



**Thirty First Annual  
Developmental Disabilities Day  
Registration & Workshop Information**



**Thursday, May 30th, 2019**

**Doors open at 8:00 am**

**The Conference Center Niagara Falls**

**101 Old Falls Street - Niagara Falls NY 14303**

Visit [www.ddday.org](http://www.ddday.org) to register online

**2019 Features**

**Innovative Workshops - Concession Service - Agency and Vendor Fair  
Art Gallery - Live Concert - Awards Luncheon - Open Reception**

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## 2019 Schedule

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome - Partnership and Art Logo Award Announced
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Keynote Presentation
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break and Fair
10:30 am -12:00 pm	Morning Workshops
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Break and Fair
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Awards Luncheon
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Break and Fair
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Live Performance in Ballroom: Gaelynn Lea
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Reception (Music by “Universal Mind”)

### OPENING PRESENTATION

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Classically trained violinist and songwriter **Gaelynn Lea** has been bewitching scores of fans with her haunting original songs and experimental takes on traditional fiddle music. Her work most recently won NPR Music’s 2016 Tiny Desk Contest, a competition drawing submissions of original songs from more than 6,000 musicians across the country.

Gaelynn Lea’s musical reach has expanded significantly because of the Tiny Desk Contest. She began touring nationally in September 2016 with her husband Paul in their 2002 Ford Econline – and they’ve been on the road ever since! View her tour schedule here.

Gaelynn also does speaking engagements about disability, finding inner freedom, and the power of music. Gaelynn has a congenital disability called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, or Brittle Bones Disease. In recent years, she has used her music as a platform to advocate for people with disabilities and to promote positive social change.

We are so looking forward to Gaelynn’s Key Note presentation and afternoon performance!



<b>Intended Audience Key:</b> I=Individual, F=Family, P=Professional, E=Everybody
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**1) Working Together to Make a Difference**

**Karen Keyes**, Regional Director, Person Centered Services

**Tammy Bertozzi**, Regional Director, Prime Care New York

Still collaborating after all the changes over the past 18 months, Medicaid Service Coordination transitioned to Care Coordination. There has been a great deal of training and learning to find success in the end with this transition. Now we are in the implementation stage. Both agencies continue to work together with agency providers and our partners to make a difference for the people we support. We continue to provide quality services and support positive experiences together. **E**

**2) What is a Life Plan?**

**Pamela Synor**, Trainer, Prime Care New York

A Life Plan is a plan of care for implementing decisions made during a person-centered planning process that becomes the active plan of care document. This presentation will explain the life plan's importance, the process and influences considered when creating it, how it affects you and your family, and when it will happen. Understanding Health Home Services, keeping your Life Plan current to accurately reflect services available, and its impacts are discussed. **F**

**3) The Managed Care Transition for Agencies**

**Kristin Rhodes**, Agency Relations Manager, Person Centered Services

This presentation will focus on how the managed care transition will impact agencies both culturally and operationally. Key points of the presentation will include: how agencies fit in to the managed care picture, promoting agency value to managed care partners, practical strategies to ready staff and leadership for managed care, the cultural shift needed to be successful in a managed care environment.

**4) Social Capital: Relationships for Life!**

**Sheila Stack**, Associate Director of Community Habilitation and Respite, Aspire of WNY

**Jennifer Ostrowski**, Coordinator of Vocational Services, Aspire of WNY

As we provide more services to children and adults in their community it is more important than ever that we teach the value of Social Capital. In this presentation we will explore the key components of unlocking the hidden talent of building social networks that create relationships for life. We will discover how these key areas will unlock potential in services while enhancing opportunities for the people we support as the live, work and play! **E**

**5) After the Fire: Lessons Learned from a Residential Group Home Fire**

**Thomas Ess**, Associate Vice President Residential Services/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, People Inc.

In late June 2018 People Inc. experienced an event we all strive to prevent and diligently prepare for: a fire in a residential site. All of the efforts to ensure protection of individuals through drills, staff and individual training and advanced fire safety systems worked flawlessly. The goal of a positive outcome in the first minutes of the fire was achieved when staff responded to the alarm and evacuated everyone safely. But what happens next? This presentation will provide an overview of the steps taken to mitigate immediate concerns by working with first responders and will go into detail on the importance of a robust emergency preparedness plan. **P**

## **6) Life After High School: One Mans Journey to Employment**

**Alan Venesky**, Community Relations Manager, Person Centered Services

**Brian Green**, Food Service Worker, Campus Dining and Shops, University at Buffalo

Soon to be graduating high school, at 21 years of age, Brian knew he wanted a job. Brian and his support team recognized that he needed additional training in soft skills, before entering the competitive workforce. He engaged in a year-long training, in order to hone in on soft-skills. These included self-advocacy, time management, problem solving, cooperation with coworkers, initiative, and dependability. This is a story of perseverance and what it takes to become successfully employed. **I, F**

## **7) Caring for Caregivers**

**Shannon Bryant**, LMHC, Director of Learning and Development at Person Centered Services

**Dr. Lisa Butler**, UB School of Social Work

This presentation will be designed to start the conversation about the importance of self-care when working as a helping professional/support for people. At Person Centered Services our mission is to connect people to the care, support, and opportunities that maximize their quality of life. This mission holds true for the people we serve and support, and for the people we work side- by-side with every day. We believe it is our ethical duty to provide education and encourage our community of caregivers to practice self-care as a way to maximize their quality of life. We hope to create a space that gives permission to cultivation self-care as a helping professional/support. We plan to have the UB School of Social Work as an expert in the field of self-care to present our Learning and Development department. **E**

## **8) Trauma-Informed Care with the I/DD Population**

**Lauren Petrocelli**, LMSW, Social Worker at Olmsted Center for Sight

**Michelle Zangerie**, Assistant Director of Vocational Day Services at Community Services for Every1

**Ashley McLimans**, Assistant Director of Day Services at Community Services for Every1

**JulieAnne Barber**, LMSW, Associate Vice President at People Inc.

The presentation provides an overview of the trauma informed care model with the current I/DD system of care. Participants will learn about the incidence and prevalence of trauma among individuals with IDD and direct support professionals, current practices that support trauma informed care, as well as opportunities for future research, study, and intervention. **E**

## **9) Inclusion through Advocacy - Initiatives that Work**

**Dave Whalen**, Niagara Edu. Founder - Disability Awareness Training, Project Director - Niagara University First Responders Disability Awareness Training

As noted by the National organization on Disabilities, INCLUSION, is the leading domain in addressing equality for individuals with disabilities and disability advocates must take the lead in ensuring this occurs. Disability Awareness Training, based at Niagara University, will introduce the audience to proven initiatives, most recognized at the state and federal level that move INCLUSION forward through advocacy and empowerment. Guidance, tools, and resources will be provided. **E**

## **10) Population Health for the I/DD population utilizing Telemedicine**

**Bonnie Sloma**, Senior Vice President, People Inc.

**Laurie Cianfrini**, Vice President, People Inc.

**Tayna Perri**, Vice President Nursing, People Inc.

**Christy Ferriter**, Associate Vice President - Population Health, People Inc.

People Inc. established medical monitoring protocols at the residence level. Which include consultation with the On-Call R, and homecare nurses. This advises and directs care staff on best practice protocols and continuity in care. Homecare RNs assess and video conference with a physician. The efficient transfer of vitals to the remote physician allows for interaction with the patient, RN, and care staff familiar with the individual. Focus is on Triple Aim of receiving Right Care, Right Place. **P**

### **11) Prevent Abuse of People With Disabilities: A Multi - Media Website**

**Amanda Nickerson, Ph.D.**, Director at Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention

**Kathleen Allen, Ph.D.**, Training and Evaluation Specialist at Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention

**Brie Kishel**, Program and Operations Manager at Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention

**Dan Albertson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Information Science at University at Buffalo

This presentation will showcase a website about abuse prevention for people with disabilities. Funded by a grant from DDPC, the website provides valuable information, resources, and support methods for people with disabilities in multiple media formats. Participants will learn about types of abuse, targets of abuse, supports, and how to give and receive help through a series of resources feathered on the website. Themes of self-advocacy, empowerment, and peer to peer support will be discussed. **P**

### **12) What Is “behavioral Health” anyway?**

**Amy Peters**, Director, Strategic and Clinical Operations, Person Centered Services Care Coordination Organization

The presentation will focus on the identification and explanation of current behavioral health trends found in people with developmental disabilities. The presenter will describe the trends, data, and basic interventions/strategies that may be effective in supporting people with both behavioral health and developmental disability needs. **P**

### **13) A Parent/Care Giver’s Management System for Self-Directed Services Parent/Advocate.**

**Carol L. Pratt, M.S.** Reading Specialist/Educational Specialist

Participants in this workshop will learn how to navigate the requirements of self-direction. An overview of components and terminology associated with self-direction and budgets will be addressed. A binder system for record keeping will be a part of the workshop so practical methods will enhance the record keeping requirements. Each participant will leave with a binder. **E**

### **14) Developing Advocacy Skills**

**Mike Rogers**, Self - Advocate, President Board of Visitors, DDRO; President BOD, Center of Self Advocacy Inc.

**Sam Mattle**, Self Advocate, Executive Director, Center for Self Advocacy Inc.

**BJ Stasio**, Self Advocate Employee, at DDSO, OPWDD; Board Member Self Advocacy Association of NYS, Inc. (SANYS)

**Sophia Roberts**, Western Regional Coordinator, SANYS

**Theresa Drum**, Quality Assurance Manager, Parent Network of WNY

**Max Donatelli**, Family Advocate, DDAWNY Family Committee

Experienced coaches will offer participants opportunities to put developing advocacy skills into action in small groups. Through experiential exercises they will see what it is like to tell their stories and make their cases to public officials and others in the community. Various methods will be encouraged to help participants hone their skills and feel more confident speaking up. **E**



# Event Features

## Parent Welcoming Table

Table will be located in the main foyer for parents to use as a resource after checking into registration. Support will be on hand to give guidance on workshops and the venue setting.

## Healthy You – Mind, Body, Soul

This feature will be located in the Cataract Room. There will be light refreshments in the afternoon. A Healthy You including Yoga, Zumba, Healthy Snacks, and Self –Expression!

## Art Gallery

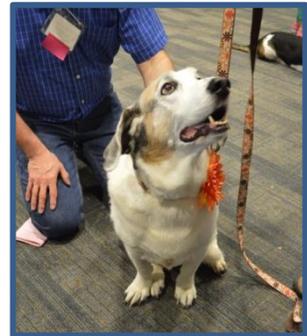
Displayed throughout the building, agencies from around WNY display the many talents of their art programs. As always, the art exhibit will feature this year’s winning DDDay logo design, along with the runners-up. The winning logo design can also be found on merchandise that is available for purchase at the DDDay Souvenir Shop, throughout the conference.

## Agency and Vendor Fair

A wide variety of agencies and vendors who serve people with developmental disabilities will be on hand to provide information and linkage for everyone in attendance. **For the first time, some vendors will be selling some of their products at the conference, so be sure to bring some extra money for shopping!**

## Therapy Dogs – People & Paws

Throughout the public areas of the convention, there will be therapy dogs and their owners on hand who can help provide general information about therapy dog programs and answer questions you may have. There will also be items for sale to promote their program.



**Concessions will available on the day of the event.**

## DD Awareness Day Merchandise

A variety of items will be available for purchase to commemorate this event:

T-shirts	\$10.00
T-Shirts (XXL and XXXL)	\$15.00
Small Tote Bags	\$5.00
Large Tote Bags	\$10.00

Additional merchandise may be available on the day of the event.

## Reception – 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Please join us for a reception featuring the hip sounds of **Universal Mind**. There will be free pop and appetizers, along with a basket raffle and cash bar. You must be present to win the basket raffle.



# **A Healthy You Mind, Body & Soul**

**This year we will be offering  
a custom-made area for those  
attendees who want to experience  
something a little more interactive.**



**Yoga, Zumba, Healthy Snacks,  
Interactive Demos and Self-expression!**

**Located in the Cataract Room**



**Find us on social media!**

**Facebook: DDDay- Developmental Disability Awareness Day**

**Twitter: @DDDDayOfficial**

**Wordpress: <https://dddofficialblog.wordpress.com/>**

**Flickr: DDDayOfficial**

**Email: [developmentaldisabilitiesday@gmail.com](mailto:developmentaldisabilitiesday@gmail.com)**

# 2019 DD Day Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

Individual with Disability  Family Member  Professional  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about DD Day?**

Print Advertisement  Social Media

**I am registering for:**

Workshops and Lunch (\$40)  Lunch Only (\$25)  Workshops/Fair Only (\$20)

**Lunch Choice:** (All lunches come with Berry Cup and Deconstructed Apple Pie)

- Herb roasted chicken with mozzarella mac and cheese with green beans  
 Fried chicken salad on a bed of lettuce, with corn, black beans and cheese along with potato salad  
 Gluten Free option: same as above with BBQ style grilled chicken in the salad  
 Cheese tortellini in tomato cream sauce topped with an eggplant parmesan (Vegetarian)

**Registration Scholarship**

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- I am an individual with a developmental disability and/or have a family member with a developmental disability and would like to apply for a scholarship to attend the workshop and fair only. **Scholarships are limited – apply early.**

**Important 2019 Registration Information**

**Workshop Attendance will be on a first come basis.**

**For Event Special Rate Parking of \$5 – Prior to Parking Tell the Parking Attendant you are with DD Day!**

- Registration deadline is **5/10/2019**.
- Register online at <http://www.ddday.org>
- Registration on the day of conference is \$25 – **No lunch provided.**
- Mail this registration form (above) with your payment (checks must be made out to DD Day) to:

**DD Day 2019 – PO Box 46 – Strykersville, NY 14145**

**Additional accommodations:** If you need an interpreter, FM loop, or other accommodations, please contact **Rick Banner at 716-322-7070 or [rbanner@people-inc.org](mailto:rbanner@people-inc.org)**