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### **New York State Announces Public Forums to Obtain Input on the Creation of an Olmstead Implementation Plan**

In the 1999 Olmstead Decision the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states, in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), have an obligation to provide services to individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

Governor Cuomo has made compliance with the Olmstead Decision a top priority. New York State is currently creating an Olmstead Implementation Plan which will address issues that help seniors and people with disabilities to receive services in the most integrated community settings.

Three public forums will be held to solicit suggestions from seniors, individuals with disabilities, families, advocates and providers of services on ways to improve the delivery of services to people with disabilities in the most integrated community settings.

The New York State Olmstead Implementation Plan will include goals, strategies, performance measures, baseline data and quantifiable targets related to services that will assist individuals with disabilities and seniors to live in the most integrated community settings. Specific areas covered in the plan will include access to: integrated housing, integrated employment, transportation and community services. The plan will also contain information on assessment of needs, transition to community settings and diversion from institutional settings.

Suggestions for the New York State Olmstead Plan can be provided in a number of ways: video conference, public hearing, community focus groups and on-line comments.

#### **The schedule of public events is as follows:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Locations</b>
Tuesday, August 21, 2012 1:00pm-4:00pm	Public Forum-Statewide Video Conference  For Registration  <a href="http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp">http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp</a>	<b>MANHATTAN</b> New York City Field Office 330 Fifth Ave 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor- Conference Rm A New York, NY 10001-3101  <b>LONG ISLAND</b> Pilgrim Psychiatric Center 998 Crooked Hill Rd Rehab Center- Building 102 Room C-4 West Brentwood, NY 11717-1087

		<p><b>HUDSON VALLEY</b>  Rockland Psychiatric Center, Building 57  8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Rm  140 Old Orangeburg Rd  Orangeburg, NY 10962</p> <p><b>BINGHAMTON</b>  Greater Binghamton Psychiatric Center  Keeler Building- Burns Conference Rm  425 Robinson St.  Binghamton, NY 13904-</p> <p><b>OGDENSBURG</b>  St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center- Trinity Building Auditorium  1 Chimney Point Dr.  Ogdensburg, NY 13669</p> <p><b>SYRACUSE</b>  Central NY Field Office  Education &amp; Training Building- Room 204  545 Cedar Street  Syracuse, NY 13210-2319</p> <p><b>BUFFALO</b>  Buffalo Psychiatric Center  400 Forest Ave  Strozzi Annex-Room 2012  Buffalo, NY 14213-1298</p>
Wednesday, August 22, 2012 11:00am-3:00pm	Public Forum- Hearing  For Registration  <a href="http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp">http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp</a>	<b>ALBANY</b> Empire State Plaza Meeting Room 6 Albany, NY
Friday, September 28, 2012 9:00am-12:00pm	Public Forum- Statewide Video Conference  For registration:  <a href="http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp">http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2414.jsp</a>	<b>SCHENECTADY</b> Capital District DDSO Balltown & Consaul Roads Building 3, Room 2

		<p>Schenectady, NY 12304</p> <p><b>MANHATTAN</b> Metro NY DDSO 75 Morton Street Activity Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10014</p> <p><b>QUEENS</b> Bernard Fineson DDSO 80-45 Winchester Bld Room 2 Queens Village, NY 11428</p> <p><b>LONG ISLAND</b> Long Island DDSO 415-A Oser Road Multipurpose Room Hauppauge, NY 11788</p> <p><b>KINGSTON</b> Taconic DDSO 521 Boices Lane VC Room Kingston, NY 12401</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER</b> Finger Lakes DDSO 620 Westfall Road, 25 Leaf &amp; Room 3/4 Rochester, NY 14620</p>
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