## HOUSING IS CRITICAL

Throughout NYS, more than 12,000 people are on the NYS-Cares Wait List with 1,002 in the WNY region and 1,345 in the Finger Lakes region.

(SQUITCE: NYSOPWDD TABS 08/2013)

Currently LESS THAN 33% of individuals with developmental disabilities are served by OPWDD

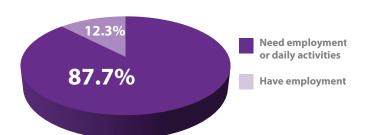


- 25% of people with developmental disabilities are living at home with a caregiver who is 60 years or older.
- Since 2008, there has been a moratorium on group home construction and there is no plan to meet this growing need.



In NYS nearly 30,000 children receive services and may need a home in the future.







#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

 There will be NO NEW placements in sheltered work programs. People seeking group work opportunities will no longer have this as a work option.

#### **BEYOND WORK...**

Volunteering
Attending Day Programs
Contributing to the community



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- In 2013, funding for day services to people aging out of school was eliminated.
- Wait lists for Day Programs and Supported Employment are extremely long.



Services Include: Respite, Home Modification, Case Management, Vehicle Adaption, Transportation, Nursing, Medical, Assistive Technology, Intensive Behavorial Support, and Day Services.



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Allotted funding for these essential services is ONLY 2% of all state spending for people with ID/DD.
- Wait lists for services continue to grow and grow.



Currently OPWDD provides support to less than 33% of people living in their family home. Family cannot be caregivers forever.



#### **MISSION**

To educate and inform people about the unmet needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and ensure quality homes and services are available in managed care environment.

#### **VISION**

Families will effectively advocate to eliminate the residential waiting list and meet the live, learn, work, and play needs for all individuals with developmental disabilities within their communities.

### advocacy

to change "what is" into "what should be"

## FAMILIES WORKING WITH FAMILIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Become **informed** and **join** the DDAWNY Family Committee

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#### Website

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Office 716-877-7007

#### **RESOURCES**

#### PARENT NETWORK OF WNY

716-332-4170 or 866-277-4PNC www.parentnetworkwny.org (Age: 5 - adulthood)

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTION CENTER

716-880-3875 or 800-462-7653 www.wchob.org/ecdc (Age: birth - five)

#### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGIONAL OFFICE - WNY

716-517-2000, 800-487-6310 FAX: 716-517-3722

# PEOPLE FIRST TIME TO ACT

Join the Family Committee





Seeking Quality, Safety, Choices

## DDAWNY FAMILY COMMITTEE

Developmental Disabilities Alliance of WNY