



“Pursuing Excellence in Advocacy”

A Statewide Cross-Systems Forum
*for NYS Disabilities Advocates working together
to connect, inspire and support
People with Disabilities and their Families*

Monday, September 22, 2008

8:00 am – 4 pm

Crowne Plaza, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY

Learn how Advocacy Standards can improve your work with people with disabilities and their families. Learn ways to improve your organization’s marketing, services and outcomes. Contribute your own experiences, expertise and knowledge during the forum’s interactive sessions.

Whether you work in health, housing, education, employment, recreation, transportation, technology...and are a self-advocate, a direct service professional or system advocate, a family member, trainer, educator, policy-maker, or service provider... you are welcome and encouraged to actively participate.

Our Advocacy Forum promises to be an informative, fast paced, challenging, exciting day that you will not want to miss.

Goals:

- ❖ Introduce the Statewide Advocacy Standards and how they can be used to improve your services and organization
- ❖ Network with other professionals and advocates from other systems
- ❖ Discover and share best practices, tools, resources, and innovative ideas
- ❖ Develop effective strategies for day-to-day real situations and challenges

NYS Disabilities Advocacy Association and Network, NYS DAAN, seeks to strengthen the statewide disabilities advocacy network, and connect, inspire, and support all disability advocates, groups and organizations across our state. NYS DAAN offers a responsive, cross-system, independent association committed to increasing the capacity of members, and to providing access to a wide range of supports and resources. All are welcome to become members and work together to increase full participation and choices of all people with any disability and of any age.

Fees: \$40 members \$60 non-members. Scholarships are available.

Registration is available on-line at supportcenteronline.org. To find out more about the forum, membership, please visit www.nysdaan.org, or call 585-533-1154 or e-mail kc@supportcenteronline.org.

We gratefully acknowledge funding and leadership support from the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and the Support Center for Nonprofit Management.

Forum

8 to 9 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Welcome
9 to 10:15 am	Advocacy Standards, Discussion, and Q&A
10:30 am – noon	<i>Support Sessions: Resources, Strategies and Best Practices</i>
Noon to 1:00 pm	Network Lunch
1:15 to 2:30 pm	<i>Support Sessions: Resources, Strategies, and Best Practices</i>
2:45 to 4:00 pm	Taking the Next Steps to Implement Standards

Registration Information

Cost: \$40 for NYS DAAN members and \$60 for non-members. The fee includes a copy of the Standards, presentations, continental breakfast and lunch.

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships are available to people with disabilities and their families through a grant from the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Special Requests and Accommodations: Please let us know if you have any special requests and accommodations, including special formats, sign language interpreters, or dietary needs by **September 1st**. The Crowne Plaza is accessible, with a limited number of physically accessible overnight rooms. Lunches will include vegetarian options.

Registration: You may submit your registration form or purchase order to reserve space until payment arrives. You can register on-line at www.supportcenteronline.org. Look for NYS DAAN Fall Forum

NYS DAAN Membership: Please consider membership and receive a member discount. Organization members can register up to 4 staff at the member rate. To learn more about membership, please go to <http://www.nysdaan.org> or call 585-533-1154.

Lodging: For overnight accommodations, contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel directly at 518-462-6611. Identify NYS Disabilities Advocacy Association to receive the special rate of \$105/night plus taxes (single or double). A block of rooms is reserved at this price up until September 6.

For additional information: Call Jamie Canton at the Support Center at 212- 924-0544 ext. 314 or by e-mail: jamie@supportcenteronline.org or call 585-533-1154 or kc@supportcenteronline.org



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Registration Form - (please complete a registration form for each participant)
Information provided will be used to create your name tag

Participant Name: _____
Position Title: _____
Organization/Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Daytime Telephone: () _____ FAX :() _____
E-Mail: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please check one of the following:

Fees enclosed. Check# _____ Amt. _____
Purchase Order # _____ Bill me _____ Visa/MC _____

(You will be contacted for card information)

Mail To: Jamie Canton, Support Center for Nonprofit Management.
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