



# NYS Disability Services Council Fall Meeting November 9-10, 2009

## Agenda

### Monday, November 9 *(Phoenix Ball Room first floor; Hudson Room second floor)*

- 8:30-9:00 AM Registration and Coffee/Tea/Juice/Fruit/Breakfast Baked Goods/Bagels (Phoenix)
- 9:00- Noon New Provider Training - Kathy Hoffman, ECC; Bruce Pomeroy, BCC; Carolyn Boone, TC3; Sharon Trerise, CCC; Cyrus Hamilton, Cornell (Phoenix)  
New providers no longer have the luxury of learning the basics of testing accommodations and note taking services before they are faced with issues of **policy, the law, documentation and assistive technology**. This year's new provider training is formatted to give participants sound background in **those issues** from experienced providers. Intended for those who have been in the field of disability services for two years or less. Participants are encouraged to go to <http://www.nysdsc.org> click on resources and download and print the Resource Guide for new providers.
- 10:30-11:45 Distance Learning has its Own Issues - Kelly Hermann, Empire State College (Hudson)  
Students with disabilities are attracted to online learning for many reasons but often don't recognize the ways in which online learning can pose new and different challenges. Disability service providers are also often unaware of the potential challenges to full participation and access that online courses can pose. This session will include a conversation regarding how to recognize the new challenges posed by this educational environment as well as give participants many tips, strategies and resources to overcome them.
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 New Directions for the Board of Regents and the State Education Department (Phoenix)  
Joe Frey, Associate Commissioner, NY State Ed, Office of Quality Assurance  
Mr. Frey will discuss the new educational leadership in Albany and what it may mean to higher education in New York, including the access and success of students with disabilities in post-secondary education.
- 2:30-3:45 Sector Meetings - SUNY, CUNY, Independent, Proprietary sectors (Phoenix/Hudson)
- 4:00-5:00 Committee Meetings/Executive Committee (Phoenix/Hudson)
- Dinner on your own

### Tuesday, November 10

- 8:00-9:20 AM Breakfast and Business Meeting (Phoenix)
- 9:30-10:15 "I have a student who . . .", the ever-popular discussion session about issues you bring  
Learn effective solutions for challenging situations (Phoenix)
- 10:30-Noon Concurrent Sessions: (A in Phoenix; B in Hudson)  
(A) Access is an Institutional Responsibility: Accommodations outside the classroom - Randy Borst, Buffalo U.; Michele Fish, Cornell  
Issues around housing, health services, H1N1, sports, clubs, activities, travel, etc.  
(B) Developing and Applying Technical Standards in Professional Programs (nursing, social work, teaching, etc.) - Roger Purdy, LeMoyne; Jen Wrage, CIA - Hudson
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch
- 1:30-2:00 VESID Updates - Frank Coco, Mike Peluso, Monica Teye-Smith (Phoenix)  
VESID Reorganization; Policy changes; Budget impacts on VESID programming;  
Reader's Aid; Vets Initiatives
- 2:00 June Planning Meeting

## Hotel Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Albany on Wolf Road** [www.hialbanywolf.com](http://www.hialbanywolf.com)  
205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205 (518) 458-7250

Hotel reservations must be made by 3:00 PM Sunday, October 25, 2009, to receive the guaranteed rate of \$110.00 for a standard room, single or double. Reservations made after October 25th will be subject to availability and pricing at the time of reservation.

Reservations can be made by using this link: [NYS Disability Services Council November Room Block](#). You can also using the booking code DAD at [www.hialbanywolf.com](http://www.hialbanywolf.com) or when calling 1-800-HOLIDAY to make reservations in the block. Reservations will require a credit card or deposit equal to one night's room and tax to guarantee the room. Rooms may be cancelled by 6 pm day of arrival with no penalty. Check-in time is 4:00 PM. Check-out is 12:00 noon.

- Located on the heart of the Wolf Road Shopping District (Yeal)
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi wireless Internet access
- Newly renovated business center and cafe
- The Grille Restaurant, serving complete breakfast, lunch and dinner
- State of the art health club
- Heated indoor swimming pool and whirlpool.
- Complimentary parking

**From The North:** Take the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) SOUTH to Exit 4 (Route 155 West / Albany International Airport). At the end of the off-ramp, turn LEFT on Route 155. Continue for approximately 1/4 mile to the next traffic light, and turn LEFT on Albany-Shaker Road. At the next light, turn RIGHT on Wolf Road. We are about 3/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left side.

**From The South:** Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) NORTH to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.

**From The East:** Take Interstate 90 to New York, and continue on I-90 by taking Exit B-1 from the Berkshire Spur of the NYS Thruway. Follow I-90 to Exit 1N (Interstate 87). Continue on I-87 to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit and follow Wolf Road approximately 2/10 of a mile. We are on the left side.

**From The West:** Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.

### Local Transport Information

- Closest major airport - Albany Airport (ALB) - (1 mile)
- Complimentary airport shuttle
- Amtrak service to Albany (approx 10 miles from station to hotel)

### **Jet Blue Reservations:**

<http://www.jetblueairways.com/cgi-bin/skylights.cgi>

### **Amtrak Reservations:**

<http://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>