

REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL HEALTH-RELATED LICENSEES AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
ACT 31 OF 2014 – INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION IN CHILD ABUSE  
RECOGNITION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), in conjunction with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is providing advance notice to all health-related licensees and funeral directors that are considered “mandatory reporters” under section 6311 of the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) (23 P.S. § 6311), as amended, that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, all persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of DHS-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure.

Additionally, EFFECTIVE WITH THE FIRST LICENSE RENEWAL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015, all health-related licensees and funeral directors applying for the renewal of a license issued by the Board shall be required to complete at least 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of renewal.

Please note that Act 31 applies to all health-related licensees, regardless of whether they are subject to the continuing education requirements of the applicable board.

More information regarding this requirement will be posted on the BPOA website as it becomes available.

Approved providers may be reviewed at the following link:

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/con\\_ed\\_providers/21920](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/con_ed_providers/21920)

Act 31 may be reviewed at the following link:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=31>.

### **Meet the Board’s Newest Members**

The State Board of Psychology welcomes its newest members.

**Holly J. Martin, MA**, joined the Board on December 4, 2013. She received her Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology from Slippery Rock University in 1988. She is also a Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional Diplomate. Ms. Martin is currently Chief Operating Officer and staff Psychologist at Greenbriar Treatment Center. She is also the Clinical Director at Washington EAP (Employee Assistance Program) Services and consulting psychologist at WJS Psychological Services. Ms. Martin is a member of the Washington County Disaster, Crisis,

Outreach and Referral Team and maintains a small private practice. She specializes in the program development and implementation of co-occurring disorder treatment programming. Her interests lie in the treatment of co-occurring as well as trauma-related disorders. Ms. Martin and her husband live on their Washington County dairy farm with their three sons.

**Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D.**, joined the Board on July 30, 2014. Dr. Vito DonGiovanni received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in August of 1988 and was employed for 34+ years at Torrance State Hospital near Blairsville, PA. While at the hospital, he served as Director of Psychological Services as well as the Executive Director of the Commonwealth's in-patient Sex Offender Treatment program for young adults. His professional interests include Co-occurring Disorders as well as Sex Offender treatment and he has presented many workshops and seminars on these topics. He is currently retired from Commonwealth service but maintains a small private practice in Indiana County. He resides in Indiana, PA with his wife Donna and has one adult daughter.