

December 2013

Niagara University Disability Awareness Training First Responders & Town Hall Training



Dear David,

As the year comes to an end, we are thankful for the support, interest, and energy that you have provided to our program.

While we are proud of what we have accomplished we have a long way to go. Over 500 police departments in New York State still need to be trained. Beyond New York, no state in the country has a fully comprehensive, top-down training program for first responders (although several have contacted our office) and emergency preparedness and planning for individuals with disabilities lacks in most municipalities.



We look forward to working with you in 2014 and hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.

Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Train the Trainer

We have five upcoming train the trainer sessions in 2014 for firefighter and EMS instructors. We are also in talks of bringing other sessions to Otsego, Chautauqua and Monroe counties. Please contact us if you would like to discuss hosting a training.

Upcoming Events Onondaga County NY

Friday January 24, 2014 from 7pm-10pm and Saturday January 25, 2014 from 8am-5pm at the Fayetteville Firehouse

Sullivan County NY

Friday February 21, 2014 from 7pm-10pm and Saturday February 22, 2014 from 8am-5pm at the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center in Swan Lake, NY.

Westchester County NY

Friday March 7, 2014 from 7pm-10pm and Saturday March 8, 2014 from 8am-5pm at the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services in

NU, NYSILC receive grant to enhance Town Hall Training

NYS Independent Living Council (NYSILC), in conjunction with Niagara University's Town Hall Training program, has received a three-year grant from the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) that incorporates NYS Association of Towns (NYSAT), NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC), and New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) as well as the Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SAANYS).

Expected outcomes include the following:

- By being compliant with Title II of the ADA, municipalities are more welcoming of all individuals to participate in community supports, services, and activities
- Municipalities will see the value of people with disabilities and will use their expertise and experience
- Municipalities will establish committees on disabilities that will include community partners that will serve as advisors
- Citizens with disabilities will become part of their municipality's long term effort to proactively maintain an inclusive and accessible environment for their citizens



In 2013, we....

- had 110 police officers representing 52 police departments attend Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer sessions
- attended the Vital Signs Conference in Buffalo, NY
- trained 98 participants in Town Hall Training across 9 sites
- began the Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer. To date, 47 firefighters/EMS personnel have been trained representing 36 fire departments/EMS providers
- received a two year extension on the NYS DDPC grant
- began dialogue with Maryland on bringing the program to their state
- presented at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Conference in Washington, D.C.



Valhalla, NY.

[Suffolk County NY](#)

Friday March 28, 2014 from 7pm-10pm and Saturday March 29, 2014 from 8am-5pm at the Suffolk Co. Dept. of Health Services EMS Division

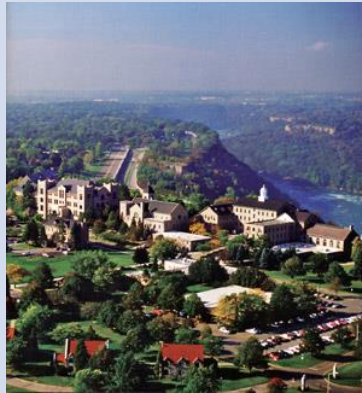
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Friday April 25, 2014 from 7pm-10pm and Saturday April 26, 2014 from 8am-5pm at the Wayne County Public Safety Building

- strengthened collaborative relationships with NYCOM, NYSAT, NYSAC, OPWDD, the National ARC, and NYSILC, as well as many ILCs and first responder groups
- brought the Access Buffalo program under the auspices of Niagara University

In 2014, we will....

- continue the FF/EMS Train the Trainer program
- enhance the Town Hall Training program in collaboration with NYSILC and the NYS DDPC grant
- provide 8 Town Hall Training sessions across New York State
- rollout the 911 operators Train the Trainer program
- have an EMS online training program
- hold a statewide conference on campus for municipal employees focused on best practices and response to their residents with disabilities
- provide select Law Enforcement Train the Trainer programs across the state
- progress towards the establishment of a National Institute on disability awareness training
- look to bring the First Responder Train the Trainer program to other states



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