

Coronavirus (COVID-19) News Bulletin

July 01, 2020

You are invited to join us tomorrow, **Thursday**, **July 2 at 11:00 am** for an online meeting for members and families. Please <u>click here</u> to register.

Jim Moran, Care Design NY CEO, will provide updates on the Care Coordination Organization advocacy campaign. This will be an opportunity for you to ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions. Your feedback is crucial to influencing our most important priorities!



Care Design NY Turns Two: July 1, 2018 - July 1, 2020

We are celebrating our 2nd anniversary! Please <u>click here</u> for a letter from Care Design NY CEO, Jim Moran, to Members and Families on this important milestone.

Thank you for Advocating!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CCO Advocacy campaign and used their voice to urge Governor Cuomo to stop the 16% rate cut to Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs)!

These unprecedented funding reductions are scheduled to take effect today and threatens your access to services. For those of you who advocated to #SafeguardOurLifeline--your voice regardless of the outcome is critical and makes a difference!

The advocacy website is still live for you to make a phone call and/or sign-up for news updates: <u>click here</u> to access. Also, please continue to share our social media posts on the CCO service funding reduction with your followers: <u>click here</u> to visit the Care Design NY Facebook page and share our #SafeguardOurLifeline posts. In addition, <u>click here</u> to visit the Care Design NY Twitter page and retweet our posts.

If you are not be comfortable navigating on a computer and/or have access to the internet, you may also help advocate for CCOs with either of the following options:

- Email Governor Cuomo via his website's online form: <u>click here</u> to access. <u>Click here</u> to copy this advocacy email into the contact form or modify to personalize and share your story.
- Call Governor Cuomo's office at: 1-518-474-8390 with your prepared CCO advocacy message.

Thank you for using your voice to keep CCOs and our communities strong!

Current News

Here are some news stories making headlines on the proposed rate cuts:

<u>Click here</u> for 7.1 WXXI, "Groups Serving People With Disabilities Cope With State Budget Cuts."

<u>Click here</u> for 7.1 News 10: Office For People With Developmental Disabilities Budget Cuts \$75M to Care Coordinators.

<u>Click here</u> for 6.29 Brooklyn Paper, "Care Orgs For New Yorkers With Disabilities Facing Massive Cuts Amid Pandemic."

<u>Click here</u> for 6.30 Spectrum News, "Parents Brace For Cuts to Programs for Disabled People."

Educational Advocacy | July 27 Family Session

We have created an educational advocacy webpage for information and education: <u>click here</u> to visit. Join us on **July 27 from noon to 1:00 pm** for a family session focused on giving parents of children with disabilities the tips and tools needed to help prepare for their child's upcoming Annual Review/CSE meeting. Participants will also be guided through all sections of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) to gain a better understanding of how they relate to the CSE meeting. Please <u>click here</u> to register.

Please send your feedback and suggestions to: memberfeedback@caredesignny.org.

DRNY Program Priorities Public Comment Period

Disability Rights New York (DRNY) is the federally and state-authorized Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program for people with disabilities in New York State. They are required annually to create program priorities and solicit public comments and suggestions. Please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to review their program priorities. Send your comments by **August 30, 2020** via email or mail. Email: padd@drny.org Mail: Disability Rights New York ATTN: Priorities Suite 450 725 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

Wearing A Mask

Please <u>click here</u> to download a visual on wearing a facial mask. Note: this document is distributed by <u>ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources</u> <u>and Training)</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Care Design NY is committed to getting answers to your most pressing questions! We have documented the answers from our subject matter experts.

Have a question? Please email: <u>memberfeedback@caredesignny.org</u>.

Please click on the Frequently Asked Questions button below. We will continue to update this FAQ list, so please check back frequently!

