

# Benefits of a DDAWNY Membership



## Member Meetings and Events

Membership meetings provide an excellent opportunity for executive directors, committee chairs, and other special guests to review association happenings and gather information pertinent to issues currently impacting our field through presentations, guest speakers, and networking.

## Support Services

DDAWNY is happy to accommodate requests from members for letters of support related to development of programs that provide new and/or expanding services to people with developmental disabilities, particularly those that provide opportunities for collaboration among members.

## Committee Support

The various committees and subcommittees sponsored by DDAWNY provide an excellent opportunity for member agency staff to obtain training related specifically to their field, share ideas, problem solve, collaborate on special projects and/or events, and address system-wide issues specific to their field.

Current DDAWNY Committees and Subcommittees include:

- **Adult Services Subcommittees**
  - *Adult Day Services*
  - *Employment*
  - *Housing (non-certified)*
  - *Residential (certified)*
  - *Respite and Habilitation*
  - *Behavior Support*
  - *Transportation*
  - *Self-Directed Services*
  - *Nursing/Clinical*
- **Administrative Subcommittees**
  - *QA/QI*
  - *Compliance*
- **Workforce Development Subcommittees**
  - *Human Resources*
  - *Western New York Training Consortium*
- **Education Subcommittees**
  - *Transition*
  - *Education*
    - *Pre-K Inclusion*
- **Government Affairs Committee**
- **Marketing Communications Committee**
- **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day Event Planning Committee**
- **Family Committee**

## Legislative Voice

DDAWNY Board Members currently represent the membership on several statewide committees to advance programming and advocate for the highest quality of services offered to people with developmental disabilities.

Members of the DDAWNY Government Affairs Committee bring issues of concern to representatives at the local, state, and federal levels.

DDAWNY events, such as DD Day, Candidate's Hour, Roundtable Meetings, and other specialized programs, provide opportunities for members to meet and network with key stakeholders and elected officials.

## Website

The website at [www.ddawny.org](http://www.ddawny.org) is full of information and links to our member sites, advocacy materials, events, training opportunities, and much more!