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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Providers

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Re: Updated FAQ for Open Future Learning Initiative

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On June 17, 2022, the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services announced a new learning opportunity for all BDDS providers and their direct support professionals through the Open Euture Learning platform. This is open to all types of providers, including those providing services in a supervised group living setting. This opportunity offers DSPs access to online training in a format that is easy to access and engage with, that not only provides relevant training topics, but also embeds philosophies and concepts to support person-centered services and integration strategies. The original announcement can be found here.

Training modules from Open Future Learning are meant to assist providers and DSPs in building knowledge and skills by exploring a variety of ways to support and address areas of outstanding need among Hoosiers receiving services. BDDS is offering subscriptions and DSP stipends to interested providers at no cost, through December 2024, or until all available subscriptions have been granted.

BDDS has created an updated FAQ document, <u>available here</u>, for this initiative to support BDDS providers in evaluating this opportunity. If you have any additional questions regarding this opportunity, please contact BDDS.Help@fssa.in.gov.

We look forward to continuing to educate and inspire providers to empower individuals to live, love, learn, work, play and pursue their dreams!

