

***SAFE SWALLOWING TRAIN THE TRAINER EVENT***  
***November 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.***  
***Connecticut Valley Hospital, Merritt Hall - Lee Auditorium***  
***Middletown, CT***

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** This training session will equip trainers to present the DDS Dysphagia Training curriculum. Dysphagia training will teach staff to:

- Recognize signs that may indicate that an individual is experiencing or is at risk for swallowing difficulties
- Understand responsibilities associated with caring for individuals with dysphagia or other swallowing risks
- Understand reporting and documentation responsibilities
- Be aware of interventions and treatments that are implemented for individuals who have dysphagia and other identified swallowing risks

Instructors Katie Cavanaugh and Lisa Krol, will present a detailed walk-through of the curriculum and a subsequent question and answer session.

\* Note: If you register and have to cancel for any reason, notify us as soon as possible at to allow us to accommodate those on the waiting list. Simply send an email to [DDS.Training@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.Training@ct.gov).

**TRAINER REQUIREMENTS:** DDS participants must be Speech Language Pathologists, Physical or Occupational Therapists, and Registered Nurses. PRIVATE PROVIDERS ONLY may also send LPNs, or Supervisory level residential staff with a minimum of 3 years of experience supporting persons with developmental disabilities, and members of Staff Development with a solid knowledge of the population.

**INTERPRETER OR ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMODATIONS:** Please indicate in your email if you require Sign Language Interpreter Service or accessibility considerations. DDS must be notified at least **2 weeks prior** to the session in order to accommodate special needs.

**CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Maureen Evelyn, (860) 616-2049 or by email: [DDS.Training@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.Training@ct.gov). In case of inclement weather, call our weather line after 7:00am the day of training – (860) 418-6190 - for late opening and cancellation information. Do not leave messages as they are not monitored. It is used to record messages for delays or closures due to extreme weather.

**TO REGISTER:** Email [DDS.Training@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.Training@ct.gov) with your name (or information on the person you are signing up for the class), title, organization, and email contact information. Spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis. A reminder email will be sent one week prior to class with the attachments that you need to print prior to attending this class.

**DDS will not provide paper copies of the training materials; electronic handouts will be provided to registered participants prior to attending the class.**

**REFRESHMENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM!**

DIRECTIONS TO  
CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL  
MERRITT HALL – LEE AUDITORIUM  
MIDDLETOWN, CT

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Route 91 North to Route 9 South  
Route 9 South to Exit 12 (Silver Street)  
At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Silver Street  
First left (before the big hill) onto Eastern Drive  
Take first right onto Tynan Drive to Merritt Hall parking lot  
Follow signs for site location

**FROM SOUTH OF MIDDLETOWN**

Route 9 North to Exit 12 (Bow Lane)  
Straight across at stop sign at end of exit ramp onto Eastern Drive  
Straight across at next stop sign (still Eastern Drive)  
Take first right onto Tynan Drive to Merritt Hall parking lot  
Follow signs for site location

**FROM NORTH OF MIDDLETOWN**

Route 91 South to Route 9 South  
Take Exit 12 (Silver Street)  
Left at exit ramp onto Silver Street  
First left (before the big hill) onto Eastern Drive  
First right onto Tyan Drive (up hill) to Merritt Hall parking lot  
Follow signs for site location