



Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc.

The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

***Invites you to participate in our
Annual State Conference!***

30 Years of Speaking Up for Ourselves and Others!

**Thursday – Saturday
September 8th – September 10th, 2016**

All conference registrations and payments due by August 31, 2016

**SANYS
500 Balltown Road
Building 12B
Schenectady, NY 12304**

**(518) 382-1454
Fax: (518) 382-1594
E-Mail: conf16@sanys.org**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, September 8th:

Registration	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Open Mic	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dinner & Awards	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Keynote	
Presentations	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
DJ Dance Party	8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Friday, September 9th:

Registration	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Focus Groups	9:30 am – 11:15 am
Lunch & Keynote	11:45 am – 1:45 pm
Presentations	
Workshops Session I	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Workshop Session II	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Banquet	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm
Awards Ceremony	7:45 pm – 9:00 pm
Tribute to Steve Holmes	
Decades Dance	9:00 pm - Midnight

Saturday, September 10th:

Group Breakfast & Conference Recap	8:00 am – 9:30 am
Regional Meetings	9:30 am - 11:00 am

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this year is

30 Years of Speaking Up for Ourselves and Others!

Self-Advocacy has come a long way and so have all of you. This year we celebrate our rich history and look into the future to dream about what is to come.

Keynotes

Hear from Self-Advocate leaders from the past 30 years.

We will also be celebrating Steve Holmes as he moves on to other opportunities. Be prepared for lots of songs and tributes as we honor his 25 plus years of dedication to the self-advocacy movement.

Entertainment

Thursday - DJ & Dancing

Friday - Come Dressed to go...

Dancing Through The Decades



Wear the styles that show the times and music you love – Grease 60s, Disco & Miami Vice 70s, Big-Shoulders/Big Hair 80s, Punk 90s, Hip Hop/Rap Bling – whatever the look or style, rock it out with our DJ and come dance with us on Friday night.

Maybe you'll win the **COSTUME PRIZE!**

SATURDAY MORNING EVENTS

Group Breakfast & Conference Recap

This year we will return to a tradition of having breakfast altogether with a program that includes speakers, music, and handing out the Golden Key to a Marriott staff person who has gone above and beyond. We will rally together, energized with a message to carry back home with us.

Regional Meetings

After breakfast, we will meet with our Regions to mobilize and make plans together.

WORKSHOPS & FOCUS GROUPS

We will have a wide variety of workshops and focus groups that will provide us with great opportunities for learning and networking. **Here is a partial list of workshops and focus groups we are planning:**

- Songs of Self-Advocacy
- Community 4 All
- Employment
- Supported Decision Making
- NYIL – Money Follows the Person
- Justice Center
- Partners in Policymaking
- One Question – Who Do You Want to Be?
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Speaking Up to Legislators
- OPWDD Transformation
- Youth & Self-Advocacy
- Disability Cinema History
- Innovations in Services
- DSP Core Competencies
- Transportation
- Aids for Independent Living
- Meditation & Relaxation
- Do's and Don'ts of Relationships
- SANYS U
- Commissioner's Forum

We have lots more activities planned. Watch the SANYS web site for updates – www.sanys.org.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Let us know which self-advocate, group, advisor, direct support professional, or organization you think is the most deserving of an award. **Please take some time to fill out and send in the awards nomination form on page 8.**

SANYS REGIONAL COORDINATORS

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations

You will make your own room reservations and payments directly with the hotel.

Conference room rates are as follows:
\$136 per room, per night. Up to four guests can share a room and the costs.

If you would like a cot in the room, there will be an additional charge of \$25 per cot per night.

In order to receive these special room rates, be sure to tell the Marriott that you are attending the Self-Advocacy Conference.

These rates do not include tax. If you are sponsored by an agency, be sure the Marriott has a tax-exempt form from your organization.

HOTEL CONTACTS

Marriott Hotel	(518) 458-8444
Other Hotels:	
Best Western Wolf Road	(518) 458-1000
Holiday Inn Wolf Road	(518) 458-7264
Hampton Inn Wolf Road	(518) 438-2822
Holiday Inn Western Avenue	(518) 438-0001
Homewood Suites Wolf Road	(518) 438-4300

ACCESSIBLE ROOMS

Availability of Accessible Rooms Is Very Limited

The Marriott has 19 fully-accessible rooms, including 4 roll-in shower rooms. It also has other rooms with grab bars.

If You Need an Accessible Room:

1. Call and request a room at the Marriott.
2. Call SANYS at (518) 382-1454 and tell us specifically what your needs are.
3. Please make sure you mark on your registration form in the box provided that you need an accessible room.

This will help ensure that everyone gets what they need!

SANYS has reserved the block of accessible rooms at the Marriott and we will distribute them based on need, as at past conferences. We found this is a fair way to ensure everyone gets a room that meets their needs. There are accessible rooms at other hotels and the numbers are listed above for your reference.

TRANSPORTATION

If you need accessible transportation to the hotel from the train station, please contact **Shameka Andrews** for information on how to schedule the trip with CDTA.

mwny2006@yahoo.com
(518) 898-6583

To contact CDTA directly:
Tanya Tipps - 518-437-8378

Any changes must be done no less than 48 hours in advance.

FUNDS FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Some funding will be available to those who live on their own and who have limited support from organizations to help their support staff attend.

Funds for support staff will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please do not delay! For more information, please call the SA office at (518) 382-1454.

Please make sure you send in your registration for the conference as well as making your hotel reservation. These are two separate processes. If you have a hotel room and are not registered for the conference you will not be able to attend.

REGISTRATION

As attendance for our State Conference has grown, **we have had to limit the number of registration options** to either the Full Conference or All Day Friday. This will allow us to provide a more meaningful and informative conference experience for as many guests as practical.

FULL CONFERENCE: \$175.00

Enjoy the whole conference experience of learning and networking, good food and fun. This includes registration for all conference activities and meals for the three days.

ALL DAY FRIDAY \$120.00

Workshops & Focus Groups,
Lunch and Evening Banquet

REGISTER NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!

PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT (OR PURCHASE ORDER) BY FRIDAY, 8/31/16, FOR YOU TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE.

SANYS STATE CONFERENCE PAYMENT POLICY

The popularity of our State Conference has continued to grow and we must ask that everyone register and pay before the Conference so that we can efficiently accommodate the large number of attendees.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE CONFERENCE.

EVERYONE MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND PREPAID.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Conference registration forms including payment may be mailed to:

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500 Balltown Rd, Bldg. 12B
Schenectady, NY 12304

Or Fax to: (518) 382-1594.

Please call to confirm the fax

Make your check or money order payable to "SANYS" or "Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, Inc".

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel this registration, please e-mail CONF16@SANYS.ORG or call our office at (518) 382-1454. You will receive a cancellation confirmation number.

Refunds will be given up to 8/19/16. A \$25 cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds will be issued for those who register but do not attend.

All Registrations Must Be Paid For Unless Cancelled In Advance Of The Conference.

GROUP REGISTRATION

If you are from a provider agency and you are registering a group of self-advocates, please make copies of the registration forms (pages 6 & 7) **AND COMPLETE A SET FOR EACH SELF-ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT STAFF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.** We are building a sophisticated database and this information will really help us with our outreach efforts. Thank you for your cooperation.

- IF YOU DO NOT YET KNOW WHICH SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE COMING, PLEASE INDICATE "STAFF" FOR FIRST NAME & AGENCY FOR LAST NAME (for example: Staff - Arc of Orange County). For additional staff, just put "staff 2 as first name and agency name for last name (for example: Staff 2 - Arc of Orange County).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE MUST RECEIVE
YOUR PAYMENT
(OR PURCHASE ORDER)
BY **AUGUST 31, 2016**
FOR YOU TO BE CONSIDERED
REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE.**

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need help, please send an e-mail to:

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SANYS STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mr. Ms. (please circle)	First Name		Last Name	
Address				
City		State		Zip
E-Mail Address				
Home Phone				
Cell Phone				
FAX				
What is your SANYS Region? Regions are listed below with the name of their Regional Coordinators. <p style="text-align: center;">(circle one)</p>	NYC Evan Yankey	Long Island Bridget Cariello	Hudson Valley Jordan Jankus	Capital District/ Northern Cynthia Gilchrist
	Central Dan Flannigan	Western/Buffalo Sophia Roberts	Western/Finger Lakes Sue O'Hearn	I DON'T KNOW
Please circle the category that best describes you	Self-Advocate		Family Member	Provider Agency
	Association Staff		OPWDD	SANYS Employee or SANYS Board Member
	Other			
If you receive supports from an agency (example: Arc of Westchester, Living Resources, etc.), or are employed by an agency, please list it here.				

PLEASE SELECT YOUR CONFERENCE OPTION & RETURN IT TO US WITH REGISTRATION FORMS (Pages 6, 7 & 8) AND YOUR PAYMENT (CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR PURCHASE ORDER) BY AUGUST 31, 2016.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FULL CONFERENCE: Enjoy the whole conference experience of learning and networking, good food and fun. This includes registration for all conference activities and meals for the three days.	\$175.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL DAY FRIDAY (LUNCH & EVENING BANQUET)	\$120.00

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL SERVICES YOU NEED:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE ROOM <input type="checkbox"/> SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER <input type="checkbox"/> BRILLE OR LARGE PRINT <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN MEALS <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL DIET (PLEASE CONTACT SANYS WITH DETAILS)
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2016 SANYS STATEWIDE CONFERENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS



Check the circle for the box for category your nomination is for.

- **Self-Advocate of the Year** An individual that has worked hard to speak up for themselves and others and has done something that has improved the community for people with developmental disabilities.
- **Self-Advocacy Group of the Year** a group that has done something in the past to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.
- **Advisor of the Year** a self-advocacy group advisor who helped to make your group stronger.
- **Direct Support Professional of the Year** A DSP that has worked hard to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and has done something to support self-advocacy.
- **Agency of the Year** An organization that really knows how support self-advocacy.
- **Media Award** A person or team that has done a great story on people with developmental disabilities or self-advocacy.

Name of the Person Making the Nomination _____

Phone Number/Email _____

Award Category _____

Name of Person Nominated _____

Title of Person Nominated _____

Organization _____

Phone Number/Email _____

On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this page, write a description of why you feel this person, group or organization deserves the award.

SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO YOUR SANYS REGIONAL COORDIANTOR BY AUGUST 5, 2016