



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

News Bulletin

December 02, 2020

What's Happening at Care Design NY

You are invited to join us for the next online meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, December 3 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Please [click here](#) to register. The Care Design NY leadership team will be on hand to answer questions and listen to your feedback.

If you have specific topics that you would like to see on the meeting agenda, please let us know: memberfeedback@caredesignny.org.

We are recording meetings for your convenience. If you would like to listen to a past meeting, please [click here](#) to access. [Click here](#) to see all of the upcoming meetings this month and January 2021.

Care Design NY Individual & Family Advisory Board Updates

Advocate to Protect Vulnerable Individuals

Your voice is needed to ask Governor Cuomo, Department of Health Commissioner Zucker, and Office of People with Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Kastner, to protect individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Care Design NY Individual and Family Advisory Board has written two letters advocating that safety measures be implemented immediately. To read their communication and learn more, [click here](#).

See the Zoom Rally information below on December 9 @ 11:00 am.
#SaveIDDservices!

OPWDD News, Updates & Health Advisories

Public Comment Open for HCBS Waiver Amendment

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) announced an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft OPWDD Comprehensive Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendment. This HCBS Waiver is the Medicaid program that provides opportunities for adults and children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) to receive services in their own home or community.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to access a copy of the draft April 1, 2021 Waiver Amendment. The public comment period will be open through December 18, 2020. Written comments can be sent to OPWDD via email at: peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov or by mail to: OPWDD, Attention: Division of Policy and Program Development, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229. Please specify "1915(c) April 1, 2021 Waiver Amendment Comments" in the subject line.

Additional Resources & Events



Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs

When: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Event Cost: FREE

Please join Maryalice Fegeley, Regional Coordinator for Parent to Parent of NYS, as she presents the webinar Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs. Extraordinary parenting responsibilities create extraordinary pressures on parents. At the same time, parenting a child with special needs requires energy, focus, and enthusiasm to be effective in our role. The better off we are emotionally and physically, the better off our families will be. [Click here](#) to register for the event.

To see all the Parent to Parent of NYS statewide events, [click here](#).

Questions? Contact Tina Beauparlant at (518) 381-4350.



Join the Zoom Rally: December 9 @ 11:00 am

NYC FAIR and LIANDD with the NYC Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils are hosting a Zoom Rally on Wednesday, 12.9 @ 11:00 am. They are asking for pictures of family members, messages on cars, and pictures of posters be emailed to them at: info@nycfair.org. A montage of this content will be created and shared with Governor Cuomo and New York State legislators. Please [click here](#) for the event flyer. #SaveIDDServices!

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

COVID-19 Resource Center for Members