

# Assistive Technology (AT) and Specialized Equipment: A Focus on Funding

*A one-day conference for health professionals, vendors, advocates, vocational counselors, individuals with disabilities, family members and others.*

*A wealth of up-to-date information, presented by experts in many of the key AT funding sources.*

**Date:** Wednesday, April 14, 2010

**Time:** 8:15 to 4:00pm

7:30 to 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast

**RIT Inn and Conference Center**

**5257 W. Henrietta Road**

**Rochester, NY 14467** (just off I-390)

**Early Bird Registration Rate**

**Registration Fee - \$55**  
(if received by 3/1/10)

*Includes continental breakfast,  
lunch, refreshments, and  
handouts!*

**Sponsored by:**

***NYS Assistive Technology Advocacy Project of  
Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Buffalo***

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# A Focus on Funding

## Plenary Sessions

- ◆ **Knowledge is Power: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You**

Edwin J. Lopez-Soto, Esq., Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University

- ◆ **Letters of Justification: Writing to Meet the Funding Criteria of the Payer**

Marge Gustas, Staff Paralegal, State AT Advocacy Project, Neighborhood Legal Services

## Medical Insurance Track

- ◆ **Obtaining Specialized Equipment Through the Medicaid Program**

Marge Gustas & James R. Sheldon, Esq., Project Director, State AT Advocacy Project

- ◆ **Special Issues in Medicaid Program: Managed Care, EPSDT for Children, Highlights from Hearing Decisions and Litigation**

Marge Gustas & Diana Straube, Esq., Staff Attorney, State AT Advocacy Project

- ◆ **Obtaining Specialized Equipment Through Private Insurance Plans**

Linda DeTine, Esq., Staff Attorney & James R. Sheldon, Neighborhood Legal Services

## Educational Track

- ◆ **Meeting the AT Needs of Infants and Toddlers: The IDEA Part C Program and Medicaid's EPSDT Program**

Ronald M. Hager, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network & Diana Straube

- ◆ **Obtaining AT Through Special Education Programs: The Preschool and School-Aged Programs**

Roger Nellist, Esq., Project Director, WNY Advocacy for the Developmentally Disabled & Ronald M. Hager

- ◆ **AT for Special Education Students in Transition**

Roger Nellist & Ronald M. Hager

## Vocational Track

- ◆ **Obtaining AT Through VESID and the Commission for the Blind**

Carol Kramer, Director of Counseling, VESID, Rochester, NY; Barbara Kellerman, Regional Coordinator, Commission for the Blind, Buffalo, NY, and Megan Westbrook, Client Assistance Program Coordinator, WNY Independent Living, Buffalo, NY

- ◆ **SSI's Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS)**

Jessica Abbott, Staff Paralegal, Neighborhood Legal Services & Edwin J. Lopez-Soto

- ◆ **Medicaid for Working Individuals with Disabilities: The 1619(b) and Medicaid Buy-In Programs**

Jessica Abbott & Edwin J. Lopez-Soto

Full descriptions and a schedule of individual sessions and directions will appear on the Neighborhood Legal Services website at [www.nls.org/nyatmain.htm](http://www.nls.org/nyatmain.htm)

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Assistive Technology and Specialized Equipment

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April 14, 2010 ~ Rochester, New York

#### Registrant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees Include:** Conference Registration, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Other Refreshments, and Handouts.

**Hotel Rooms:** If you plan to stay at the RIT Inn (also the conference site), you must make your own hotel reservations and arrange for payment. A small block of rooms with a rate of \$99 (plus taxes; single/double) has been reserved for the conference. That rate is available for both April 13 and April 14, if booked by March 23, 2010. When making reservations, please call the hotel directly at 585-359-1800, or visit the hotel's website at [www.ritinn.com](http://www.ritinn.com) for reservations and refer to the "NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES" conference room block.

#### To Register, Please follow these simple steps:

##### 1 - Conference Registration, Fees for Attendance

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Registration for Conference (April 14, 2010)</u>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
◆ Early Bird Rate - Registration received by 3/1/2010	\$55	\$ _____
◆ Registration received by 3/22/2010	\$70	\$ _____
◆ Registration received <b>after</b> 3/22/2010	\$90	\$ _____
<b>(If registering after 3/22/2010, please call to confirm availability)</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

##### 2 - Hotel Rooms

Please follow instructions above if you plan to stay at the RIT Inn. Thank you

Reasonable Accommodation Requests (DEADLINE: March 31, 2010) (please state accommodation request below):

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, INC.'**

Please call for special payment arrangements with your agency. Sorry, no credit card payments accepted.

*Limited Number of Scholarships to Individuals with Disabilities or Family Members.  
Contact Juli Cushman at 716-847-0650 ext. 271 or [jcushman@nls.org](mailto:jcushman@nls.org) to apply.*

Please Include Payment with Registration and Mail to:

Juli Cushman ~ Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. ~ 237 Main Street, Suite 400 ~ Buffalo NY 14203