



News Bulletin

May 19, 2021

Online Info Session: CAS and the Role of the Care Manager

Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) and the Role of the Care Manager

Please join us an online information session on the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) and the Role of the Care Manager. Topics will include:



- CAS tool that OPWDD uses to identify a person's strengths, needs and interests to help with the person-centered planning.
- The Care Manager's role in the process:
 - Facilitating a conversation with the member to gather information on all aspects of their life such as living skills, health, behavior and supports to help develop a tailored care plan.
 - Facilitating conversations with others who know the person well, such as their circle of support, family members, friends and staff providing your supports.

Monday, May 24 @ noon - 1:00 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

About the presenter

Danielle Mazza is the Care Design NY AVP of Care Management, Upstate.



Special Needs Trusts And The ABLE Act

This 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?

Daytime or evening schedule options:

- Thursday, May 27 @ 11:30 am - 12:45 pm. [Click here](#) to register.
- Thursday, May 27 @ 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
Note: not practicing on behalf of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) or its affiliated companies.

Sexual Consent Assessment: Information to Prevent Abuse



Sexual Consent Assessment: All I Need to Know to Help Prevent Abuse

Presenter Consuelo Senior, LMSW, CSE; Assistant Director - Training, Mental Health Clinician at YAI, will provide concrete information to address the following questions/topics:

- What is a consent assessment?
- Why does my child need it?
- How it helps to prevent sexual abuse.
- What do I need to know as a legal guardian?
- What does OPWDD say?
- Am I helping or hurting my child without an assessment?
- And anything else that you would like to know or have questions on.

This session is integral for parents/guardians, people with I/DD age 17 and over, and anyone else who is interested.

Wednesday, June 16 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

Care Design NY Self-Advocate Education & Training Group



Care Design NY Self-Advocate Education and Training Group

Care Design NY Self-Advocate Education and Training Group is for individuals who receive Care Management through Care Design NY. Individuals will meet with other self-advocates to discuss and learn about the advocacy work that the Individual and Family Advisory Board has been working on. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Wednesday, June 30 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

Member & Family June Online Meetings

You are invited to join us in June at our online meeting. There are daytime and evening schedule options for your convenience:

Thursday, June 3 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

Monday, June 28 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information



Wondering About Whether to get the COVID Vaccine?

Veronica, a Care Design NY member and employee, Individual and Family Liaison, discusses her experience in getting the COVID-19 vaccine and the support and information she received.

[Click here](#) to listen to her story and also stay updated on COVID-19 vaccine distribution and information.

OPWDD and DOH COVID-19 Guidance | Health Advisories



NEW: Guidance and Advisories

Guidance information and health advisories were just issued by New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and the NYS Department of Health.

[Click here](#) to review the following:

- [OPWDD Revised Interim Visitation Guidance for Certified Residential Facilities](#)
- [OPWDD Revised Interim Guidance Regarding Community Outings](#)
- [OPWDD Updated Interim Guidance Regarding Reopening of Day Services](#)

- [OPWDD Revised Protocols for Direct Care Staff to Return to Work](#)
 - [OPWDD Revised Staffing Guidance for Management of COVID-19](#)
 - [DOH Health Advisory: Quarantine for Residents of Non-Healthcare Congregate Settings Exposed to COVID-19](#)
-