

DDAWNY Transition Committee Presents

REACHING FOR THE FUTURE:

A TRANSITION CONFERENCE



Join us for a one-day learning opportunity for people involved with students and young adults with disabilities.

Focus areas to include:

- Transportation
- Behavioral/Mental Health
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- The reality of accessing adult services.

Friday
October 21, 2016

Time:
8:00am - 3:00pm

Location:
Acqua Restaurant
2192 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Fee: \$25.00

*Includes a light breakfast and lunch
(PO's will be accepted but the fee must be
paid by the day of the conference)*

To register by mail:

Complete form (please print), mail with a check made payable to:

Parent Network of WNY
1000 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14202

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Complete one form for each person attending.

**For more information
and to register online, visit:**

www.parentnetworkwny.org
or please contact Peg
plk@parentnetworkwny.org or (716) 332-4170

Registration deadline 10/14/16

Robert G. Ortt was sworn into office as a New York State Senator for the 62nd District in January of 2015. From January 2010 to December, 2014, Rob served as Mayor of North Tonawanda. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served as the City Treasurer and then, Clerk-Treasurer of North Tonawanda.

Rob enlisted in NY Army National Guard and is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, where he served from March through December 2008. His mission was to serve as a combat mentor/advisor to the Afghan National Police in Kandahar City, the second largest city in Afghanistan. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge in recognition of his service.

Previous to entering public service, Rob served as an independent personal financial analyst with Primerica Financial Services. He specialized in assisting middle income families to reduce their debt and save enough to be able to retire with dignity.

Rob currently chairs the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. He also serves on committees on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs; Local Government; Higher Education; Environmental Conservation; Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Civil Service and Pensions; and Cities.

Panel on Supported Employment - Supported Employment is used as a way to help support individuals with disabilities to develop and work toward competitive employment. The panel will consist of representatives from the Office of Mental Health(OMH), the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities(OPWDD), and Adult Career & Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR).

Reality Check - When working with systems for support services there are times of confusion or even times of frustration. Hear how to be a better advocate and gain understand of how the systems work s. Learn how to work with the system and help get the supports that will lead to continued success.

Mental Health first Aid - This program will provide participants with an overview of signs and symptoms of mental illness in youth as well as risk/protective factors. We will provide effective strategies to engage youth and promote mental wellness as well as valuable resources that can serve to assist individuals whose goal is to help youth develop healthy coping strategies and make a positive transition into adulthood.

Developmental Disability Family Perspective -There is no one that understands the issues and challenges better than the parent or caregiver. Learn how to use what you know to influence professionals to better serve your child now and as he or she transitions into future opportunities. Learn about groups and initiatives in the community that would help you and help your child.

NYS Start - NY START is a community-based program that provides crisis prevention and response services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs, as well as their families and those who provide support within the community.

Developmental Disability MSC/Family Perspective - The Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) and family members of a person with a disability play an integral role in supporting and the planning of that person's goals. In this session an MSC and a family member will describe how the process of obtaining services has worked for them, some of their triumphs & challenges along with details and ideas that might help other families going through the process.

Transportation Panel - Hear from local providers of transportation services. Learn about their services and how to use those services to be more independent.



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