



# News Bulletin

May 26, 2021

## You Are Invited to Care Design NY Online Meetings

The next Care Design NY Member and Family online meeting is **Thursday, June 3 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Please [click here](#) to register.

On **Monday, June 28 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**, we have scheduled an evening online meeting for your convenience. Please [click here](#) to register.

You may 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.

## 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.

**Eligibility & Enrollment Online Information Sessions**



# Get Your Q's Answered: Process for Receiving Care Coordination Organization/Health Home 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 one of the following sessions:

**Tuesday, June 15 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** [Click here](#) to register.

OR

**Thursday, June 24 @ 11:00 am - noon:** [Click here](#) to register.

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

## 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.

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### 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.*

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information



### COVID-19 Vaccine Location Finder | In-Home Options

We have posted online COVID-19 vaccination location finders to our website so you can easily find a location in the county where you reside. [Click here](#) to visit the Care Design NY COVID-19 vaccine FAQ webpage.

The New York State Department of Health's Office of Insurance Programs in partnership with NYS counties announced in-home COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals who are homebound due to physical limitations, cognitive impairment, other chronic conditions, a lack of transportation, and/or visual impairments, and who do not have access to supports that may help them physically go to an existing vaccination provider.

Please consult with your Care Design NY Care Manager if you feel you meet the criteria. [Click here](#) to for your county's point-of-contact:



## Online Webinar: COVID-19 Vaccine Education

Vax Fax DDNY is hosting an educational webinar about COVID-19 vaccines for people with Autism and other developmental disabilities. This webinar will feature Sheryl White-Scott, MD, FACP. The program will include a Q&A session following the presentation.

**WHEN: Thursday, June 3 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm via Zoom**

[Click here](#) for the event information and to register.

### Recorded Programs You Might Have Missed

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

If you missed this online information system, we have posted a recording to our website. Please [click here](#) to view.



Information topics 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.

[Click here](#) to access all the recording meetings and programs.

If there's a topic you would like to learn more about, please email:  
memberfeedback@caredesignny.org

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