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### **NYS OPWDD Works For Me**

The Works For Me event is OPWDD's annual opportunity to highlight employment success stories by recognizing businesses that hire people with disabilities as well as the contributions these valued employees bring to the workplace. We will continue to offer a Youth Transition award as well, to showcase the positive work done in the schools to facilitate student transition to work. Our 7th Annual Works For Me Event will be held on November 6, 2014 at the Albany Museum, Huxley Theater. For more information about the Works For Me event you may contact Jeanette Stanton at 518-474-5277 or [Jeanette.c.stanton@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Jeanette.c.stanton@opwdd.ny.gov) or Tonya Obey at 718-477-8420 or [Tonyamaree.obey@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Tonyamaree.obey@opwdd.ny.gov). Please refer to the attached Works For Me announcement for further details.

### **MSC Training for Voluntary Providers Serving Willowbrook Class Members**

REMINDER: On August 19, 2014 from 9:00am-1:00 pm OPWDD will be holding a training session which will focus on the provision of Medicaid Service Coordination/Case Management by Non-Profit voluntary providers to Willowbrook Class Members. Registration ends August 5, 2014. For registration information, go to:

[http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp\\_catalogz2432.jsp](http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogz2432.jsp)

### **Webinar Training Opportunities**

OPWDD's Office of Diversity Management will be hosting a series of cultural competence educational webinars. Service coordinators may receive professional development credit for these trainings. Note: Certificates will not be issued. In order to receive credit for attending, trainees who attend the event in full, may attach the webinar registration confirmation email to the MSC training record as supporting documentation of attendance. Please refer to the attached flyers for further information on each of the trainings. The first in the series will be:

- Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections - Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 1-2 pm. Interested individuals can register via the following link:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6412296095326254849>
- Achieving Cultural Competency: A Journey Not a Destination – Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 2-3 pm. Interested individuals can register via the following link:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1816745410897646850>
- Cultural Competence at the Front Door – Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 11am-12pm. Interested individuals can register via the following link:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6779037100120409602>



NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities

# WORKS FOR ME

**National Disability Employment  
Awareness Month**

Event Announcement for Provider's

**November 6, 2014**

Please Note: Change in Date

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## Putting People First





## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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### 2014 WORKS FOR ME INITIATIVE

OPWDD honors selected businesses across New York State that demonstrate employing individuals with developmental disabilities is great for business – and that these employees are valued members of our state’s vibrant workforce.

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#### Background to the Event:

OPWDD will demonstrate to the business community and other honored guests, that there is a significant economic benefit workers with disabilities can bring into the workforce - dependability, motivation, and enthusiasm. It is a vital message that we hope to spread at this event, and in so doing, contribute to the workforce needs of NYS employers.

In addition, we will demonstrate the diversity of talents that people with developmental disabilities have shown through their employment in a wide range of business sectors.

#### Timeline for Nominations:

- OPWDD will distribute the nomination forms to supported employment providers, organizations, and other individuals by **April 1, 2014**.
- Supported employment providers, organizations, and other individuals will submit nominations, by e-mail (via Secure Messaging), snail mail, fax, or in person to the DDROs by **May 2, 2014**.
- Each DDRO will develop a review team to go through the nominations and select up to one finalist in each of the six categories (identified in the nomination instructions). **Please ensure there’s diversity in the nominations (ability, gender, race, etc.). The nominations should display the individuals’ ability to problem solve, creativity, and organizational skills that contribute to the businesses. Please pay special attention to non-traditional employment opportunities and/or skills and higher-needs employees**
- Each DDRO will review every nomination to ensure that the business nominated employs a person who meets

#### OPWDD’s eligibility criteria

- Each DDRO finalist will be sent to the OPWDD **Central Office by May 23, 2014**. Central Office will convene a statewide panel of judges comprised of stakeholders to select winners who will be honored at the November 6, 2014 Works For Me Event in Albany. Winners will be notified in June and July.

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### For More Information Contact:

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# Cultural Competence Webinar



*\*\* This Webinar is open to ALL OPWDD and provider agency employees\*\**

## **Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections**

### **Thursday, May 8, 2014,**

### **1 to 2 p.m.**

*The first in a series of Cultural Competence Webinars  
Hosted by the OPWDD Office of Diversity Management*

**Presenter: Rev. Catherine Patterson, OPWDD Faith-Based Coordinator**

***Facilitator:** Nicole Weinstein, Office of Diversity Management*

Being a part of the community offers us a great many benefits: We become interested in connecting with others; feel acceptance through our participation; and gain a sense of security that there are other people out there who can help us. Faith community participation for people with developmental disabilities does not differ in the sense that *all* people need connections.

Rev. Patterson, who assists providers with making spiritual connections and providing spiritually competent supports to those they serve, will discuss what staff can do to bring people with developmental disabilities together with local faith communities; how they can develop sustaining relationships and natural supports for those individuals; and how care workers can create spiritual inclusion plans for people of different faiths and cultures.

**To Register** for Cultural Competence: Fostering Faith Connections on May 8 at:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.



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## **Achieving Cultural Competency:**

### ***A Journey Not a Destination***

**Thursday, May 22, 2014,**

**2 to 3 p.m.**

*Part of a series hosted by the OPWDD Office of Diversity Management*

**Presenter: Cassandra Archie, Advocates for Educational Equity & Excellence**

***Facilitator:** Nicole Weinstein, Office of Diversity Management*

**Achieving Cultural Competency is a journey that requires a commitment to learn and grow along the way. Having the knowledge, skills, and tools is important to effectively communicate and interact with diverse populations, ensuring better outcomes. This Webinar will provide tools that you can use every day, on your journey to cultural competency.**

**Cassandra Archie** is president and founder of Advocates for Educational Equity & Excellence, a consulting organization providing special education training, information, and support. She is the architect of specialized programs designed and implemented throughout the country to increase participation, involvement, and engagement of urban parents of children with special needs. Her professional credentials include directing one of the largest federally funded parent training projects in New York State.

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## **Cultural Competence at the Front Door**

### **Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

### **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

*Hosted by the OPWDD Office of Diversity Management*

**Presenter: Brenda Stalling, LCSW, Front Door Team Specialist**

**Alex Yang, Assistant Program Supervisor, CARES Inc.**

Providing culturally competent services at the Front Door is an important element to engage individuals and families in the developmental disabilities system of care. For individuals and families, culture influences how people access services, perceive help, and what supports look like. This Webinar is designed for provider agency and State-operations employees who work with culturally diverse people and families. The Webinar will focus on

- How to use culture to engage people and families;
- How to collaborate with community supports to provide culturally competent services; and,
- Meeting people where they are at, so services and supports are meaningful.

**To Register** for Cultural Competence at the Front Door on June 18:

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