



North Carolina  
Community Transitions Institute  
**Ensuring Quality Transitions to Community Life**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the **required** dates of attendance?

- Transitions Symposium: April 28 & 29, and May 2 – 6, 2022 (see schedule on pages 3-7)
- Person-Centered Collaborative Communication: August 1 – 5 (see schedule on pages 3-7)

What are the **optional** dates of attendance?

- Person-Centered Thinking: June 14 – 16, 2022 (see schedule on pages 3-7)
- Motivational Interviewing: July 12 – 14, 2022 (see schedule on pages 3-7)

Why are there optional sessions?

- Person-Centered Thinking and Motivational Interviewing are optional sessions because each year approximately half of the Institute members have already completed a training course in one or both topics.
- Individuals who have completed a training in the past are welcome to join as a refresher

How do I apply?

- Applications must be submitted online through this registration link:  
<https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=7IMKlo24>

What is the deadline to apply?

- The deadline to apply is Tuesday March 15, 2022

How much is the Institute registration fee?

- \$125.00



What does my registration fee include?

- The \$125.00 registration fee includes attendance at all events, access to recorded sessions (Transitions Symposium and Person-Centered Thinking), and General Continuing Education Units (CEU's).

If I attended previously, can I apply again?

- Yes, you may apply if you attended previously. Acceptance will depend on available space.

Is a Letter of Support required from my supervisor/manager?

- No, Letters of Support from your supervisor/manager are no longer required for participation in the Institute.
- We do request contact information for your supervisor is so we can include them in surveys and other data collection activities to improve the quality of the Institute.

Will my supervisor/manager know anything about my participation?

- No, we will not communicate with your supervisor/manager about any aspect of your participation in the Institute.

Who issues the Continuing Education Units (CEU's)?

- AXIS Medical Education

Where will the events be held?

- The Transitions Symposium and Person-Centered Thinking will be held virtually using Zoom
- Motivational Interviewing and Person-Centered Collaborative Communication will be held live in Cary (Hilton Garden Inn, 131 Columbus Avenue, Cary, NC 27518)
- Additional information on how to join will be provided in advance of each session.

When will I know if I have been accepted?

- You will be notified within 5 business days of submitting your application.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

- You can contact Tracy Pakornsawat, the Professional Development Coordinator for the Institute at [tracy.pakornsawat@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:tracy.pakornsawat@dhhs.nc.gov).



## Preliminary Agendas (\*)

**April 28 – May 6, 2022**

Date	Time	Topic
Thursday April 28	12:00 – 12:10	Welcome and Introduction to the Institute
	12:10 – 12:45	Keynote Address
	12:45 – 1:30	Interactive Activity and Icebreakers
Friday April 29	12:00 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Olmstead 101</li> <li>• Presenters: Holly Riddle, Assistant Director for Olmstead Plan Development and Pam Scott, Assistant General Counsel</li> </ul>
Monday May 2	12:00 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Centers for Independent Living</li> <li>• Presenter(s): Solutions for Independence</li> </ul>
Tuesday May 3	12:00 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Community Inclusion and Integration</li> <li>• Presenter(s): Solutions for Independence</li> </ul>
Wednesday May 4	12:00 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Independent Living – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living</li> <li>• Presenter: Jenny Pleasants, Independent Living Program Specialist</li> </ul>
Thursday May 5	12:00 – 1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Assistive Technology</li> <li>• Presenter: Sarah Gachuz, Assistive Technologist NC Assistive Technology Program (NCATP)</li> </ul>
Friday May 6	12:00 – 2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: Collaborative Communication Success Story (Panel Discussion)</li> <li>• Presenter(s): TBD</li> <li>• Closing Ceremony</li> </ul>



**Person-Centered Thinking  
(Optional Attendance)**

Facilitator: Tanya Richmond

**Tuesday June 14**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Welcome, review of materials
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:30	Organizing Discovery Information
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 2:30	Promises of Person-Centered Practices
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Wrap-Up and Closing Round

**Wednesday June 15**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:00	Exploring Person-Centered Practices
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:00	Exploring Person-Centered Practices (Continued)
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Pulling it all Together Wrap-up and Closing Round

**Thursday June 16**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:00	Integrated Skills Practice
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:00	Integrated Skills Practice
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Pulling it all Together Wrap-up and Closing Round



## Motivational Interviewing (Optional Attendance)

Facilitator: Marty Weems

### Tuesday July 12

Time	Topic
9:00 – 10:30	Welcome, review of materials
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:30	Spirit of MI
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 2:30	MI and Change
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Wrap-up and Closing Round

### Wednesday July 13

Time	Topic
9:00 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:00	MI Techniques
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:00	Change Talk, Evoking, and Discord
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Wrap-up and Closing Round

### Thursday July 14

Time	Topic
9:00 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:00	Integrated Skills Practice
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:00	Integrated Skills Practice
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Pulling it all Together Wrap-up and Closing Round



## Person-Centered Collaborative Communication

Facilitators:

Leigh Ann Kingsbury, Tanya Richmond, Marty Weems

### Monday August 1, 2022

Time	Topic
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Arrival & Networking
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome/Housekeeping/Structure of the Day
9:30 – 10:30	Introductory Sessions – Connecting Person-Centered Thinking and Motivational Interviewing to the Transition Context
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:15	Fully Deciding
<b>12:15 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:15	Fully Deciding (Continued)
<b>2:15 – 2:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 4:00	Fully Deciding – Integrated Skills Practice

### Tuesday August 2, 2022

Time	Topic
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Arrival & Networking
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome/Housekeeping/Structure of the Day
9:30 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:15	Effectively Preparing
<b>12:15 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:30	Effectively Preparing (Continued)
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Effectively Preparing – Integrated Skills Practice



### Wednesday August 3, 2022

Time	Topic
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Arrival & Networking
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome/Housekeeping/Structure of the Day
9:30 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:15	Comfortably Transitioning
<b>12:15 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:30	Comfortably Transitioning (Continued)
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Comfortably Transitioning – Integrated Skills Practice

### Thursday August 4, 2022

Time	Topic
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Arrival & Networking
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome/Housekeeping/Structure of the Day
9:30 – 10:30	Introduction, Review of Highs/Lows
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:15	Effective Follow-Along
<b>12:15 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:30	Effective Follow-Along (Continued)
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Effective Follow-Along – Integrated Skills Practice

### Friday August 5, 2022

Time	Topic
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Arrival & Networking
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Structure of the Day
9:15 – 10:45	Interactive Theater (Theater Delta)
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 – 12:15	Unconscious Bias
<b>12:15 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:30	Self-Care / Resilience
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:00	Closing Session and Wrap-Up

(\*) Final agendas will be provided at the beginning of each portion of the Institute.

