



Member & Family Meeting

Hosted by: Advocacy & Member Engagement Department

**WELCOME
WE WILL BEGIN
SHORTLY!**

August 21, 2025
6pm VIRTUAL

WELCOME

Meeting Reminders:

- Today's virtual meeting is 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Participants will be **muted** to minimize background noise
- Please use our **Chat Feature** to provide a comment or question. We will make attempts to get to as many comments as possible during the meeting; or provide follow up after.
- The meeting will be recorded to share on our website.

Thank you!

Transcription (Languages other than English)

- (English)

If you go to the menu and click the "More" button or the three dots, you'll have the option to transcribe. Selecting this option will allow you to choose the transcription language that appears on the screen

- (Spanish)

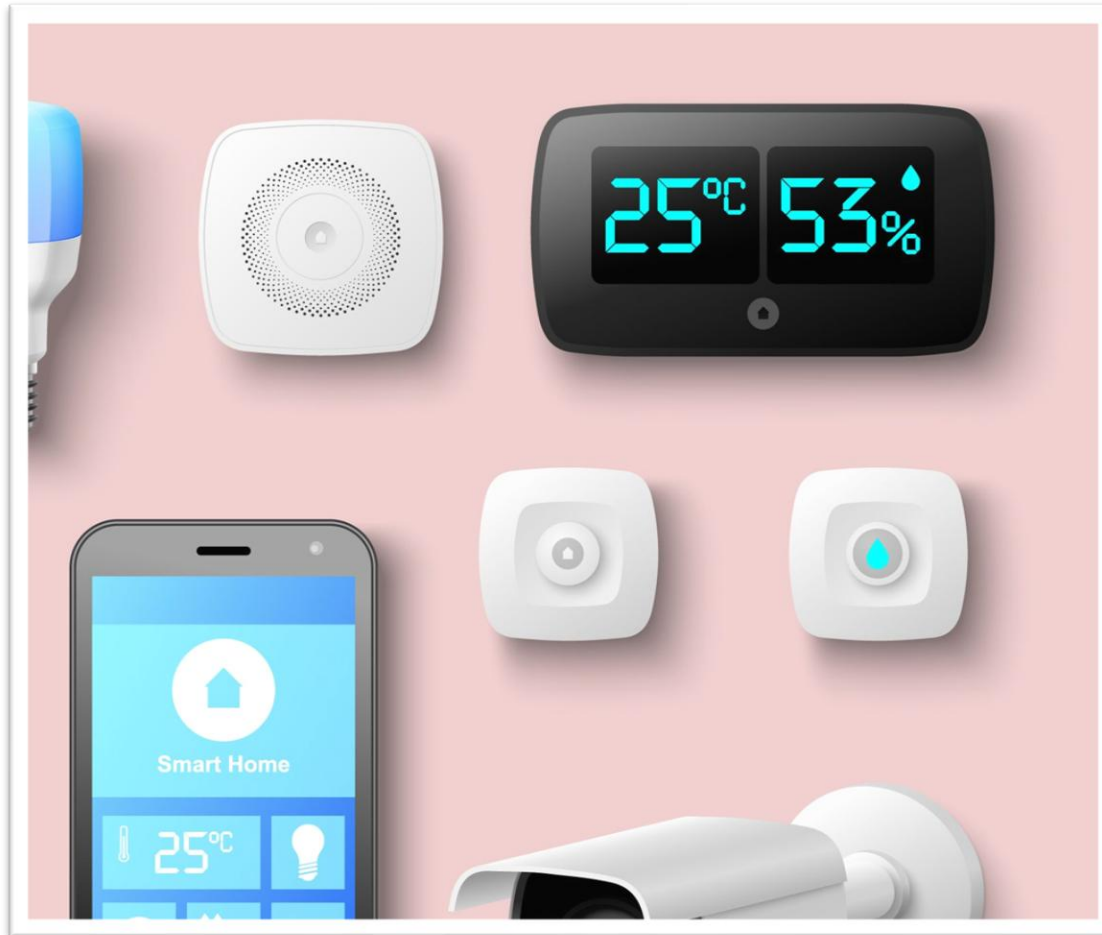
Si vas al menú y haces clic en el botón "Más" o en los tres puntos, tendrás la opción de transcribir. Al seleccionarla, podrás elegir el idioma de transcripción que aparece en pantalla.

AGENDA

Discussion Topics:

- Welcome / Meeting Housekeeping (*Karleen, Cathy*)
- Emerging Technology Options for the IDD Community (*Danielle, Lysette*)
- Healthcare and Wellness highlights (*Brittany*)
- Updates to Medicaid (*Karleen, Kristina*)
- Upcoming advocacy initiatives and events (*Karleen*)
- Volunteer opportunities on our Advisory Board (*Karleen*)
- Closing (*Karleen, Cathy*)

Home Enabling Supports – OPWDD Releases HES ADM



Home-Enabling Supports help address a person's needs in a way that promotes, maintains, or improves a person's abilities, improves interactions, supports meaningful relationships, and supports their ability to live independently and meaningfully participate in their community.

- Devices or supports received through Home-Enabling Supports may include but are not limited to: Assistive Devices/Technology, Remote Supports, and Health Assessment and Coordination Services (HACS).
- Home-Enabling Supports for people with developmental disabilities promote access to opportunities available to everyone else in the community.

Infusing a TECH FIRST Approach into Supports



Why it's critical that
TECH is part of the
planning
conversation?



CMs need to
understand the
tools & steps
needed to access
technology for the
members they
support.



Care Design NY is
participating in a
statewide
Community of
Practice (COP)
focused on home
enabling supports.

Taking it to the Next Level – Credentialing Staff Regionally



- A Technology First approach to services isn't about acquiring the latest and greatest gadgets - it's the principle that technology and technology-enhanced support models should be considered as one of the first options in the **person-centered planning process**.
- SHIFT's accreditation and education are supporting state agencies, provider organizations, and others as they make the "shift" to Technology First. This approach to services is dependent on a person-centered approach being firmly established among supporters and within an organization's or agency's culture.

Next Steps

Your feedback will be important in continuing to guide our work. Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

Piloted a group of Care Design NY staff to get their Tech Shift certifications

Identifying another group of staff to get the certification – including clinical staff

Ongoing Participation in OPWDD's HES CoP

Development of an internal TECH FIRST committee with regional representation

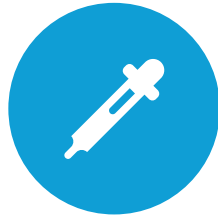
HEALTHCARE HIGHLIGHTS



AN ANNUAL
PHYSICAL



SCREENING FOR
CONDITIONS



VACCINATIONS



DENTAL WORK



CO-PAYS



LOOKING FOR
TROUBLE

**WHAT DOES
'PREVENTATIVE CARE'
MEAN TO YOU?**

How many of you
have received an
annual physical?

Have you been to
the dentist this
year?

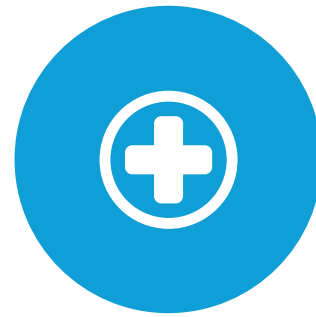
Are you up to date
with your vaccines?



PROACTIVE



IDENTIFY SERIOUS
CONDITIONS EARLY



EARLY MANAGEMENT TO
PREVENT
COMPLICATIONS



MONITOR CHRONIC
CONDITIONS

How can we work together?



Share copies of appointment summary information with your Care Manager.

If you don't have a copy, no worries!

Share the dates of your appointments and vaccinations.



Contact your Care Manager if you are having trouble scheduling appointments.

Medicaid

- Nation-wide concerns for cuts to Medicaid after the passing of H.R.1 and the potential impact to NY state
- As advocates, we need to remain aware and vigilant on how to raise our voices
- As history proves, when there is a downturn in the state's finances, reimbursements and service cuts are likely. While this Act does not directly touch I/DD providers and individuals, the “trickle-down” impact will likely be felt by New York's I/DD community in the years ahead. The question remains by ‘how much’?

Medicaid

- Remember, your Care Manager can assist with support from the knowledgeable experts in our 'Benefits & Entitlements Unit'
- We strongly advise that if you/your family member receives any letters or communication from agencies regarding benefits, you share with your Care Manager for timely action
- We plan to host a special IN THE KNOW member/family education session with our Benefits & Entitlement Experts in November

Medicaid - Some Considerations

- Specific to benefits, what are some of the things we should do right now?
- What to do if you/your loved on receives SNAP?
- Are there any impending changes to recerts or start dates at the moment?

Advocacy & Education

- June 2 and 17th we hosted an information session with Carolyn Kerr of Brown & Weinraub legal firm to provide better understanding of the proposed Medicaid cuts during Senate and Congressional voting windows on H.R.1; along with how to advocate.
- On September 16 at 6pm, the CCOs will be hosting a collaborative virtual event. Several panelists who are family members or self-advocates will share their advocacy journey stories in the hopes to motivate others to join future efforts in our state.
- In October, we will again host session with legal consultants to discuss developments with Medicaid, expectations around NY State's response, important political races to watch in 2026, as well as what our community can do to advance our advocacy efforts.
- Creation of easy-to-use toolkits, one-click campaigns
- Sign Up to receive CDNY Newsletters and Alerts, CDNY will continue to pass along updates
- Follow CDNY Social Media platforms. Find out more: www.caredesignny.org

Consider Volunteering!

- Consider joining one of our standing committees
 - IFAB (Individual & Family Advisory Board) - meets virtually each quarter, and as needed
 - Legislative Committee - meets Thursday afternoon virtually
- Special volunteers needed, without joining a committee
 - Volunteer to make phone calls to legislators
 - Volunteer to attend meetings with legislators in key districts (virtual or in-person)
 - Volunteer to provide testimony at available open forums and state meetings
 - Interested parties can email us at anytime: IDDAdvocacy@caredesignny.org

Thank you for joining us!



Join us Again

Please visit the event page on our website to see upcoming events, register for free sessions, and view previous presentations in our digital library.

CARE DESIGN NY

<https://caredesignny.org/events>

WE WANT YOU TO STAY



IN THE KNOW

IDD EDUCATION RESOURCES

Upcoming Sessions:

Understanding & Managing Hypertension

Wednesday, September 10th

1:00-2:00pm virtual

Stories of Advocacy: Panelist Discussion

Tuesday, September 16th

6:00-7:00pm virtual

Flu Season & Vaccines

Tuesday, September 23rd

1:00-2:00pm virtual

Medicaid Updates & Advocacy

Dates TBD virtual

CLARIFYING TERMS



IDD = Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

OPWDD = Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (NY State)

ADM = Administrative Directive Memo from OPWDD

CDNY = Care Design NY

CCO = Care Coordination Organization

CoP = Community of Practice

HES = Home Enabling Supports

TRIAD = Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Program

AT = Assistive Technology

HRA = Human Resources Administration

SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

IN THE KNOW = CDNY's member and family education series

Emerging Technology Options

- The state ADM on Home Enabling Supports [24 ADM 02](#)
- OPWDD Page on [Home-Enabling Supports | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities](#)
- TRAIID Centers [What is TRAIID.pdf](#)
- Long Island Region: Self-Initiated Living Options program (Nassau, Suffolk) <https://www.siloinc.org/>

Advocacy & Alerts

- Care Design NY website, EVENTS Page <https://caredesignny.org/events>
- Sign up for News Alerts <https://caredesignny.org/news-advocacy>
- Our Advocacy email Inbox IDDAvocacy@caredesignny.org
- FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/caredesignny.org>
- INSTAGRAM <https://www.instagram.com/caredesignny/>
- X/TWITTER <https://x.com/CareDesignNY>
- LINKEDIN <https://www.linkedin.com/company/care-design-new-york/>