Self Advocacy: Together We Pave the Way

Self-Advocacy Association
of New York State, Inc.

2015 WESTERN REGION SELF-ADVOCACY
CONFERENCE

June 4th & 5th, @ Niagara Falls Convention Center
101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, New York
2015 Western Regional Self Advocacy Conference Agenda

Thursday, June 4th, 2015

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Registration
Register for the conference and check-in to hotel

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Open Mic

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Self Advocacy Family Feud Game
with Jonathan Doherty of the All-Stars

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Dinner
Keynote Speaker: Tanja Peters, Parent to Parent, “I’m A Believer”

8:15pm-9pm
Americorps Alums Happy Hour

8:00 pm – Midnight
Dance Party With DJ Manny

Friday, June 5th, 2015

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Registration

9:00 am – 9:45 am
Opening Ceremony
Welcome and Invocation
Board Candidate Speeches

10:00 am – 10:45 am
Session A workshops

11:00 am – 11:45 am
Session B workshops

12 Noon – 1:45 pm
Lunch
Keynote: Michael Kennedy, Author and Self Advocate: My Life in Institutions and My Way Out
Awards Ceremony
Board Elections Results

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Session C workshops

♪ We Are Family! ♫
2015 Western Regional Conference Registration
Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after May 1, 2015

Instructions:
1) Fill out one form for each person attending, including staff. Walk-ins cannot be accepted. Direct Support Professionals must be registered ahead of time.

2) Deadline: May 1, 2015

3) Register on line at www.sanys.org OR mail form to:

   The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, Inc.
   C/O: Conference
   1200 East and West Road Bldg 16
   Buffalo, NY 14224

4) Make Check or Money Order payable to “SANYS” and mail with registration.

5) For on-line registrations, mail in check or money order with a note with the name of the person whose registration it is for.

6) Make Hotel reservations. You have two choices of hotels. They are both directly across a quiet street from the conference center:
   a. Quality Inn, 240 1st Street Niagara Falls, NY 14303. (716) 282-1212. Cost is $84.15 plus tax per night.
   b. Sheridan at the Falls, 300 3rd Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. (716) 285-3361. Cost is $109 + $9.95 resort fee (includes parking) +3.5% destination fee = $123.11 plus tax per night.

7) A limited number of partial scholarships are available on a need basis. To request a scholarship contact Sue O’Hearn at 585-461-8741 in the Finger Lakes Region or Sophia Roberts at 716-517-3598 in the Western Region.

8) For people from Finger Lakes DDSO ONLY – Fill out a paper registration form for staff and self advocates and send it to Contina Rice at the FLDDSO by 4/27/15. She can be reached at 585-461-8671 or contina.l.rice@opwdd.ny.gov

9) If you are registering a staff/support person, but do not know their name yet, fill out the form this way, Name: Staff for (first and last name of person they are supporting).

10) Don’t forget to nominate a person, group or agency for an award! Award nomination included in this packet.
2015 Regional Self Advocacy Conference Registration Form

Name:_________________________________________ Phone #: ____________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________

Email address:_____________________________________________________________________

Self Advocacy Group Name/Organization:____________________________________________

I am a:  □ self advocate     □ family member     □ support person     □ other

Registration (check one):
□ Thursday Only ($48)
□ Friday Only ($52)
□ Both Days ($92)
□ I have called and gotten approved for a scholarship.

Registration Fee __________

Scholarship Amount ________

Meals:

Thursday Dinner (pick one):
□ Chicken, Rosemary Potatoes, Fresh Veggies
□ Vegetarian

Friday Lunch (pick one):
□ Cheese Burger with Chips
□ Hamburger with Chips
□ Veggie Burger with Chips

Dietary Needs (if any):
□ Gluten Free
□ Pureed
□ Lactose Intolerance
□ Other_____________________

On Friday morning, we provide coffee and Danish for free. A full breakfast buffet is available in either hotel restaurant. Quality Inn is $8.50 and Sheridan is $14.99.

Access Needs (if any):
□ Sign Language Interpreter
□ FM Loop

□ Large Print Program
□ Braille Program

Workshop Choices (please circle one for each session. Descriptions on following page):

Session A    1    2    3    4    5

Session B    6    7    8    9    10

Session C    11   12   13   14   15

Total Amount Included with Registration Form:
Check  or Money Order #: __________________________
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<th>Workshop</th>
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<td><strong>Session A 10:00 am – 10:45 am</strong></td>
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<td>1. RACIN' presentation/mini race</td>
<td>BJ Stazio, Frank Cammarata, Mike Rogers, Carl Greyson</td>
<td>The Rolling Athletic Club Inclusion Network will present a mini race between a runner on legs, on wheels, and in a powechair. Root for your favorite athlete!</td>
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<td>2. Sharing Our Stories: Changes and Triumphs</td>
<td>Russell Johnson, Michelle Law</td>
<td>Have you been through some changes lately? Hear one person’s story and get a chance to tell your own. A safe space to share.</td>
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<td>3. Realizing Your Dreams</td>
<td>Sam Mattle, Mark Foley</td>
<td>How can one man take a dream and make it a reality? You can do more than you think you can.</td>
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<td>4. Listening and One-on-Ones</td>
<td>Allan Fontaine, Marie Malinowski</td>
<td>Personal conversations can be a powerful tool for gaining allies for your issue. A skill building class.</td>
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<td>5. Talking with Police, Firefighters, and Ambulance Workers</td>
<td>Janine Hunt-Jackson, Richard Hermanson</td>
<td>A workshop about advocating for yourself, making a plan for safety, and meeting a real Firefighter.</td>
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<td><strong>Session B 11:00 am – 11:45 am</strong></td>
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<td>7. What I Learned in SANYS U</td>
<td>VOICE SA, Essence Jackson, Kim Henchen</td>
<td>Brave self advocates from Wellsville, NY will present their leadership project and teach about SANYS U.</td>
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<td>8. Dance Your Story</td>
<td>Michelle Law</td>
<td>Allow the sound of music to enter your ears and fill your body with energy to move or be in stillness. Find the freedom to heal and get out what you have inside! No dance experience necessary.</td>
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<td>9. What is the Americans with Disabilities Act?</td>
<td>Todd Vaarwerk, Frank Cammarata</td>
<td>Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA, learn about this landmark law, and see how it plays out in the new renovations of the Buffalo Bills stadium.</td>
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<td>10. SA Group Advisors</td>
<td>Mike Rogers and Allan Fontaine</td>
<td>This is for group advisors to learn more about their role and get support from one another.</td>
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<td><strong>Session C 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm</strong></td>
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<td>11. Workshops: Are they closing or not? State and Federal Changes</td>
<td>Robert Wiley, Kirk Maurer, Chester Finn</td>
<td>Join a self advocate and workshop participant, national self advocate and the DDRO Director to discuss this important topic.</td>
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<td>12. Cookin’ with Carl</td>
<td>Carl Greyson</td>
<td>Learn the ins and outs of the kitchen. Back by popular demand!</td>
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<td>13. Adaptive Water Sports</td>
<td>Luther Vucic and Tony Anderson</td>
<td>Bring your swim suit to this one! This will be limited to 20 participants and will take place at the pool.</td>
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<td>14. Marriage Penalty</td>
<td>BJ Stasio, Jimmy Sandle, Norma Myers</td>
<td>Information about the impact of marriage on benefits, the importance of planning, the movement to remove the marriage penalty and what you can do.</td>
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<td>15. Northeast Advocates Together: An Interstate Adventure</td>
<td>Mike Rogers, Mike Kennedy, and Sophia Roberts</td>
<td>What is life like for self advocates in Vermont? See how to use technology to connect live with friends who are far away.</td>
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For those who would like to extend their trip and do some sightseeing in Niagara Falls, both hotels have offered to guarantee the same discounted rate for people coming the night before the conference, Wednesday June 3rd, 2015.

Fun Night Out, a recreation project led by self advocate Stephanie Speaker, is also offering a boat trip on the Maid of the Mist for Thursday June 4th before the conference begins. The cost will be $15.30.

If you would like to purchase a ticket for the Maid of the Mist, please fill out this form and send it in with a check or money order for $15.30.

Name:__________________________________________________________

Phone Number (incl. area code): ____________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________

SA Group or Agency Affiliation:
______________________________________________________________

Contact person and phone number (if other than person named above):
________________________________________________________________

☐ I have enclosed a check or money order for $15.30 made out to Maid of the Mist.