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 (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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