

BREAKOUT SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Breakout Session 1 (10:15 - 11:45 AM)

Future Financial Planning

Presented by: James Moragne

Overview:

Families and advocates for individuals with disabilities struggle with the daily challenges of acquiring, and then remaining eligible for necessary services and supports. In such a daunting environment it is obvious that planning for the individual's future becomes more important than ever. Areas of particular interest are government benefits, guardianship, supplemental needs trusts, and burial planning. Participants in this session will receive the latest information in these areas, especially in relation to the rules of the Medicaid and SSI programs. They will also receive current reference materials and contact information for ongoing technical assistance.

Educational Advocacy: Overview of the CSE Process

Presented by: Jean Tydings & Kathy McCarthy-Proulx

Overview:

This workshop will explain the purpose of the Committee on Special Education (CSE), the required members, and the parents' role on the committee. It will address the following questions: What is the role of the CSE? Who is on the committee? What is the parent's role on the CSE? Participants will: gain an understanding of the CSE team process; learn who are the constituent members of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and understand the role of each member; learn about the timetable for the CSE process; understand the process of developing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and gain advocacy skills.

Understanding Autism

Presented by: Community Consultation Center

Overview:

This talk provides participants with an overview of the core and related features of Autism Spectrum Disorder; reviews current recommended practice in diagnosis and treatment.

Breakout Session 2 (1:00 - 2:30 PM)

Planning for Your Child at Age 18

Presented by: Expert Panelists

Overview:

This workshop will explore the issue of guardianship once a child reaches the age of 18 and the impact it has on a family with regards to rights and responsibilities. The panelists comprise of Keynote Speaker, Jim Moragne; clinical director for Chemung ARC, Pam Overdurf; and Laurie Hubbard, Chief Deputy Clerk of Surrogate Court for Chemung County. The panel of experts will discuss the process and review the forms of applying for guardianship and speak to issues unique to the law with regard to families with children that have special needs.

Transitioning from School to Work: Navigating Adult Services

Presented by: Sarlyn Tate

Overview:

Participants will develop a better understanding of what adult services are available for students with disabilities after high school. The training will explain the differences and similarities between: Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID), Office of Mental Health (OMH) Office of Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), Department of Labor (DOL), OASAS College Disabilities Service Offices. Information on the target population, eligibility criteria, and services that are available and how one applies for those services will be explained.

Special Q&A session following last breakout:

Eligibility: Getting Started

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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

CONVENIENT LOCATION

The conference will take place at Corning Community College's new **Academic & Workforce Development Center** located in Elmira, New York on 318 Madison Avenue.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The conference is offered **FREE** to all, requiring only a \$10 registration fee that is fully **refundable** at the day of the conference. Scholarships are available if needed. Please contact Shelley James at (607) 734.6151x112 to apply for a scholarship.

MEALS

Continental breakfast will be available during registration and prior to the first breakout session. All participants will receive lunch catered by **A Step Above** in Rooms U003/004.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Information will be available from the varying participating organizations.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17, 2009

8:30 AM	Registration / Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Keynote: James Moragne Rooms U003/004
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Breakout Session 1
12:00 PM	Lunch by A Step Above
1:00 PM	Breakout Session 2
2:30 PM	Eligibility: "Getting Started" Special Q&A session

CHILDCARE

Childcare is offered to registrants **FREE** of charge. Provided by the E.O.P., children can be dropped off to Room U011. Lunch will be provided. Staff is fully trained to assist children and young adults with developmental disabilities. If your child requires special assistance or has specialized needs, please let us know in advance. Contact Shelley James at (607) 734.6151x112. You will need to provide a copy of your child's immunization records to us at the time of registration.

SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Following the last breakout session and the evaluations, participants are encouraged to stay to attend a special Q&A session on how to get started with eligibility. Experts from the Finger Lakes DDSO and Chemung ARC Intake Coordinator, Michelle Nicholas will be on hand to answer all your questions on how one even begins to receive services for a child with special needs.

SEATING ★

Seating is limited to the **first 100** registrants. Early registration is recommended.

PRESENTERS



KEYNOTE: JAMES MORAGNE

James C. Moragne provided more than 30 years of service to persons with disabilities while with the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). As a regional manager in a revenue development capacity, he was responsible for benefit development for all persons with disabilities residing in State-operated residences in as many as forty-seven counties, as well as technical assistance to fiduciaries, provider agencies and families. He has conducted dozens of workshops on consumer benefits and future planning throughout New York State for the New York State Arc, the New York State Rehabilitation Association, the Financial Management Association, the Albany School of Law and other organizations. He co-edited *Estate and Future Planning for Persons with*

Developmental Disabilities, and Their Families, published by the New York State Bar Association in 2001, and was a contributing author and editor for *Planning For The Future*, published by the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council in 2000. He served on OMRDD's Trusts Task Force and Board of Directors of the Guardianship Association of New York State. He is a trustee of the NYSARC Pooled Trust and is a consultant to providers, families and advocates on consumer funds issues.

LAURIE HUBBARD

Ms. Hubbard is the chief deputy clerk for Chemung County's Surrogate Court and has been in that position since October 2006. Prior to that, she was in the Supreme Court Law Library system as the Supreme Court law librarian. She worked for a short time in the regional office before taking the Surrogate Court position.

KATHY MCCARTHY-PROLUX

Kathy McCarthy-Proulx works as an advocate and trainer for the Parent Training and Information Center of The Advocacy Center. In her role, she supports parents of children with disabilities as well as advocacy organizations across New York State. Ms. McCarthy-Proulx has worked at The Advocacy Center for twenty years. She has a bachelor of science in social work. She is the parent of three children, one of whom had multiple disabilities and complex medical needs. Her daughter, Kate, is now deceased. McCarthy-Proulx's experiences with her own children in regular education and special education led her to become an advocate.

PAMELA OVERDURF

Pam Overdurf is the developmental health services director for Chemung ARC and has nearly 26 years of service with the agency. Pam received a bachelor's degree in social work from Cornell University, College of Human Ecology and her master's in social work from Marywood University. Pam is well versed on the topic of guardianship and is the lead liaison for the agency's Guardianship committee. Pam lives in Horseheads, NY with her beloved dogs, Luca (a trained therapy dog) and Hermes, and her three cats.

SARLYN TATE

Ms. Tate is a full-time trainer who comes to the University at Buffalo Model Transition Program from the Mid-Erie Counseling and Treatment Services. As executive director, she was responsible for directing offices in Buffalo and Cheektowaga that provided out-patient mental health and chemical dependency rehabilitation services to children, adolescents, and adults. Her areas of expertise include children's mental health, program development, and training. Sarlyn has a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science degree, both in psychology from DePaul University, and a master's degree in social work from the University at Buffalo.

JEAN TYDINGS

Jean Tydings is an advocate and coordinator of the Independent Parent Advocacy Network at The Advocacy Center. She holds a bachelor of science in speech pathology and has over thirty years experience in disability advocacy. Ms. Tydings believes strongly in the importance of building the capacity of individuals with disabilities and their families to advocate for themselves. She enjoys the learning process working with individuals and groups.

Conference Registration Form

Breakout Session 1 (Select only ONE) Time: 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM

- Future Financial Planning - *Moragne*
 Educational Advocacy - *Tydings & McCarthy-Proulx*
 Understanding Autism - *Community Consultation Center*

Breakout Session 2 (Select only ONE) Time: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

- Planning for Your Child at Age 18 - *Moragne, Overdurf & Hubbard*
 School to Work Transitioning - *Tate*

Q&A Session Time: 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM

- Getting Started—All you need to know about eligibility

Please print and fill out **ALL** information. One form per registrant. Thank you.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

★ **\$10 Registration Fee per person required for all conference participants.** Refundable the day of the conference.

- Check Cash Money Order

Childcare Registration

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