

Training Department Newsletter

Part of our mission at MCPRS is to reach out to the community utilizing our training to educate the public about our unique and special individuals living with developmental disabilities. One of the ways we do this is offering our Nutritional and Physical Management courses to Dade County school teachers to familiarize them with our individuals and their special needs. Many of them, as you know, work with children living with developmental disabilities, and have a need to know how to meet their physical and nutritional needs. The teachers are always very grateful, and occasionally send us beautiful letters of gratitude. Here is just a brief excerpt from one of them:

Appreciation is also extended to all other staff members and workers behind the scenes that render "this center" a jewel of the community at large.

In September we celebrated National DSP week in several ways. All of our DSPs listened to an ANCOR webinar (ANCOR is a national association which serves as an advocate and resource for entities working in the field of developmental disabilities) and were given a copy of Governor Rick Scott's letter declaring the week of September 11-17 as National DSP week.

In addition, every day we had raffles with various small giveaways. The giveaways were all donations, but our Human Resources Department was very creative in acquiring and distributing these prizes. One of the conditions for the raffle on Wednesday was the first three DSPs to present HR with their code of ethics card won the prize for that day. It was great fun, and they all got a kick out of it.

We value our DSPs and, you may know, require them to be NADSP members as a condition of employment. Because of these and other historically performed activities, the National Association of Direct Support Professional president, wrote:

Thank you for your DSP Week summary – sounds like a place that I need to visit! I will share it with ANCOR. And thanks for your ongoing support of your workforce. That's why you've been recognized as a Moving Mountains Award recipient.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2013.

