Savings Programs, New Medicare Savings Programs Model Applications, Treatment of Stimulus Checks as income, and much more.

Cyndi Gillaspie, Brenda Sheppard, Lane Terwilliger – Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) – “New Tribal Issues in Medicaid Eligibility”

Learn about the new rules under CHIPRA and the Recovery Act for citizenship documentation, treatment of members of border tribes, cost sharing protections, changes to treatment of income and assets, and more!

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“A Caseworker by Any Other Name”

Here is a workshop where eligibility workers take the floor and lead the discussion. Share how your state or county determines caseload size, budgeting procedures, and the way your job is done. Compare ‘war’ stories with others who have shared the same experiences and can now laugh about this. This workshop is interactive from the beginning to the end.

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“Professionalism in 10 Seconds or Less”

In the field of Health and Social Services, the families served can present unique and sensitive situations. Eligibility Professionals are commonly presented with shocking situations, and must quickly curtail their expression and reaction in order to resourcefully render the required services. Come interact with your peers and refresh your ability to instill in your client/customers your ability to address their needs with integrity. You will take away from this presentation a renewed confidence that your client’s barriers won’t become your own.

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“Medicaid Asset Verification”

Turn your compliance issue into gold! Asset verification is now mandated for states' aged, blind, and disabled population. An electronic solution must be used to uncover undisclosed assets for purposes of deeming applicants ineligible and disenrolling members who exceed assets thresholds. Noncompliant states could jeopardize their Federal match. As a proposed solution, states can leverage their existing Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) process to perform a five-year look back and locate accounts in their state, in snow bird states and in contiguous states. By incorporating eligibility data and paid claims data into the process, states can determine periods of ineligibility, calculate and transmit statements of aid and go after the recovery. With systematic recovery work, a state could fund their whole asset verification program and add precious dollars back to their budgets.

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“Retirement Can Still Happen”

Mr. Jones will explain to attendees the steps needed to stay on track to retirement. After this workshop attendees will have a clearer understanding of current market conditions, how to balance their own retirement account, how to make sense of retirement statements and how to build a winning retirement plan by the numbers.