

CT Statewide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Newsletter

June 2021

FTA Virtual Substance Abuse Seminars

During the month of June, the FTA offered three virtual Substance Abuse Seminars via Microsoft Teams. This training provides an overview of FTA Drug and Alcohol regulations with regard to Part 655 – Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations as well as Part 40 – Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs. It covered the following topics: policy and training requirements, categories of testing, testing procedures, responsibilities of service agents, record keeping, MIS reporting, and other current issues.

Online Reasonable Suspicion Training

Consortium Third Party Administrator, DISA, offers an on-line training for Reasonable Suspicion. For more information on this training, contact Nhan Vo-Le at nhvole@ghtd.org.

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Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Orientations for new Designated Employer Representative (DER)

Contact DISA and The Lexington Group for a drug & alcohol testing program orientation including employee assistance /substance abuse information. These program orientations can aid your new DERs to successfully manage your drug and alcohol testing program. Contact info: Vicky McLeish, Program Administrator, #800-211-4469 Ext. 6032; email: Vicky.Mcleish@disa.com. James M. Ferrelli, Director, #800-571-0197 Ext. 239; email: ferrellij@the-lexington-group.com.

On-Site Test Cancellation

Reminder:

-Original scheduled (random on-site) test should be cancelled as soon as possible if your agency has previously had the safety-sensitive employee tested a day or days prior to the scheduled testing event.

-Likewise, original scheduled (random on-site) test should be cancelled as soon as possible if the agency knows that the safety-sensitive employee will be unavailable (i.e., vacation).

-This will avoid the \$140.00 cancelled test fee being incurred by the Consortium for each cancelled test.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Newsletters

Reminder:

As part of the drug and alcohol testing program awareness, make sure to post the following newsletters in your agency's lunch room / break room:

- Consortium Quarterly Newsletters
- EAP Newsletters
- FTA Drug and Alcohol Regulation Updates

Test Result Reporting

In case you have to wait longer than usual for test result reporting, contact Vicky McLeish for expediting result (refer to page 3 for contact info).

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24-Hour Drug & Alcohol Testing On-Site

Post-Accident

Reasonable Suspicion

1-800-967-3135 Toll-Free Emergency Line

Be prepared to provide the following information:

Your Name

Agency Name

Phone Number

Location of Incident

Reason for Call (Post-Accident or Reasonable Suspicion)

Medical Review Officer (MRO) Department

University Services

Terri Hellings, MD

2800 Black Lake Place,

Suite A Philadelphia, PA

19154

Phone: 800-624-3784

Fax: 215-637-6998

Enhance Awareness of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Note: This letter from The Lexington Group should be made available to safety-sensitive employees and posted in the break room



The Lexington Group

Your Employee Assistance Program
A Woman Owned Enterprise Since 2000

Dear CT Drug Consortium Employees and Family Members:

The Lexington Group Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides CONFIDENTIAL face-to-face and virtual counseling services to assist employees in identifying and resolving personal problems. Examples include marriage and family issues, job stress, alcohol and drug abuse, depression and other emotional concerns. The Lexington Group services also include referral resources for legal, financial, eldercare, and childcare through the Life Care program.

Because employee lives may be affected by problems with a spouse or other family members, this program is extended to household family members as well. You or your household family members may contact your EAP directly at any time. No matter what your situation, any assistance you seek through the EAP is held in the strictest confidence. Involvement will not jeopardize your job security, future promotional opportunities or reputation.

For confidential and immediate access, you may call The Lexington Group 24/7 at:

1-800-676-HELP (4357)

You may also request services or read more about the program online at:

www.The-Lexington-Group.com

Your unique employee password is "CTDrugConsort"

We hope you will share our enthusiasm for The Lexington Group, Employee Assistance Program, and the opportunity it presents to help you and your family.

Sincerely,
The Lexington Group



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Contact & Resource Info

DISA Global Solutions, Inc.

Formerly Occupational Drug Testing (ODT)
www.occupationaldrugtesting.com

Toll Free # 800-211-4469

The Lexington Group

www.The-Lexington-Group.com

Toll Free # 800-571-0197

Employee Assistance Program

1-800-676-HELP (4357)

Request clinical services online directly from the web site at:

www.The-Lexington-Group.com

To log on, your customer name is "CT Drug Consortium"

And your unique employee password is "CTDrugConsort"

**Are you aware of the availability of program forms and resource documents on
GHTD's website?**

Go to www.hartfordtransit.org Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium.

Also, checkout the following materials:

What Employers Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing

What Employees Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing

Resources for The Designated Employer Representative (DER)

Lexington Newsletters

FTA Regulation Update Issues

**The following FTA website provides a wealth of information such as trainings,
newsletters, etc. on the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program that you might find very
helpful:**

www.fta.dot.gov/12533.html

You may also find Title 49 Parts 40 and 655 (FTA regulations on the drug and alcohol testing program) by using the Search engine.