

**The New York State
Office for People With Developmental Disabilities**

Announces a Public Hearing

October 27, 2014: 1pm – 5pm

OPWDD will be accepting your comments, feedback and testimony at the hearing to help develop our 5.07 Statewide Comprehensive Plan for Services 2014-2018. This hearing will be held at eight locations across the state and will be conducted as a live video-conference with Acting Commissioner Kerry Delaney.

OPWDD urges self-advocates, parents as well as other family members, non-profit providers, professionals, advocates, and other interested parties to participate in the hearing.

The Statewide Comprehensive Plan for Services will reflect OPWDD's mission and vision and will project our 5 year plan for implementing the transformational agenda around supporting people with developmental disabilities to enjoy meaningful relationships, experience personal health and growth, live in the home of their choice and fully participate in their communities.

Speakers will be asked to register in advance of the public hearing, limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and bring three (3) copies of the testimony. Deadline for registration is close of business on Thursday, October 23. Opportunity for presentation will be limited to a first come first served basis as time permits.

If you are unable to attend, written testimony can be submitted to:

Ray Pierce, OPWDD, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229 or via e-mail at raymond.l.pierce@opwdd.ny.gov.

To register to speak, obtain more information or directions to the hearing location, or to arrange for a special accommodation, please call the contact person for the hearing location at the number listed below:

Video Conference Locations and Contact Information

The hearing sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be provided. Individuals who require other accommodation or auxiliary aids should notify the conference location contact person identified below no later than 24 hours prior to the hearing date.

Rochester

Finger Lakes

620 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620

Room 25 Leaf

Contact: Tracy Scott at (585) 241-5729, Tracy.L.Scott@opwdd.ny.gov

West Seneca

Western NY

1200 East and West Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224

Building 16, Conference Room 1-153

or

Millersport

2295 Millersport Highway

Getzville, NY 14068

Contact: Mary Beth Blodgett (716) 517-2151, Mary.Beth.Blodgett@opwdd.ny.gov

Syracuse, NY

Central NY

187 N. Concourse, N. Syracuse, NY 13212

Northern Concourse, Regional Training Center

Contact: Beverly Gibbs at (315) 473-6976, Beverly.Gibbs@opwdd.ny.gov

Schenectady

Capital District

500 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304

Building 3, Conference Room 2

Contact: Karen Francisco at (518) 388-0431, Karen.Francisco@opwdd.ny.gov

Plattsburg

Sunmount

159 Margaret Street, Suite 104, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Contact: Jill Hewson at (518) 561-8190, Jill.Hewson@opwdd.ny.gov

Kingston, NY

Taconic

521 Boices Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

Contact: Amy Witkus at (845) 382-1899 x104, Amy.Witkus@opwdd.ny.gov

New York City

Metro New York

25 Beaver Street, New York, NY 10004

Conference Room 3100, 364, and 3102

Or

Bernard Fineson

Hillside Complex, Bldg. 80, 80-45 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11427

Contact: Claudette Walker at (646) 766-3466, Claudette.Walker@opwdd.ny.gov

Long Island, NY

Region 6/Long Island

415 A Oser Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788

Multi-Purpose Conference Room

Contact: Sheila Jones at: (631) 416-3842, Sheila.Jones@opwdd.ny.gov

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