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**2020 WESTERN REGION**

**SELF ADVOCACY CONFERENCE**

**June 25th & 26th, 2020**

**Niagara Falls Convention Center 101 Old Falls Street**

**Niagara Falls, NY**



**2020 Western Regional Self Advocacy Conference Agenda**

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| Thursday, June 25th, 2020 **3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  **Registration**  Register for the conference and  check-in to hotel  **4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  **Open Mic –** All Stars SA Group  Sing a song, tell a story, make an announcement, read a poem  **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  **SA Bingo**  Have fun and meet your fellow conference attendees with Mike Woodward and Jonathan Doherty of The All Stars  **4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Workshops**  **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  **Dinner Banquet**  **Keynote Speaker:**  Dalton Letta, Campaign D“it's a movement and it's personal! It's about putting people with Autism out front. It's about sharing our voice and our experiences. It's a movement to embrace the change of stereotypes. It celebrates the unique person and each diagnosis.”  **8:30 pm - 9:30 pm**  Meet the Conference Planning Committee  **8:00 pm – 11:00 pm**  DJ Dance Party | **Friday, June 26th, 2020**  **6:30 am – 8:30 am**  **Breakfast** for overnight attendees  **8:00 am – 9:00 am**  **Registration**  Register for the conference  **9:00 am – 9:45 am**  **Opening Ceremony**  **Welcome and Invocation**  **SANYS Board of Directors Election Candidate Speeches**  **10:00 am – 10:45 am**  **Session A** workshops  **11:00 am – 11:45 am**  **Session B** workshops **12 Noon – 1:45 pm**  **Lunch Banquet**  **Keynote Speakers**:  Juila Harris, License 2 Smile: “The Power of a Smile is Endless”  **Awards Ceremony**  **Board Election Announcement**  **2:00 pm – 2:45 pm**  **Session C Workshops** |

**2020 Western Regional Conference Registration**

**Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after May 11th, 2020**

**Instructions:**

1. **Fill out one form for each person attending, including staff.** Walk-ins cannot be accepted. Direct Support Professionals must be registered ahead of time.
2. **Deadline: May 15th, 2020**
3. **Register by mailing form to:**

**SANYS Conference**

**C/O: Center for Self-Advocacy**

**ATTN: Maggie Maclean**

**2529 Delaware Ave.**

**Buffalo, NY 14216**

1. **Make Check or Money Order payable to “SANYS” and mail with registration.**
2. **A limited number of partial scholarships are available** on a need basis. To request a scholarship contact Sue O’Hearn at 585-461-8741 in the Finger Lakes Region or Sophia Roberts at 716-517-3598 in the Western Region.
3. **If you are registering a staff/support person, but do not know their name yet,** fill out the form this way, Name: Staff for (first and last name of person they are supporting). Example: Staff for Mavis Appleblum.
4. **Don’t forget to nominate** a person, group or agency for an award! Award nomination included in this packet.
5. **For people from Finger Lakes DDSO ONLY –** Fill out a paper registration form for staff and self advocates and send it to Joe Castro at the FLDDSO by 4/24/20. He can be reached at 585-461-8671 or MANUEL.JOE.CASTRO@opwdd.ny.gov
6. **Make Hotel reservations** separately by calling the hotel. There are 2 hotel choices:

• **Sheridan at the Falls,** 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 (716) 285-3361

* $119/ night + $14.95 resort fee + 8% sales tax + 5% occupancy tax (includes parking) = **$150.62** total. *Tax exempt agencies = $133.95/ night.*
* **Ask for the Self Advocacy Conference room rate**
* For agencies who want to use tax exempt status, contact Jordan Roe (716) 278-2534 ASAP to set up those arrangements.
* 12 accessible rooms, all accommodate a hoyer lift under the bed
* All accessible rooms are King Beds
* Be specific about your exact needs when requesting an accessible room
* Large pool and two large hot tubs are all accessible for people who use wheelchairs, via pool lift

• **Seneca Niagara Casino**, 310 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls. (877) 873-6322

* $115/night + $20 resort fee (includes parking, there is no tax) = **$135** total.
* **Cut off date to register at this rate is May 26th**
* Ask for the Self Advocacy Conference room rate
* 14 accessible rooms, 4 roll in shower accessible rooms, no space under beds for hoyer lifts. If you need an accessible room, request it when you make your reservation.
* Pool and hot tub are not wheelchair accessible.

• There are a number of other hotels in the area, most are close enough to the Convention Center to walk.

**Other Fun Stuff to do while you are in Niagara Falls:**

**Discover Niagara Shuttle:** For those who wish to explore outside of the downtown area, hop on the FREE, wheelchair accessible Discovery Niagara Shuttle. The shuttle departs from right outside of the Conference & Event Center and stops at these  
attractions: Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours ($69.95), Niagara Jet Adventures ($69.00), Old Fort Niagara ($13.00), Niagara Power Vista (Free), the Underground Railroad Heritage Museum ($10.00) and more!

**The Niagara Falls USA Discovery Pass** includes admission to Maid of the Mist, Cave of the Winds, Niagara Adventure Theater, Niagara Gorge Discovery Center, Observation Tower, Aquarium of Niagara & Niagara Scenic Trolley. This all-inclusive pass will save you up to 35% on Niagara Falls USA attractions! Pricing: $46.00 Attendees can purchase online here: https://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com/discovery-pass

**Niagara Falls State Park:**

* Maid of the Mist (includes admission to Observation Tower): $19.25
* Niagara Adventure Theater: $12.00
* Aquarium of Niagara: $14.95
* Niagara Scenic Trolley: $3.00
* Niagara Gorge Discovery Center: $3.00

**Attractions outside Niagara Falls State Park:**

Niagara Power Vista: 10 Minute drive from downtown Niagara Falls. Discover the power of electricity in New York State through interactive exhibits; including a seat-gripping virtual reality ride and hands-on experiments.  
Admission: FREE

**2020 Regional Self Advocacy Conference Registration Form**

Name: Phone #:

Address:

Email address:

Self Advocacy Group Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am a: ☐ self advocate ☐ family member ☐ support person ☐ other

**Registration** (check one):

☐ Both Days ($99) incl. all meals, events, t-shirt, entertainment, and workshops

☐ Friday Only ($73) incl. breakfast, lunch, workshops, entertainment, t-shirt

☐ Friday Only ($59) no breakfast - incl. lunch, workshops, entertainment, t-shirt

☐ Thursday Only ($67) incl. dinner, events, dance, t-shirt

**Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have called and gotten approved **Scholarship Amount** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

for a scholarship.

**Meals:**

**Thursday Dinner (please pick one):**

☐ Mushroom and Havarti Stuffed Chicken with Rosemary Jus, White Cheddar Mac & Cheese, and Broccolini

☐ Penne Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce with Roasted Red Peppers, Sausage, Spinach, and Fresh Mozzarella

☐ Eggplant Parmesan with Angel Hair Pasta and Marinara Sauce

**Friday Breakfast (please pick one):**

☐ I will not be there for the Friday 6:30 am -8:30 ambreakfast

☐ All American Breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage link, roasted potatoes, and fresh fruit

☐ Quiche Florentine (Spinach and Swiss) with roasted potatoes and fresh fruit

**(see next page for to finish registering)**

**Friday Lunch (please pick one):**

☐ BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Grilled Vegetable Medley and Warm Potato Salad

☐ Yankee Style Pot Roast with Roasted Carrots served over Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

☐ Vegetarian Niagara Salad featuring Diced Tomato, Red Onion, Cucumber, chickpeas, marinated

portabella mushrooms, roasted corn and carrots, served with a Red Pepper Vinaigrette

**Dietary Needs (if any):**

☐ Gluten Free ☐ Pureed

☐ Lactose Intolerance ☐ Vegan

☐ Nut Allergy

☐ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Access Needs** (if any):

☐ Sign Language Interpreter

☐ Large Print Program ☐ Braille Program

**Free T-Shirts for everyone! Please circle your size:**

**Small Medium Large XL 2X 3X 4X**

**I would like to purchase a second t-shirt for $7.00 Size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Amount Included with Registration Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check or Money Order #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This year you do not need to select workshops ahead of time!

**New This Year:**

**We have 10 vendor tables for self-advocate entrepreneurs to sell items.**

**Please fill out the enclosed form if you are interested in registering to have a table.**

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**Award Nomination Form**

Category: **Support Person of the Year Award**

Awarded to a Support Person for outstanding achievement in supporting self advocates.

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

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Category: **Janet Van Landingham Volunteer of the Year Award**

Awarded to an individual who shows the qualities of the late Janet Van Landingham: dedication, integrity, consistency, commitment, caring and promotion of self advocacy.

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

Reasons why they should get this award: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Category: **Self Advocate Achievement Award in Memory of Linda Chapell**

Awarded to a Self Advocate from the Western area for outstanding achievement.

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

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Category **Self Advocate Achievement Award in Memory of Julie Rosenborg**

Awarded to a Self-Advocate from the Finger Lakes area for outstanding achievement

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

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Category: **Agency of the Year Award**

Awarded to an Agency for outstanding achievement in supporting self advocacy.

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

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Category: **Self Advocacy Group of the Year Award In Memory of Ethel Pacht**

Awarded to a Self Advocacy Group for outstanding achievement.

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

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# Name of Person making the nomination, so we can contact you, if needed

# (please print)

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please return nomination form by **May 1, 2020** to: Sheila Bush, Center for Self Advocacy, 2529 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216.