



**The State of New York
Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

Announces a Public Hearing on the draft of the

Statewide Comprehensive Plan: 2009 – 2013
“We help people with developmental disabilities live richer lives.”

August 31, 2009 3:30pm – 5:30pm

The Public Hearing will be held at three locations in the state and will be conducted as a live video conference with Commissioner Diana Jones Ritter. The Commissioner will attend the Schenectady location and will participate via video conference at the other two locations.

OMRDD intends to utilize the ideas, suggestions, and comments received through the Public Hearing to further refine the proposed Statewide Comprehensive Plan for services. OMRDD urges self-advocates, parents of people with developmental disabilities as well as other family members, non-profit providers, professionals, advocates, and other interested parties to participate in the hearing.

The draft Statewide Comprehensive Plan for services reflects OMRDD’s Mission and Vision Statements and sets forth continuing plans for implementing a transformational agenda around supporting people with developmental disabilities to enjoy meaningful relationships with friends, family, and others in their lives, experience personal health and growth, live in the home of their choice, and fully participate in their communities. OMRDD incorporated input from the three public forums held in June 2009 and an online survey to update the statewide priorities. The draft Plan will be available on OMRDD’s website at www.omr.state.ny.us as of August 24, 2009 or a printed version can be requested through local DDSO offices prior to the hearing.

Speakers will be asked to register in advance of the public hearing, limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and bring two (2) copies of the testimony. Locations and contacts for registration are listed below.

Written testimony can also be submitted to Ray Pierce at OMRDD, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229 or via e-mail at Raymond.L.Pierce@omr.state.ny.us.

For general information about the Public Hearing, please contact OMRDD’s Bureau of Planning:

Phone: (518) 474-4904 Fax: (518) 473-0054

To register to speak, obtain more information or directions to the hearing location, or to arrange for a special accommodation, please call the contact person for the hearing location at the number listed below.

Schenectady

Capital District DDSO/O.D. Heck Developmental Center
500 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304
Building 3, Conference Room 2
Contact: Karen Francisco (518) 370-7429

New York City

NYCRO/Metro New York DDSO
75 Morton Street, New York, NY 10014
Activities Center – 1st Floor
Contact: Yvonne Anglero (212) 229-3005

Rochester

Finger Lakes DDSO/Monroe Developmental Center
620 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620
Room 3/4 and Room 25 Leaf
Contact: Paula Wojtowicz (585) 461-8975

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