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OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS**

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NYSACHO, in partnership with the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Early Intervention and Bureau of Child Health, is proud to present the:

**Early Intervention & Children and Youth
with Special Health Care Needs Summit:
2025 New York Statewide Meeting**

**April 9-10th, 2025
Albany Marriott - Albany, New York**

MEETING PROGRAM



Agenda

Wednesday, April 9th - Afternoon

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Focused Sessions

11:45 am – 12:30 pm: Registration Open

Opportunity to visit Exhibitor Booths

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm: Opening Remarks - Salon E

Sarah Ravenhall, Executive Director - New York State Association of County Health Officials

Member Leadership - New York State Association of County Health Officials

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm: Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Bureau Welcome Bureau of Child Health Staff

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Topical Group Break Out Sessions - Salons D, E, F, & G - Check your nametag for your breakout room assignment

Cornell University CYSHCN Center of Excellence (COE)

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Break

Opportunity to visit Exhibitor Booths

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Medicaid Transportation - Salon D & E

Robert Schmit, Policy Manager, Medicaid Transportation - Bureau of Health Access, Policy, & Innovation, Division of Program Development and Management

3:30 pm- 4:30 pm: Motivational Interviewing Basics - Salon D & E

Lauren Digena-Ford, LMSW - Northern Rivers Family of Services

4:30: Closing

End Day 1

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Morning of Thursday, April 10th

Joint Early Intervention & Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Sessions

7:30 am – 8:15 am: Registration Open

Opportunity to visit Exhibitor Booths

8:15 am – 8:30 am: Opening Remarks - Salon D & E

Sarah Ravenhall, Executive Director - New York State Association of County Health Officials

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8:30 am – 9:30 am: Planting the Seeds: Growing Trauma Responsive Practice - Salon D & E

Elizabeth Meeker PsyD, Senior Director - New York State Trauma Informed Network & Resource Center (TIN-RC)

9:30 am – 10:50 am: Community Engagement and Service Enhancement Strategies from Local Health Departments across New York State (Local Health Department Panel) - Salon D & E

A Systems Integration Approach to Enhancing Equity and Efficiency in Early Intervention: NYC Bureau of Early Intervention's EHR-EI

- **Tania E. Corporan** MD, Senior Project Manager - New York City Bureau of Early Intervention

Engaging CYSHCN Families: Building Effective Pathways

- **Paula Hayes-Hayden**, CYSHCN Coordinator - Orange County Department of Health
- **Sandra Brownsey** MS, CAS, Director of Intervention Services - Orange County Department of Health

Early Intervention Provider Shortage Initiative

- **Capri Prentice** RN, Senior Community Health Nurse - Tompkins County Whole Health
- **Jessica Clark Manderville** BSN, RN, Director of Children with Special Needs - Tompkins County Whole Health

CYSHCN Community Engagement Strategies in Rural Communities

- **Jena Sloan**, Public Health Specialist - St. Lawrence County Public Health Department

10:50 am - 11:15 pm: Break

Check out for overnight guests is 12pm.

11:15 am – 12:30 pm: Inclusive Spaces for People with Disabilities and Their Families (State Office Panel) - Salon D & E

Understanding Barriers and Enhancing Inclusive and Accessible Spaces for Children and Adults with Disabilities

- **Shirley Madewell**, Disability and Health Program Manager - New York State Department of Health

An Overview of the Talking Book and Braille Library - So That All May Read

- **Laurenne Teachout** MSLS, Senior Librarian, Outreach - New York State Talking Book and Braille Library

New York State Parks - Accessibility Outdoors

- **Owen Gilbo**, ADA Coordinator/DRA - NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

End of Joint Early Intervention & Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Sessions

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

If taking advantage of provided lunches, please ensure that you utilize some of this time to visit exhibitors to learn about their services and how you can partner with them in your work.

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Afternoon of Thursday, April 10th

Early Intervention Focused Sessions

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Bureau of Early Intervention Updates - Salon D & E

Bureau of Early Intervention Staff

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: De-Escalation Tactics - Salon D & E

Jim FitzGerald MA, MEd, Interim Executive Director - Mediation Matters

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Special Education - Salon D & E

Suzanne Bolling, Manager, Preschool Policy Unit, Nondistrict Unit and Incident Management Unit - New York State Education Department

Barbara Kozlowski, Supervisor, Preschool Policy Unit - New York State Education Department

4:00 pm : Closing and Thank you!

End Day 2

Thank You to Our Partners!



SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

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Featured April 9th & 10th

The Spina Bifida Association of New York State (SBANYS) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to build a better and brighter future for all those impacted by Spina Bifida. With that in mind, our goal is to meet that mission through three main areas of service: Support, Education, and Advocacy. Within these areas you will find services that include but are not limited to responding to requests for information/referrals, education outreach, advocacy and awareness initiatives, peer support, systems navigation, and programming. These services are available statewide, at no cost, and benefit individuals living with Spina Bifida across the lifespan.

Featured Resources: Welcome Baby Brochures, Expectant and New Parent Packets, Service Flyers, and Program Calendars



MEDICAL ANSWERING SERVICE LLC (MAS)

Featured April 9th & 10th

MAS Connects Medicaid enrollees to health care through non-emergency transportation because we believe healthier communities exist when its members have seamless access to healthcare.

As the non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) broker for New York State, MAS connects NYS Medicaid enrollees to healthcare services by leveraging the company's groundbreaking transportation management technology. MAS efficiently coordinates approximately 15 million enrollee trips to vital healthcare services every year.

Featured Resources: Information on non-emergency medical transportation for eligible Medicaid enrollees.

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LIFEPlan is a Care Coordination Organization (CCO) formed in 2018 along with six other CCOs in New York State to meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). We collaborate with service providers through a Health Home model. In addition to offering the services of trained and experienced Care Managers, LIFEPlan partners with community-based agencies with a long history of serving people with IDD to provide advocacy and recreational, educational, and vocational services. Always with a person-centered focus, we connect Members with services and supports through a network of highly-trained human service and healthcare specialists

Featured Resources: Care Coordination Resources



iCentral

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iCentral's mission is to empower service providers—especially in healthcare and education—with simple, customizable software tools that help them deliver care more efficiently and effectively. We reduce administrative burdens, support compliance, and make it easier for agencies and therapists to focus on what matters most: helping the children and families they serve.

iCentral is a software company offering a flexible, cloud-based platform designed to help service providers—especially in healthcare and education—streamline their operations. Our easy-to-use, no-code tools allow agencies to create customized portals for documentation, billing, compliance, and communication. iCentral supports Early Intervention, Preschool Special Education, and other community-based programs by reducing administrative burden and empowering providers to deliver high-quality care to children and families.

Featured Resources: New York Early Intervention case management and billing solutions

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Acronyms

BEI = Bureau of Early Intervention

BCH = Bureau of Child Health

BDARE= Bureau of Data Analytics, Research and Evaluation

CYSHCN = Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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