



**Developmental
Disabilities
Planning Council**



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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
(IDD) TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY
AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN
THE COMMUNITY**



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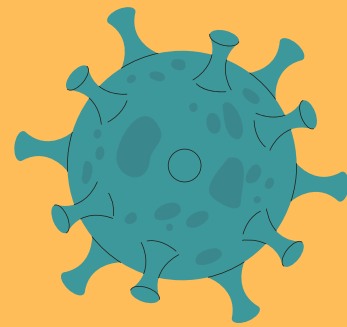
2021 Major Projects and Initiatives

- Apprenticeship Program to help people with IDD obtain employment in the manufacturing industry
- Transportation training so that people with IDD learn about accessible transportation options in their communities
- Housing Navigation pilot program to help people with IDD find non-certified housing options
- Trainings for parents, staff and self-advocates on sexuality and healthy relationships
- Supported Decision Making project to promote alternatives to guardianship
- Assisting New Americans with IDD on accessing services and supports
- COVID 19 response projects to help reduce social isolation and address other barriers people with IDD faced due to the pandemic

2021 Outcome Highlights



1,000+ staff and disability professionals were educated on employment, life skills, and cultural and linguistic competency.



Almost 60 parents of individuals with IDD participated in trainings to improve parenting skills and self-care during the pandemic.



Almost 250 individuals with IDD participated in training to become better self-advocates for transportation rights.



Stakeholders explored strategies to reduce the use of restraints & seclusion with individuals with IDD.



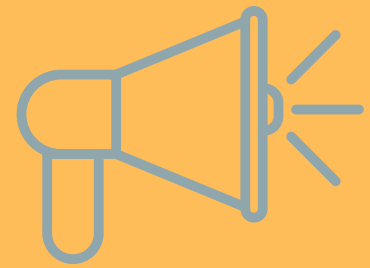
Almost 150 family members of individuals with IDD received training on managing life transitions and reducing stress.



100+ individuals with IDD and family members participated in a Summit on independent or non-certified housing options.



1,900+ individuals with IDD, family members, and professionals participated in supported decision-making trainings.



Over 50 young adults with IDD received training to build their self-advocacy and leadership skills.



Almost 100 stakeholders participated in activities to improve voting education and accessibility for individuals with IDD.



Over 2,000 stakeholders received presentations on the COVID-19 vaccine to reduce vaccine hesitancy.



Over 100 Chinese and Spanish speaking parents of individuals with IDD participated in leadership and advocacy activities.



1,000+ copies of resources were translated into Spanish for New Americans with IDD and their families were distributed across NYS.

During 2021 DDPC Staff...

- Facilitated an interagency State workgroup dedicated to reducing the use of restraints, seclusions and restrictive interventions.
- Presented at various statewide and national conferences and webinars on topics such as:
 - Abuse prevention;
 - Apprenticeship programs;
 - Language access and diversity, inclusion and cultural and linguistic competency;
 - Leadership in cultural competence transformation; and
 - Systems change.
- Guided an initiative focused on diverting youth and young adults with developmental disabilities from justice-involvement.
- Hosted a free and virtual Summit gathering leaders, families, and advocates to inform and advance Language Access in the Developmental Disabilities field in New York State.

For more information on projects and a list of
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