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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, DSN Boards CEOS, Contracted Service Providers, Residential and Day Program Directors
FROM: Janet Brock Priest, Associate State Director - Operations 
DATE: April 22, 2024
SUBJECT: Communicate to Connect: Communication Workshop Series

Communication plays a crucial role in ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive the support and services they require to thrive. It is imperative that we recognize the significance of effective communication and strive to understand the unique needs of the individuals we serve.

As part of our ongoing efforts to prioritize effective communication with individuals with disabilities, DDSN has partnered with the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) to offer an in-person communication workshop series for providers designed to equip staff with the necessary tools to effectively engage with individuals with disabilities.

The first workshop is on May 1, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This workshop will be held at Midlands Collaborative Training Center, located on the campus of Midlands Center, 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203. As noted, this is an in-person event and may include hands-on activities. **The deadline to register for the May 1st workshop is April 26th, 2024, at COB.** [Click Here to Register for the Day Services Standards Refresher Training.](#)

See chart below for the date, topic, and location of upcoming workshops in this series.

In-Person Workshops	Location
May 1st: Low Tech Tools	Midlands Collaborative Training Center 8301 Farrow Rd. (Midlands Center Campus)
July 3rd: How to be a Communication Partner	CDR: Poplar Building 8301 Farrow Rd. (Midlands Center Campus)
September 4th: Assistive Tech 101	CDR: Poplar Building 8301 Farrow Rd. (Midlands Center Campus)
November 6th: Daily Living Assistance Through AT	CDR: Poplar Building 8301 Farrow Rd. (Midlands Center Campus)

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