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TO: Executive Directors
DSHS-funded Substance Abuse Treatment Contractors

FROM: Philander Moore, Unit Manager *pm*
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Re: Statewide Training for Adolescent Trauma: Understanding the Links between
Adolescent Trauma and Substance Abuse – “A Toolkit for Providers”

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will offer half-day training on Understanding the Links between Adolescent Trauma and Substance Abuse – “A Toolkit for Providers.” This training is open to all DSHS-funded Substance Abuse Treatment contractors, credentialed staff, and Clinical Directors.

The half-day training will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 14, June 27 and June 28, 2011. The June 14th training will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse facility, June 27th the training will be held in Austin, Texas at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Public Hearing Room, and June 28th the training will be held at the Rio Grande Valley Council in Pharr, Texas. Three continuing education units (CEUs) are available for credentialed staff. At the end of this training participants will:

- Gain an understanding of the relationship between traumatic stress and substance abuse among youth and recognize the importance of addressing co-occurring disorders.
- Be able to recognize, identify, and assess symptoms of traumatic stress.
- Be able to identify potential treatment strategies for children who have co-occurring disorders.
- Effectively implement the Toolkit.

The trainer will be Dr. Susana Rivera. Dr. Susana Rivera is a Licensed Professional Counselor with extensive experience providing treatment for children and adolescents who have experienced sexual abuse, traumatic grief and other traumas. Dr. Rivera is also a Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Trainer, and has been responsible for disseminating the

model to clinicians across the state of Texas. In addition to child traumatic stress, her research interests include the effects of culture on the provision and outcomes of mental health treatment for Hispanic children and families. Dr. Rivera is the Program Director for the Border Traumatic Stress Response Center at Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc. and is also an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas. Dr. Rivera also serves as co-chair of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network's Child Sexual Abuse Committee and is a member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Evaluation Steering Committee.

Training Dates and Locations

<i>Training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. daily</i>

Training Session	-	June 14, 2011	<u>Corpus Christi</u> Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council 1801 South Alameda Street, Suite 150 Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.
		June 27, 2011	<u>Austin</u> ASH Hearing Room, Building 2 909 W. 45 th Street Austin, Texas 78756
		June 28, 2011	<u>Pharr</u> Rio Grande Valley Council 5510 N. Cage Blvd., Suite E Pharr, TX 78577

Training Registration Instructions

The registration deadline for this training is the close of the business day one week prior to the training. Be sure to indicate which training site you are registering for. Complete the registration form below and send to: ttaunit@dshs.state.tx.us.

Confirmation of the training registration will be sent by DSHS within 48 hours of email submission. For questions or further information regarding this training, please contact Laura Czepiel at Laura.Czepiel@dshs.state.tx.us, (512) 458-7111 ext 3314.

Understanding the Links between Adolescent Trauma and Substance Abuse
A Toolkit for Providers

Please indicate which training you are registering for:

Corpus Christi - June 14, 2011

Austin - June 27, 2011

Pharr - June 28, 2011

First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Organization:

E-mail address:

Contact Phone #: