

# MSC E-VISORY

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The MSC E-Visory is an electronic advisory which provides pertinent and timely information about programs and services available to individuals receiving MSC. Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly. **MSC Supervisors: Please share this issue with all MSC Service Coordinators and others as appropriate.** In order to receive an email notification when a new MSC E-Visory is posted, please sign up for our mailing list (listserv). Listserv information and past issues can be accessed via the following link: [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wt/publications/wt\\_publications\\_mscevisories\\_index.jsp](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wt/publications/wt_publications_mscevisories_index.jsp)

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### Training Opportunities

#### Reminder: MSC Supervisors Fall Video Conference – September 15, 2011

The MSC Supervisors Fall Video Conference on 9/15/11 is being broadcast to multiple DDSO sites in the morning (9:30am-12:00 pm) and repeated to multiple DDSO sites in the afternoon (1:00 pm – 3:30 pm). This should provide the opportunity for all MSC Supervisors working for a voluntary agency or for a DDSO to participate in either a morning or afternoon session. Materials for this video conference will be posted via the MSC E-Visory the week prior to the sessions. For registration information go to:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp\\_catalogc1310.jsp](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogc1310.jsp)

Topics include:

- MSC Update
- National Core Indicators
- People First Waiver
- MSC Training Initiatives and new Education and Training Web Page
- Medicaid and SSA Information
- Employment First for MSC Supervisors
- Willowbrook Updates

### MSC Monthly Note Trainings

Some sessions of the 9/21/11 and 9/22/11 MSC Monthly Note Trainings (video conferences) are now at full capacity with extensive waiting lists (especially New York City) although there is still availability for these sessions at many other locations. OPWDD's MSC Unit is in the process of planning for additional sessions to occur during October 2011. When dates are secured, information will be sent via the MSC E-Visory. Registration is via the OPWDD Catalog of Training and Development Programs at:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp\\_catalogy0041.jsp](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogy0041.jsp)

MSC Supervisors: "Riding the Wave of Change"- October 27, 2011, Metro DDSO, New York City

Attached to this e-visory is information on the Fourth Annual MSC Supervisors Conference, presented by the MSC Supervisors Development Team. Please Note: The registration deadline of October 13, 2011 is approaching and there will be no registration at the door. For additional information, contact [Keeva.Jackson@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Keeva.Jackson@opwdd.ny.gov).

Inclusion U Training – Finger Lakes, Long Island, Adirondacks, Hudson Valley/NYC

The New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center at SUNY Cortland presents Inclusion U – a day long training that teaches attendees the foundations of inclusion, best practices in inclusion, and how to access inclusivity using the Inclusivity Assessment Tool. At the completion of Inclusion U, participants become Certified Inclusivity Assessors and are qualified to complete assessments of recreation sites, facilities and programs. An informational flyer and a registration form are attached to this e-visory. For further information, visit the NYSIRRC website at [www.nysirrc.org](http://www.nysirrc.org)

- September 9, 2011                      Finger Lakes Region (Cortland)
- September 13, 2011                     Finger Lakes Region (Dryden)
- September 17, 2011                    Long Island Region (Patchogue)
- September 24, 2011                    Adirondack Region (Paul Smiths)
- November 17, 2011                    Hudson Valley/NYC Region (to be announced)

Recreation Inclusion: Tips and Tools – November 16, 2011 - Hudson Valley DDSO- Thiells

The New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center will be offering a three-hour training (1-4pm) focused on tips and tools for inclusive recreation. During this training, people who work with individuals of all abilities will learn to assess recreation dreams and goals, identify community resources and facilitate meaningful leisure experiences. Registration is available through the OPWDD Catalog of Training and Development Programs at:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp\\_catalogp1356.jsp](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogp1356.jsp)

NYSARC, Inc. Annual Convention – October 20-22, 2011, Albany, NY

Attached to this e-visory is the preliminary program and registration form for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual NYSARC, Inc. Convention – “Advocacy in Action: Moving Forward”.

Supporting Healthy Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities – November 4, 2011  
Latham NY

Attached to this e-visory is an informational brochure and registration form for a conference entitled “Supporting Healthy Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities”.



**The MSC Supervisors Development Team Presents:  
The Fourth Annual MSC Supervisors Conference**

**Thursday October 27, 2011**

Metro DDSO

75 Morton Street

New York, NY 10014

**MSC Supervisors  
“Riding the Wave of Change”**



**MSC Supervisors**  
**“Riding the Wave of Change”**

8:00am - 9:00am ~ **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00am-9:15am ~ **Welcome & Greetings ~**

Keeva Jackson-Breland

Director of Service Coordination, BDDSO

9:15 ~ 9:30 ~ Jill Gentile, Associate Commissioner Region 2

9:30-10:45am ~ **GUEST SPEAKER ~ Eric Pasternak ~**

OPWDD MSC Statewide Coordinator

“MSC Redesign” ~ Open Forum Q & A

11:00-12:30pm – **MORNING WORKSHOPS**

**A. OFFICE YOGA & Relaxation~**

Kimberly Winsborrow ~ Heartshare

**B. Waiver Services ~ Past, Present, Future**

Eric Pasternak ~ OPWDD

**C. Overview of MSC Requirements/MSC Protocol**

OPWDD~ DQM

**D. Mentoring your Staff through Change ~**

Kathy Broderick, AHRC

12:30pm-1:30pm – **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

1:45pm-3:00pm – **KEYNOTE SPEAKER ~**

Marvin L. Colson, Clinical Associate Professor,

Stony Brook University

“Retired on the Job~ How to Motivate your Staff”

3:15pm-4:45pm – **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

**E. Overview of MSC Requirements/MSC Protocol~**

OPWDD ~ DQM

**F. Time Management ~ Courtney Sweeting, AHRC**

**G. The MSC Casenote ~ Eric Pasternak, OPWDD**

**H. Mentoring your Staff through Change ~**

Kathy Broderick, AHRC

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**“Riding the Wave of Change”**

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**Metro DDSO**

**75 Morton Street**

**New York, NY 10014**



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**The Fourth Annual MSC Supervisors Conference**

**REGISTRATION & FEE REQUIRED**

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If Kosher Lunch is required check here \_\_\_\_\_

Select one workshop for morning session \_A\_ \_B\_ \_C\_ \_D\_

Select one workshop for afternoon session \_E\_ \_F\_ \_G\_ \_H\_

Please return this page and \$30.00 registration fee by  
October 13, 2011. **No registration at the door!**

Keeva Jackson-Breland

Brooklyn DDSO

888 Fountain Ave Bldg 1-2

Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Please make check/money order payable to:**

**MSC Supervisors Conference 2011**

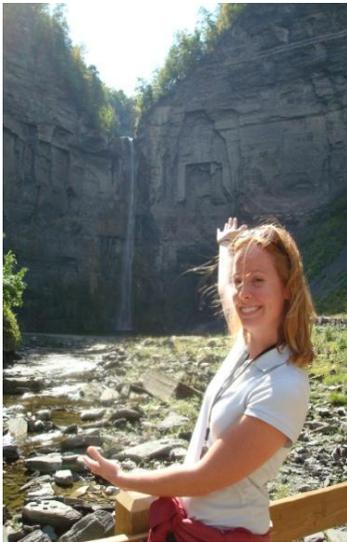
If you have any questions please contact Keeva Jackson-Breland at:

(718) 642-3816 or keeva.jackson@opwdd.ny.gov



## Inclusion U Training

Become a Certified Inclusivity Assessor! Learn about best practices in inclusion and accessibility so that you can assess sites and facilities for physical, administrative, and programmatic inclusion. Help build a state-wide system that provides accurate and descriptive information about recreation places and spaces. Whether you are a recreation provider, service coordinator, a person with a disability, family member, student, or advocate, this training is for you!



**The New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center**, founded in January 2007, has become a state-wide training resource for people with disabilities, recreation and outdoor education providers, tourism professionals, and students who want to learn how to achieve inclusion and accessibility at their sites and facilities.

### Full-day Inclusion U trainings:

- Teach best practices in inclusion
- Provide 7 hours of training hours (.7 Continuing Education Credits - \$8.00)
- Certify attendees to use the Inclusivity Assessment Tool
- Empower attendees to make a positive difference!

Over 1,000 Certified Inclusivity Assessors across the state have worked to increase accessibility and inclusion. Whether it is a park, bowling alley, library, or boating pier, information collected during assessments is now available in an on-line database to assist people with disabilities better plan their recreation. Visit our website at

[www.nysirrc.org](http://www.nysirrc.org).

## 2011 Inclusion U Training Dates and Locations

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 12:30-9:00, Cortland (Finger Lakes Region)

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 8-4:30, Dryden (Finger Lakes Region)

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 8-4:30, Patchogue (Long Island Region)

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 8-4:30, Paul Smiths (Adirondack Region)

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 8-4:30, TBA (Hudson Valley/NYC Region)

**Pre-registration is required.** The cost of this training is \$95.00 and includes the bound Inclusivity Tool Guide and the tool kit needed to conduct assessments. Payment can be made by check payable to "The Research Foundation, SUNY Cortland." Also, please write "NYSIRRC" in the memo line. Please submit to: New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045. If you have questions about the training or need any accommodations to participate, please contact Project Coordinator Laurie Penney McGee at (607)753-4833 or [laurie.penneymcgee@cortland.edu](mailto:laurie.penneymcgee@cortland.edu).

**Special Reduced Rate of \$40 for Medicaid Service Coordinators!!**

Funded by the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and SUNY Cortland

## Inclusion U Registration Form

Name:

Complete Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Organization (if applicable):

Job Title (if applicable):

Date of Inclusion U you are attending:

Location of Inclusion U you are attending:

If you need any supports or accommodations to participate in Inclusion U, please describe:

**Payment included for the following:**

Inclusion U fee (includes training, tool kit, book) \_\_\_\_\_ \$95.00  
 NYS IRRRC royal blue polo shirt (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 (size: \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Total Amount Enclosed**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: “The Research Foundation, SUNY Cortland.” Also, please write “NYS IRRRC” on the check’s memo line.**

- 1) Return the registration form by email attachment to: [InclusiveRec@cortland.edu](mailto:InclusiveRec@cortland.edu)
- 2) Then mail a printed copy of the registration form **with** payment or purchase order to:

NYS IRRRC  
 SUNY Cortland RPLS Dept.  
 Box 2000  
 Cortland, NY 13045

**CEU’s:** Continuing Education Units are available for \$8.00. Forms will be available at training. If you would like to obtain CEUs, please bring a **separate** check in the amount of \$8.00 payable to “NYSRPS” to the training. (If you are a Medicaid Service Coordinator, you will be provided with a free certificate of attendance for your training file).

**Cancellations:** Substitute registrants can be named at any time. A full refund, less a \$20 service fee, will be given if notification is given 10 or more business days in advance of the scheduled Inclusion U workshop. Notifications of less than 10 business days will result in a credit that can be applied to a future Inclusion U workshop with NYSIRRC. If you do not cancel or attend, you are responsible for the entire payment.

Returned check: You will be charged the amount of the check plus any bank fees for a returned check due to insufficient funds.

**Office Use Only**

Payer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount received: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Check # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date submitted to RF: \_\_\_\_\_

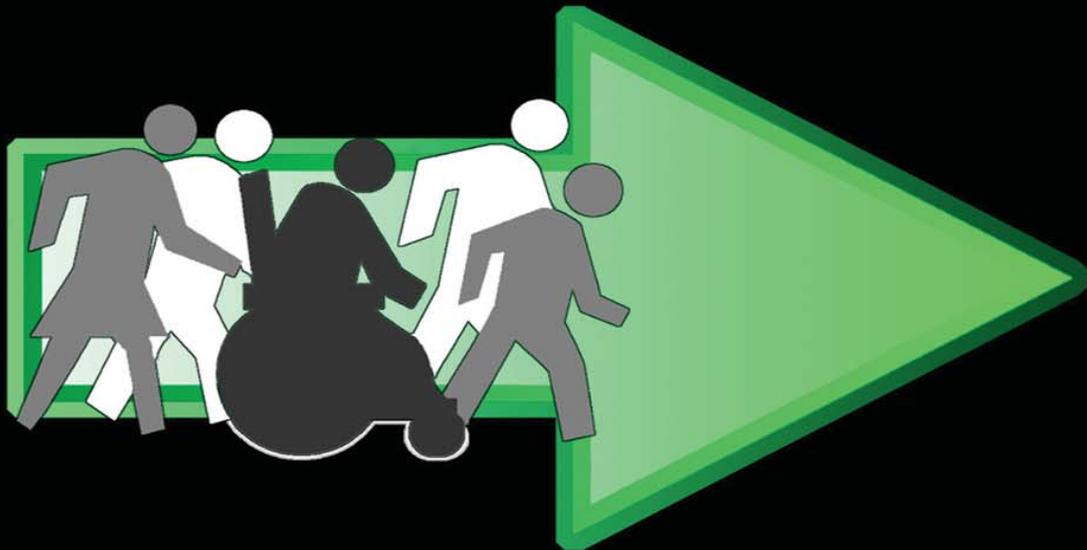
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# NYSARC, Inc. 62nd Annual Convention

October 20-22, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY

## Preliminary Program



**Advocacy in Action:**

***Moving Forward***

**Convention & Hotel  
Registration Information**

## 2011 Convention Program at a Glance

The program below is final at the time of this printing. However, due to the significant lead time required in Convention planning, changes may be made. All changes will be reflected in the final program book.

### Thursday, October 20, 2011

<p>9:00am - 8:00pm                  9:00am - 1:00pm                  9:45am - 12:00pm                  11:00am - 1:00pm                  11:00am - 4:30pm                  12:30pm - 1:00pm                  1:00pm - 3:00pm                  4:00pm - 5:45pm                  6:00pm - 7:30pm                  7:45pm - 10:00pm                  8:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p><b>Convention Registration</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Committee Meetings</b>  <b>EDA Annual Meeting</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Chapter Presidents Forum</b>  <b>DS Professional/Self Advocate Program</b>  <b>Lunch Performance: <i>The 5 Lovers Band</i></b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Board of Governors Meeting</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Quill Awards Dinner</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Board of Governors Meeting (Cont'd)</b>  <b>Screening/Q &amp; A: Wretches &amp; Jabberers</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Highlights</b></p> <p>Direct Support                  Professional/Self-Advocate                  Convention Program</p> <p>NYSARC, Inc. Committee                  Meetings</p> <p>Chapter Presidents Forum</p> <p>Board of Governors Meeting</p> <p>Quill Awards Dinner</p> <p>Screening/Q &amp; A                  Wretches &amp; Jabberers</p>
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### Friday, October 21, 2011

<p>8:00am - 5:00pm                  8:30am - 10:15am                  9:00am - 10:15am                  9:00am - 10:30am                  9:00am - 5:00pm                  9:00am - 5:00pm                  10:30am - 11:45am                  12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>1:45pm - 3:00pm                  3:30pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>6:30pm - 7:30pm                  7:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p><b>Convention Registration</b>  <b>Screening: Wretches &amp; Jabberers</b>  <b>Concurrent Workshop Sessions I</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Board Orientation Program</b>  <b>Convention Exhibits</b>  <b>NYSARC Chapter Art Show</b>  <b>Convention Keynote: “Wretches &amp; Jabberers”</b>  <b>Awards Luncheon</b>  <i>Presentation of: NYSARC, Inc. Employer of the Year and Media Awards</i></p> <p><b>Concurrent Workshop Sessions II</b>  <b>NYSARC, Inc. Delegate Assembly</b>  <i>Presentation of Thomas A. Maul Direct Support Professional Awards and Hodgson-Jacobs Law Award</i></p> <p><b>Annual Banquet Cocktail Reception</b>  <b>Annual Banquet</b>  <i>Presentation of: NYSARC, Inc. Volunteer of the Year and Self-Advocate of the Year Awards</i>  <i>Banquet Entertainment: Jonathan Swick, Pianist</i></p>	<p><b>Friday Highlights</b></p> <p>Chapter Art Show</p> <p>Convention Exhibits</p> <p>BOG Orientation</p> <p>Media Awards</p> <p>Employer of the                  Year Awards</p> <p>Delegate Assembly</p> <p>Thomas A. Maul                  Direct Support Professional                  Awards</p> <p>NYSARC, Inc. Hodgson-Jacobs                  Law Award</p> <p>Annual Banquet</p> <p>Self-Advocate of the                  Year Award</p> <p>Volunteer of the                  Year Award</p>
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### Saturday, October 22, 2011

<p>9:00am - 10:30am</p> <p>10:45am - 12:00pm                  12:00pm -</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session: “Leadership in a Changing Environment: Responding to the 1115 Waiver”</b></p> <p>NYSARC, Inc. Board of Governors Meeting                  Convention Closes/Box Lunch</p>	<p><b>Saturday Highlights</b></p> <p>1115 Waiver Plenary Session</p> <p>Board of Governors                  Meeting</p>
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# 2011 Convention Registration Form

**October 20-22, 2011 — Please complete ONE form for every attendee.**

## NYSARC, INC. CHAPTER MEMBERS AND STAFF

**Full Convention Registration Fee**

1st & 2nd Attendee \$125 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd, 4th & 5th Attendees \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 6th Attendee + \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

**One-Day Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 10/20 or \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 10/21

Individual \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Self-Advocate \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Support Professional (Assisting Self-Advocate) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Governors Representatives:** The Convention Registration Fee for Board of Governor Representatives is waived. However, ALL Governors MUST complete and submit the **Convention Registration Form**. Governors cannot be included in calculating Chapter registration numbers for discounted fees.

## REGISTRATION FOR NON-MEMBERS

**Full Convention Registration Fee**

Per Attendee \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

**One Day Registration Fee**

Per Attendee \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy**

Telephone, fax or written cancellations will be accepted until **Thursday, October 13, 2011** without penalty. Cancellations after this date will be subject to a \$25 cancellation fee. All refunds will be mailed within 30 days following the close of the Convention.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all appropriate position(s) or role(s)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member         | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOG Representative    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President     | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Staff Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Advocate         | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Professional  | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |

**TOTAL FEES**

**Registration Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**P.O. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUTER MEALS for NON-HOTEL GUESTS

*Commuter meals are available for individuals **not staying** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. All meals must be pre-ordered and paid for with your Convention Registration fee submitted to NYSARC.*

**Please check meals you wish to order**

- Thursday, October 20th:** Dinner/\$44.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday, October 21st:** Breakfast/\$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch/\$29.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reception & Banquet/\$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Banquet Choice:*  Beef  Chicken  Fish  
 Vegetarian  Kosher \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, October 22nd:** Breakfast/\$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Box Lunch/\$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Commuter Meal Information**

*The Crowne Plaza Hotel will offer alternative meals for those individuals who have special dietary needs. Please indicate menu option for purchased meals. (Meal options do not apply for breakfast, which is buffet style.)*

**Vegetarian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Kosher** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail or Fax this Form with Check or Purchase Order to:**

NYSARC, Inc.  
 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054  
 Fax: (518) 439-1893  
**Questions? Please call (518) 439-8311**





## 2011 Convention Workshop Sessions

**Workshop sessions will be held on Thursday, October 20th, Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd. Sessions to be offered are listed below.**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

#### **11:00am - 12:30pm - Plenary Session**

##### ***“Code of Ethics: Alive and in Full Color!”***

An interactive “encounter” with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics.

*Presenter: John Raffaele, LMSW, New Hope Community*

#### **1:45pm - 3:00pm - Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

##### ***“Self-Determination: Live It! Support It!”***

Promoting self-determination in the lives of people who have developmental disabilities requires partnership. Learn more about how the self-advocate/direct support professional relationship best works to support self-determination.

*Presenter: Alan A. Schwartz, PhD  
Westchester Institute for Human Development*

##### ***“End of Life Decision-Making for Self-Advocates”***

Training for Self-Advocates who seek to fill the information gap when making health care decisions.

*Presenter: The NYSARC, Inc. Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee*

##### ***“Supporting Self-Advocacy Efforts for Individuals with Autism”***

Discussion of the importance of the self-advocacy movement for people with autism.

*Presenter: Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region*

#### **3:15pm - 4:30pm - Plenary Session**

##### ***“Supporting Self-Advocacy Efforts at the Local Level”***

An interactive session designed to share experiences, feedback, and requests for support with self-advocates and direct support professionals.

*Presenter: MaryBeth Schneider, NYSARC, Inc.*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

#### **9:00am - 10:15am - Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

##### ***“Special Care: Planning for the Family with Special Needs”***

A brief overview of government benefits, funding strategies for supplemental income/health insurance and common planning errors that impact Medicaid and SSI eligibility.

*Presenter: James Traylor, ChFC, ChSNC  
Financial Architects/MassMutual*

##### ***“Thoughts that Keep Us Up at Night: Siblings Talk about Aging and their Brothers and Sisters”***

Panelists will share personal experiences of their evolving relationship with their aging siblings who have developmental disabilities.

*Presenters: Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz, NYC Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.  
Joyce Carmen, Onondaga Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.  
Annette Spallino, NYC Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011 (Cont'd)

#### **9:00am - 10:15am**

##### ***“Including People with Disabilities: Places of Worship and Municipalities”***

A session on how to enhance self-advocacy presence in places of worship/municipalities for individuals with IDD and service providers.

*Presenter: David V. Whalen, Disability Awareness Training, LLC  
Sponsored by Philadelphia Insurance Companies*

##### ***“Community Inclusion & the Arts: Success with disABILITY and the Arts Festival”***

A presentation on the collaborative efforts of two organizations who worked together to bring a dynamic arts festival to the community.

*Presenters: NYSARC, Inc. Finger-Lakes Collaborative  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges*

##### ***“EmploySmart: The Informed Hiring System”***

Informed hiring is the smartest way to hire and retain the best employees. This session will include an overview of the “EmploySmart” system and will demonstrate steps you can use to protect your agency from unnecessary risks and first year costs.

*Presenter: Megan Coville, OTR/L  
Bailey, Haskell & Lalonde*

#### **10:30am - 11:45am - Convention Keynote Presentation**

##### ***“Finding Your Voice, Finding Your Purpose in Life”***

Partners in crime, two individuals share their stories from the making of the film *Wretches & Jabberers*, and some of the behind the scenes adventures from the road. More importantly, they will share their mission of promoting more positive views of disability.

*Presenters: Documentary stars: Larry Bissonnette and Tracy Thresher,  
with Pascal Chen and Harvey Lavoy*

#### **1:45pm - 3:00pm - Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

##### ***“Empowering High School Students and Young Adults with Disabilities for the 21st Century College & Societal Inclusion”***

A partnership between AHRC NYC and Pace University who are engaging university students and individuals with IDD in a mentoring program focused on computer science skills.

*Presenters: Dr. James P. Lawler, Pace University  
NYC AHRC, NYSARC, Inc.*

##### ***“NYSARC Trust Programs: A Summary and Discussion”***

An overview and summary of the Trust program of NYSARC, Inc., how it operates, which type of trust is appropriate, and how NYSARC Trust accounts are administered.

*Presenter: The NYSARC Trustees*

##### ***“What is Brand and Why Should We Care?”***

Learn why branding is important for non-profit organizations and how emerging technologies can improve brand recognition.

*Presenter: Vibrant Creative*

***Additional workshops titles and descriptions on back panel.***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011 (Cont'd)**

**1:45pm - 3:00pm - Concurrent Workshop Sessions (cont'd)**

**“Behavioral Interviewing Has Become Obsolete”**

Internet access has changed the landscape of job interviewing. Attendees will learn new interviewing strategies to discover who the candidate is and ensure a good fit to the company’s needs.

Presenter: Bill Kaminski, Seneca-Cayuga Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

**“Balancing Legal Responsibilities with Personal Choice: Defining the Boundaries of Guardianship”**

This session will address the difficult and dual roles of the guardian of the person in balancing the wishes, preferences, and desires of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Presenter: NYSARC, Inc. Guardianship Committee

**“Providing Leadership for a Stable Organization: Roles of the Board President and Executive Director**

This presentation will draw from the many years of experience of the Arc of Westchester in providing a model to support the board and staff in providing quality, stable, and respected services to individuals with IDD.

Presenters: Sheryl Frishman, President, Westchester Chapter, NYSARC  
Ric Swierat, Executive Dir., Westchester Chapter, NYSARC

**Saturday, OCTOBER 22, 2011**

**9:00am - 10:30am - Plenary Session**

**“Leadership in a Changing Environment: Responding to the 1115 Waiver”**

Presenter: To be announced

**First Class**

**Convention Highlights**

**Special Performance**

Please join us for a special performance of *The Five Lovers*, a very talented band of AHRC NYC who spreads their message of peace, love, & funk to open ears across the tri-state region.

Thursday, October 20th, 12:30pm - 1:00pm



**Convention Keynote/Screenings**

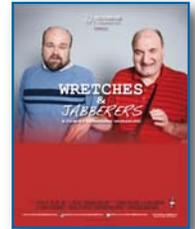
**“Finding Your Voice, Finding Your Purpose in Life”**

Stars from the award winning documentary, *Wretches & Jabberers* share their stories.

Screening and Q & A: October 20th, 8pm - 10pm

Screening: October 21st, 8:30am - 10:15am

Keynote: October 21st, 10:30am - 11:45am



**Awards Luncheon Speaker**

John Robinson, President and CEO of *Our Ability, Inc.* a company that specializes in mentoring people with disabilities through videos, social media and peer-to peer connections with employment support worldwide presents: **“Overcoming Obstacles”**.

October 21st, 12:00noon - 1:30pm



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### Supporting Healthy Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities

November 4, 2011

Century House,  
997 New Loudon Road  
Latham, NY 12110

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Please Check One:

Self Advocate/Family Member -

\$20.00 Per Person

Professionals—\$60 Per Person

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*Morning coffee and hot and cold buffet lunch  
included in registration fee.*

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Attn: Marie Floyd

RSVP: October 21, 2011

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Friday November 4, 2011  
8:15 am to 4:00 pm

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## Supporting Healthy Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities

Keynote Presentation by  
Katherine McLaughlin

Friday  
November 4, 2011  
8:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Presented by:  
Saratoga Bridges & Wildwood Programs

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## About the Keynote Speaker & Presentation

### Katherine McLaughlin



Ms. McLaughlin, an expert on sexuality and developmental disabilities, has taught sexuality education to people with developmental disabilities as well as trained them to be peer sexuality educators themselves. She has presented nationally at conferences and workshops, has developed and led parent workshops on Talking to Your Kids with Disabilities about Sexuality, and has trained staff on how to address sexuality with people with disabilities. Katherine has co-authored several curricula for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England including Sexuality Education for Adults with Developmental Disabilities and Sexual Violence in Teenage Lives. Katherine worked as a sexuality educator and trainer for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England for over 20 years. She now leads workshops as a private consultant and also teaches Human Sexuality at Keene State College in NH.

### Keynote Presentation

The keynote presentation will explore why it is important to support the social/sexual needs of people with developmental disabilities; what they think and feel about relationships and sexuality and why it may be more difficult to discuss sexuality with people with developmental disabilities.

## Conference Agenda

8:15 am—8:45 am Registration

8:45 am—9:00 am Welcoming Address

- Mary Ann Allen, Chief Executive Officer, Wildwood Programs
- Valerie Muratori, Executive Director, Saratoga Bridges

9:00 am—10:30 am Keynote Presentation

10:30 am—10:45am Break

10:45am — 12:15pm Workshops (Choose One)

### 1. "What to Talk About When ..."

*Katherine McLaughlin*

This session will discuss tips for talking about sexuality at the ages of: birth—8, 9-13, 14-20; biological age vs. cognitive age; responding to behaviors and how/when to answer sexuality questions.

### 2. "Capacity and Consent"

*Susan Verzulli, PhD, Chief Psychologist Capital District DDSO, OPWDD*

This session will discuss why the capacity to give consent for sexual activity is an important determination for individuals with Developmental Disabilities who are age 18 and over. We will discuss what consent means and how capacity is determined.

12:15 pm—1:15 pm Join us for a hot and cold buffet.

1:30 pm—2:45 pm Workshops (Choose One)

### 1. "Sexual Health Education for People with Developmental Disabilities"

*Rocky Bonsal, LCSW—R Senior Social Worker, Schenectady ARC*

This session will present the nine week educational program developed by the Social Work Department at Schenectady ARC for individuals with Developmental Disabilities ages 17 and over. Topics such as "Communication", "Private and Public" and "Self Protection" will be covered.

### 2. "Keeping Doors Open"

*Katherine McLaughlin*

This session will explore our own values and attitudes regarding sexuality and how those may impact our interactions with people with developmental disabilities. It will also examine ways to manage our values in order to be effective in addressing sexuality.

2:45 pm —3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm—4:00 pm Plenary Session

### "Keeping People Safe"

*Katherine McLaughlin*

This session will discuss the complexities of honoring individuality, the dignity of risk and differing values while exploring issues of keeping people safe. Katherine will review the day and entertain questions from the audience.