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Dear Friend,

The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council (SIDDC) is beginning their 52nd year of community service on Staten Island. We at the SIDDC assist individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the planning, promotion, and development of supports and services throughout their lifespan. We work tirelessly to ensure the **safety** and **best** possible **quality of life** for Staten Islanders with special needs through advocacy and relevant information.

As a parent of a 27-year-old daughter, Alexa, affected with Autism I can tell you first-hand how instrumental the SIDDC has been to me as I navigated through the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and their complicated system. The connections I made, the help I received and the information that I learned and continue to learn was due to becoming a member.

Membership is open to parents, self-advocates, caregivers, siblings, agencies, vendors and all people interested in our Staten Island disabilities community. As a member you will be connected to a network of caring, concerned, and knowledgeable people who want to make a difference. Your membership will provide you with an opportunity to take part in one or more of our 12 standing committees that align with your interest. Attending meetings and events, visiting our website and receiving our emails will help you stay informed. Our presenters at our meetings are skilled on the subject matters that will help you stay current as the OPWDD is constantly changing their service delivery system.

As we transition back into a “New Normal” after Covid and “Re-Build” our service system after over ten years of budget cuts it is more important than ever to understand the changes that are taking place and learn about programs and resources that are currently available. We also will continue in our effort to preserve and grow our educational services, residential services, day habilitation, employment, clinical services, family support services and community opportunities for our loved ones.

I am excited to work with our new “leadership team” of officers of the SIDDC Board. Jason Harr, First Vice-Chair, Dina Klein, Second-Vice Chair, Jayne Cooper, Treasurer and Pam Minkoff, Recording Secretary. Together with our leadership team, executive board, agency partners & membership we will strive to achieve our goals as we work together to develop and preserve the VITAL supports and services that our loved ones deserve.

As Temple Grandin said, “You always have to keep persevering” …Together we will persevere! Visit our website www.siddc.org and join the SIDDC today!

Diane Peruggia

Chairperson, SIDDC

The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council

BE EMPOWERED & STAY INFORMED

- MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO SELF-ADVOCATES, PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, SIBLINGS, AGENCIES, VENDORS AND ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE LOCAL DISABILITIES' COMMUNITY
- THE **O**FFICE FOR **P**EOPLE **W**ITH **D**EVELOPMENTAL **D**ISABILITIES (**OPWDD**) IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM. STAY CURRENT AND INFORMED ON WHAT AFFECTS YOUR LOVED ONES
- MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO *12 STANDING COMMITTEES* THAT ALIGN WITH YOUR INTERESTS
- LEARN ABOUT AVAILABLE PROGRAMS & RESOURCES
- NETWORK AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Advocate for yourself and loved ones!!

JOIN TODAY!

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September 2022- June 2023

General Council Meeting Schedule

Friday, September 23, 2022

Friday, October 21, 2022

Friday, November 18, 2022

December 16, 2022
(Celebrating Achievements)

Friday, January 20, 2023

Friday, February 17, 2023

Friday, March 24, 2023

Friday, April 21, 2023
(Residential Quality of Life ~DSP Awards)

Friday, May 19, 2023

Friday, June 16, 2023

Other important dates for SIDDC:

Virtual Family Resource & Transition Fair – TBD
Virtual Annual Community Breakfast – March 4, 2022

Please Note: Meetings will be held **virtually** unless otherwise indicated. Meetings begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Evening Meetings will be held **virtually** as well promptly at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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2021-2022 Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Are you a: Self-advocate _____ Parent/Caregiver_____ Professional____ Other_____

Diagnosis of Individual_____ Age of Individual_____

Are you a new member? Yes_____ No_____

Agency Please Indicate One Primary and One Alternate Representative

Agency Name: _____

Name of Primary Representative:_____

Name of Alternate Representative:_____

E-mail of Alternate Representative:_____

Mailing Address: _____

Floor: _____ Apt: _____City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____E-mail:_____

Annual Membership Dues **(Make checks payable to SIDDC)**

Select the applicable category of membership below:

_____ $100.00	Agency	May have many participating members, but must designate a primary representative and an alternate (votes in primary's absence)
_____ $25.00	Vendor	A non-voting member.
_____ Fee Waived	Self-Advocate	Entitled to one vote on business
_____ $10.00	Parent/Caregiver	Entitled to one vote on business
_____ $10.00	Individual	Entitled to one vote on business. To qualify for this category person must demonstrate commitment to SIDDC mission
_____Fee Waived	Associate	A non-voting member. (e.g. family member, agency associate)

Select the committee you would like to serve on:

_____ Adult Services
_____ Advocacy
_____ Care Management
_____ Community Outreach
_____Education
_____Family Resource & Transition Fair
_____Family Support Services Advisory Council
_____Health & Clinical Services
_____Residential Quality of Life
_____ Self-Directed Supports
_____Willowbrook Legacy

How did you learn about the SIDDC?_____

For Office Use Only: Received:_____ Entered : _____

Become a Self-Advocate

What does it mean to be a Self-Advocate?

- Speak up for yourself & what is important to you
- Ask for what you need or want for your life
- Tell people about your thoughts & feelings

"Self-advocacy means **you** know your rights and responsibilities, **you** speak-up for your rights, and **you** can make choices and decisions that affect your life."

Join The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council (SIDDC) to stay informed on changes that impact your life, learn about available resources & services, and connect with others!

****Membership is FREE to all Self-Advocates****

Visit WWW.SIDDC.ORG to become a member!
or
Send an email to: contactfssac@aol.com for assistance!

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FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.SIDDC.ORG

What is the SIDDC?

The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council (SIDDC) was established in 1969 to assist in the planning, promotion, and development of supports and services for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities(I/DD) and their families throughout their lifespan. The SIDDC works to ensure the best possible quality of life for Staten Islanders with special needs through advocacy and relevant information. Members include self-advocates, their parents/family, friends, and service providers.

Monthly meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Presentations by guest speakers keep membersinformed about current issues. The SIDDC committees provide monthly reports, describing their work and advocacy efforts on the latest issues and trends impacting individuals with developmental/ intellectual disabilities.

The SIDDC communicates the needs of families to public and elected officials using various media outlets, legislative information exchanges and an annual Community Breakfast. The SIDDC offers numerous events throughout the year to support our members. These include a Family Resource and Transition Fair, Celebrating Achievements, Direct Support Professional Awards Ceremony, Educational forums and Adult Transitioning forums.

Visit our Website for an Updated Schedule of SIDDC Meetings
www.siddc.org/calendar

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Jason Harr ~ First Vice-Chair

Dina Klein ~ Second Vice-Chair

Jayne Cooper ~Treasurer

Pamela Minkoff ~ Recording Secretary

Marissa Corio ~ Community Outreach Coordinator

Angela Edwards ~ Administrative Assistant

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Adult Services:
Purpose: To identify and address issues and needs pertaining to adults with developmental disabilities (age 18 years and older).

Advocacy:
Purpose: To actively engage with and inform representatives of governing agencies e.g. Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and all elected public officials of the needs, concerns and ongoing issues impacting people with I/DD and their families. The Advocacy committee arranges meetings and rallies of all interested stakeholders on a variety of specific and relevant topics, coordinates, and participates in regularly scheduled meetings with provider associations, elected officials, and State agency representatives, develops the SIDDC's annual position paper and hosts the Annual Community Breakfast. Advocacy is a year-round effort.

Care Management:
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for Care Managers who are employed by Care Coordination Organizations (CCO's) and interested parties to network, exchange ideas, share resources and discuss current issues and trends. Topics of relevance to Care Managers are presented to guest and/or committee members at monthly meetings.

Community Outreach:
Purpose: To disseminate and publicize council information and other relevant issues to the community through the SIDDC website, social media, flyers, newsletters, local newspapers, and presentations in the community.

Education:
Purpose: To identify and address issues pertaining to the education of individuals with developmental disabilities (birth to age 22). Continuous review of educational programs available to students with developmental disabilities and support driven practices to develop school cultures becoming more collaborative through family engagement practices and parent voice.

Family Support Services Advisory Council (FSSAC):
Purpose: The FSS Advisory Council (FSSAC) is open to anyone living on Staten Island who has a family member with a developmental disability living in their family home, as well as to individuals with developmental disabilities. A family member may remain a member even if their family member no longer lives in their

home or is deceased. The FSSAC represents the needs of local individuals and families and works in partnership with the local office known as the Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO), to plan, develop and monitor Family Support Services (FSS) programs. The Council may also make recommendations about how to improve the quality and effectiveness of FSS programs. The local FSSAC also seeks to increase community outreach and to promote awareness of FSS programs.

Health and Clinical Services:

Purpose: To focus on issues concerning all aspects of health services, including medical, rehabilitative and mental health that impact individuals with developmental challenges.

Residential Quality of Life:

Purpose: To identify and address issues pertaining to the quality of life of I/DD living in residential settings. Discuss all aspects of residential programming, including regulations, role of staff/clinicians and residential opportunities. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and the committee participates in an annual presentation containing various topics in conjunction with the direct support profession and recognition.

Self-Directed Supports:

Purpose: Fiscal Intermediary Providers, Care Managers, Self-hired Support Staff and all other valuable stakeholders to share resources and discuss issues to support people who choose to take direct responsibility to manage their services and lead a self-directed life. Meetings are held 6-12 times per year and guest speakers present on a variety of topics at these meetings.

Willowbrook Legacy:

Purpose: The Willowbrook Legacy Committee's mission is to develop a sustaining presence of the experience of Willowbrook State School. The committee has developed a collaborative relationship with the College of Staten Island (CSI) and the CTV cable station. These collaborations have created two ongoing projects, "The Willowbrook Mile" and the television series, "Willowbrook Revisited." Members of the committee serve on the CSI Steering Committee which is planning and implementing The Mile which is a walking trail through the former grounds of Willowbrook. Signs/milestones along the path give insightful perspectives and information about the Willowbrook experience. The Willowbrook Revisited show is a retrospective look at the institution including interviews with those who experienced the impact of Willowbrook.

SUPPORTS & SERVICES ON STATEN ISLAND

- **Care Management**
- **Waiver Services**
  1. Care at Home Waiver
  2. Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS)
- **HCBS Waiver Services**
  1. Community Habilitation
  2. Day Habilitation
  3. Supported Employment
  4. Pathway to Employment
  5. Respite
  6. Adaptive Devices
  7. Environmental Modifications
- **Residential Services**
  1. Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRA)
  2. Community Residences (CR)
  3. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
  4. Family Care
  5. Non-Certified Housing Options
  6. Individualized Support Services (ISS)
- **Family Support Services**
  1. Family Reimbursement
  2. Recreation
  3. Counseling, Training, and Supports
  4. Advocacy
- **Self Direction**
  1. Brokerage Services
  2. Fiscal Intermediary Services
  3. Individual Directed Goods

HOW TO ESTABLISH OPWDD ELIGIBILITY

The **Front Door** is the way OPWDD connects individuals to the services they need and want.

Once you enter, a person-centered planning process begins which helps you learn about and access service options taking your needs and desires into consideration.

Everyone new to OPWDD will go through the Front Door regardless of their age or the nature of the services they are seeking.

The first step to receiving assistance is to determine if the person seeking services is eligible to receive services and supports. Once someone is determined eligible to receive services, they can begin the planning process.

Where to begin?

Contact the **OPWDD regional office** that covers your county to access the Front Door to help you get ready to plan for OPWDD services, you will be asked to attend an information session.

Staten Island Front Door Access Number 718-982-1913

OPWDD Info Line 1-866-946-9733
www.opwdd.ny.gov

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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RESOURCES

Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Councilwww.siddc.org

SIDDC membership list of provider agencieswith direct links to their website
www.siddc.org/program-opportunities

Office for People with Developmental Disabilitieswww.opwdd.ny.gov

OPWDD Front Door
www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/home

Self-Advocates of New York Statewww.sanys.org

Parent to Parent New York Statewww.ptopnys.org

Medicaid
www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/

Acronym List
www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_regulations_guidance/…/acronym_list

CARE COORDINATION AGENCIES

Advance Care Alliance
www.acany.org
833-692-2269

Tri-County Care
www.tricountycare.org
844-504-8400

Care Design
www.caredesign.org
518-235-1888

PROVIDER AGENCIES

- Adapt Community Network
- AHRC, NYC Chapter
- ArchCare Senior Life PACE
- A Very Special Place (AVSP)
- CASC/Community Agency for Senior Citizens
- Catholic Charities of Staten Island
- Center for Family Support
- Children At Play
- City Access New York, Inc.
- College of Staten Island-Creative Exchange
- Community Resources
- Constructive Partnerships Unlimited
- Crossroads Unlimited, Inc.
- Eden II Programs
- HeartShare Human Services
- Include NYC
- Independent Living Association
- Jewish Community Center of Staten Island (JCC)
- Lifespire
- Lifestyles for the Disabled
- Metropolitan Development Center
- Mercy Drive
- Modest Community Services Association
- NYS Institute for Basic Research (IBR)
- New York State Institute on Disability, Inc.
- On Your Mark, Inc.
- Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)
- Partners Health Plan
- Proud Moments Therapy
- Public School 37R
- Rainbow's Reach
- Richard H. Hungerford School
- Richmond University Medical Center
- Seton Foundation for Learning
- SIUS-Services for the Underserved
- Staten Island Center for Independent Living
- Staten Island University Hospital/Northwell Health
- The Good Shephard, Inc.
- The GRACE Foundation
- Tri-County Care
- Vita Care Pharmacy/Enexia

BECOME A MEMBER

• Parents/Guardians
• Advocates
• Vendors
• Professionals

Join the SIDDC in our efforts to ensure the best possible quality of life for individuals with special needs across their lifespan.

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