



News Bulletin

May 05, 2021

Member & Family Online Meeting: May 6 @ 11:00 am

You are invited to join us for the next online meeting, tomorrow, **Thursday, May 6 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Please [click here](#) to register. You may also submit a topic and/or question that you would like addressed during the event online registration process. Your feedback is very important to us!

We are recording meetings for your convenience. If you would like to listen to a past meeting, please [click here](#) to access.

Questions? Please email memberfeedback@caresignny.org

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & FAQs



"Why I Got Vaccinated"

COVID-19 vaccines are bringing hope as we try and put this public health crisis behind us. "Why I Got Vaccinated" is the theme of members and families on our website. Please [click here](#) to view the videos and photo gallery. You might also want to bookmark this page as we continuously update information on COVID-19 vaccines and clinics. If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your Care Manager.

Prospective Members: Eligibility & Enrollment Event



Get Your Questions Answered:

Process for Receiving CCO/HH Services

We will be hosting an online eligibility and enrollment information session designed to provide prospective members and families with the OPWDD eligibility and enrollment process for a Care Coordination Organization/Health Home in New York State.

Presenters will include the Care Design NY Enrollment and Care Management team. A discussion with a Q&A session will help you to get your questions answered.

Register for the following sessions:

Thursday, May 13 @ 11:00 am - noon: [Click here](#) to register.

Questions? [Click here](#) to contact us.

Special Needs Trust Virtual Workshop



Special Needs Trusts and the ABLE Act

This virtual workshop will discuss the following:

1. What is the purpose of a Special Needs Trust?
2. How do your other planning goals work together with a Special Needs Trust?
3. What are the differences between a 1st Party Special Needs Trust and a 3rd Party Special Needs Trust?
4. How and when is a Special Needs Trust set up, and what decisions are involved?
5. What is the new ABLE Act & how does it differ from a Special Needs Trust?
6. What happens if I do not have a Special Needs Trust?

WHEN: Thursday, May 27, 2021

Select one of the following schedule options:

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

OR

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

About the Presenter

Leizer Gewirtzman, CPA, ChSNC, Insurance Representative, Financial Planning Specialist, Special Care Planner, ChSNC™

He is a father of seven children, one of whom has special needs and therefore understands the unique special needs planning challenges that families face when a family member has special needs. His mission is to ensure each family he works with has access to the tools they need to prepare for their special needs child's future, with the full involvement of their family and the related professionals needed to help create a solid future.

Leizer Gewirtzman has over 10 years of accounting and insurance planning experience with knowledge to help clients achieve their financial goals. His focus is on the fundamentals of preparing for milestone life events, unexpected events, and estate planning.

*Authorized for accountancy services in the following states: New York
Not practicing on behalf of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) or its affiliated companies.

Mental Health Awareness Month



May: Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This month people across the country will come together to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

We would love to hear what you are doing for Mental Health Awareness Month. Email: communications@caredesignny.org. We will share stories on our [website](#).