



*Coronavirus (COVID-19)*

# News Bulletin

September 30, 2020

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You are invited to join us for an online meeting **tomorrow, October 1 at 11:00 am**. Please [click here](#) to register.

This will be an opportunity for you to ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions as OPWDD resumes their in-person and service delivery operations. Your feedback is crucial to influencing our most important priorities!

We have recorded the online meetings for your convenience. Please [click here](#) to access.

[Click here](#) to see all of the upcoming meetings.

## **TOMORROW: ONLINE MEETING IN SPANISH**

We will be hosting an **online meeting on October 1 @ 1:00 pm with a Spanish translator**. Please help us get the word out!

[Click here](#) to register for the online meeting in Spanish.

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## **Family Connect Online Summit 2020: October 19**

The Adapt Community Network is hosting an online summit with eight (8) informative pre-recorded videos. You can select those that interest you or watch all of them for FREE. Topics include guardianship, behavior management, family support services, care management, talking to your child

about puberty, and benefits and entitlements.

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

Questions? Please contact Adapt Community Network via

Email: [familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org) or

Phone: 718-436-7979 ext. 704

*Note: Presentations will be translated into Spanish and Chinese.*

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## **Parents Helping Parents: October Speaker Series**

[Click here](#) for the October Learning Disabilities Speaker Series schedule. For more information, please visit the Parents Helping Parents website:

[www.php.com](http://www.php.com).

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## **2020 Flu Season: Importance of a flu vaccine**

It is especially critical this year that we prepare and do everything possible to prevent the flu. Health experts are warning of a “twindemic,” as COVID-19 cases continue to rise and with the flu season looming.

OPWDD Commissioner Kastner, released a statement on the importance of getting a flu vaccine this season. [Click here](#) to read. A flu vaccination is especially important for people with neurologic conditions like intellectual disability and cerebral palsy who are more prone to hospitalization and even death as a result of the illness. A vaccine can keep people from getting sick, reduce the severity of the illness if they should contract the flu virus, and reduce the risk of a flu-associated hospitalization.

[Click here](#) for an educational resource that Care Design NY prepared for members and families. It contains important information on the flu illness, the vaccine, and when to consult a physician.

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## **Care Design NY Family Advisory Board Advocacy**

The Care Design NY Family Advisory Board asked Governor Cuomo to stop the proposed cuts to Individualized Support and Services (ISS) -- Independent Housing Subsidies. They stated,

***"We request that you use your executive powers to restore full funding for housing rent payments for people with OPWDD services by use of the***

*remaining State CARES Act funds."*

Please [click here](#) to read their 9.24 letter.

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## **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: [memberfeedback@caredesignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caredesignny.org).

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

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)**

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**COVID-19 Resource Center for Members**