



NYS Disability Services Council Fall Meeting November 9-10, 2011

Agenda

Wednesday, November 9 - Day 1

- 7:30-11:00 **Registration**
- 8:00-9:30AM **Coffee/Tea/Juice/Fruit/Breakfast Baked Goods/Bagels**
- 8:30-10:30 **New Provider Training** - Kathy Hoffman, ECC; Carolyn Boone, TC3
This session is intended for providers who have been in the field for two years or less. Given the complexity of issues that we face on today's campus in terms of the range of disabilities, shrinking budgets and limited staffing establishing networks on and off campus is more important than ever. We will address who needs to be in your campus network and how you work with them. How you build credibility for yourself and your department. As always, Q&A will be an essential component of the program.
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-12:00PM **Updates in Higher Education** - John L. D'Agati, Deputy Commissioner, NYS Office of Higher Education
Mr. D'Agati assists in the development of policies critical to higher education and programs that explore the link between higher education and economic development, including the Gen*NY*sis legislation. He also played a significant role in the expansion of the TAP program.
- 12:00-1:15 **Working Lunch** - NYSDSC Committee meetings will meet during lunch to work on specific areas of need
- 1:30-2:45 **The Proposed Amendment to Secondary Education for Discontinuation of the IEP Diploma and RCT Discontinuation for Students with Disabilities** - Joanne LaCrosse - NYSED, Supervisor of Special Education Policy; Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES); Kathy Hoffman, ECC
A discussion of the RCTs phase out, IEP diploma discontinuation, and other PHASE ONE changes. How will these alterations impact postsecondary admissions, services and regulations? Public Comment preparation information - NYSDSC group/individual responses (submission due November 21, 2011). The proposed amendment is to repeal the individualized education program (IEP) diploma for students with disabilities upon expiration of the 2012-13 school year and, beginning with the 2013-14 school year, establish a "Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential" only for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have taken the New York State Alternate Assessment and who are not eligible for a regular diploma.
- 2:45-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-4:30 **"Voices of the ADA Generation"** - Dr. Susan Mann Dolce, University of Buffalo
This presentation highlights the Voices of the ADA Generation Project at the University at Buffalo during the 2010 -2011 academic year. This student-centered project demonstrates strategies for disability service professionals and disability studies faculty to work directly with students telling their stories as the first "ADA generation."



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"Voices of the ADA Generation" - continued

After viewing the "Voices" video (30 minutes), we will have an open discussion moderated by Randy Borst, UB Accessibility Resources director, Susan Mann Dolce, project director and students involved with the project. Based on attendees' interests we will discuss program goals and planning, marketing, events, outcomes and plans for the future. Attendees will learn the essential elements in collaborative, student based programming and explore students with disabilities' stories about their experiences as members of the "ADA" generation

Dinner on your own

[Executive Committee to meet separately]

Thursday, November 10 - Day 2

8:00-9:00 AM **Breakfast and NYSDSC Committee Meetings**

9:00-10:00 **"I have a student/professor/administrator/. . . who . . ."**

The ever-popular discussion session about issues you bring

10:00-11:30 **Sector Meetings - SUNY, CUNY, Independent, Proprietary**

Participation by invited key Albany players for each sector is anticipated.

Confirmed participants with the SUNY Sector: Ed Englebride, Associate Provost for University Life & Enrollment Management; Marcia Brady, Director of Student Affairs Programs; Cariann Quick, Assistant Director for Student Affairs Programs

11:45-1:15PM **Business Meeting/Lunch (review of strategic plans)**

1:30-3:45 **Leadership Tools: Crucial Conversations - Khaki Wunderlich, J.D., Dean of**

Organizational Success and Learning TC3

The conversations in which we engage (written and oral) and the language we choose to use lead to images and expectations which then lead to actions (ours and others'), both positive and negative. So many conversations, so little time, so many issues and so many people to have the conversations with as the demands on our offices increase and expand. What to do? When stakes are high, opinions vary and emotions are strong, you have three choices: avoid the conversation and suffer the consequences (for you, your student and your institution), handle the conversation badly and suffer the consequences or develop the skills and knowledge necessary to develop positive images and actions from these "crucial conversations." We will use case studies from members to develop practical skills for future conversations with faculty, administrators, students, other departments and ourselves. All participants will receive a copy of "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High," Second Edition, Patterson, et al.

3:45-5:00 **June Planning Meeting - everyone welcome**



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Hotel Accommodations

Albany Marriott on Wolf Road (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/albny-albany-marriott>), 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205 (800) 443-8952

Hotel reservations must be made by 3:00 PM Friday, October 20, 2011, to receive the guaranteed rate of \$104.00 for a standard room, single or double. *Reservations made after October 20 will be subject to availability and pricing at the time of reservation.*

Our check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 4:00pm will be accommodated, as rooms become available. Our Bell Captain can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are not available and for guests attending functions on their day of departure.

From The North: Take the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) SOUTH to Exit 4 (Route 155 West / Albany International Airport). At the end of the off-ramp, turn LEFT on Route 155. Continue for approximately 1/4 mile to the next traffic light, and turn LEFT on Albany-Shaker Road. At the next light, turn RIGHT on Wolf Road. We are about 3/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left side.

From The South: Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) NORTH to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.

From The East: Take Interstate 90 to New York, and continue on I-90 by taking Exit B-1 from the Berkshire Spur of the NYS Thruway. Follow I-90 to Exit 1N (Interstate 87). Continue on I-87 to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit and follow Wolf Road approximately 2/10 of a mile. We are on the left side.

From The West: Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.

Local Transport Information

- Closest major airport - Albany Airport (ALB) - (1 mile)
- Complimentary airport shuttle
- Amtrak service to Albany (approx 10 miles from station to hotel)

Jet Blue Reservations:

<http://www.jetblueairways.com/cgi-bin/skylights.cgi>

Amtrak Reservations:

<http://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>