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Agency Services

AccessCNY offers person-centered services that empower individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential as part of our shared community. Services are provided with dedication, compassion, innovation, and commitment.

Services for those with a Developmental Disability or ABI

Adaptive Equipment Loan Program	Early Intervention Services	Physical Therapy
Advocacy	Environmental Modifications	Preschool Evaluations
Assistive Technology	Family and Individual Supports	Self-Direction
Augmentative Communication	Home and Community Based Services	Sensory Integration
Certified Residential Settings	Inclusive Preschool Education	Social Work Counseling
Community Habilitation	Individualized Support Services	Speech and Language Therapy
Consumer Directed Homecare	Medicaid Service Coordination	Supported Employment
Day Habilitation	Occupational Therapy	

Services for those with a Mental Health Issue

Certified Residential Services	Housing Supports	Supported Education
Community Supports	Peer-Based Support	Supported Employment
Family Supports	Social Skills Training	Vocational Rehabilitation

Affiliations

Association for Community Living	New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
Association for Persons in Supported Employment	Supported Housing Network of New York
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS	United Way of CNY
National Association for the Education of Young Children	



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAUL JOSLYN

In my brief few months since joining AccessCNY I've seen some amazing things.

I've seen a group of young adults laughing and enjoying each other's company as they prepared and enjoyed a meal together.

I've seen people sharing their experiences with mental illness in an effort to inspire others to their own recovery.

And, I've seen, or rather heard, a group of musicians rocking out on some classic rock favorites.

What's amazing about these experiences is that at AccessCNY they are far from amazing, these are everyday occurrences. Every day, at every turn individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health issues or acquired brain injuries are finding they can achieve more than they ever thought. The tasks are goals; whether it be learning to provide for yourself, learning to be part of a community or relearning how to use a hand through the joy of music.

Learning can't happen without great teachers. At AccessCNY those teachers are called Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and there are over 1,000 of them working in Central New York. Their classroom is our community. There's no book to teach from, they call on their own life experiences to help an individual with a disability. DSPs make possible that meal, that conversation, that song. *Continued inside...*



Recently State Senator Dave Valesky toured AccessCNY to learn about the services offered and issues impacting people with disabilities. (Pictured: Paul Joslyn, Board Member Virginia Felleman and Senator Valesky)

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ACCESSCNY WINS SELF-ADVOCACY AGENCY OF THE YEAR, ADVOCATE STANDS OUT

At this year's Self-Advocates of New York State Conference, AccessCNY was recognized for the support of its Self-Advocacy club. The award is given each year to an agency nominated by a Self-Advocate group. At this year's conference, organizations across the state lauded AccessCNY's program, which supports persons with disabilities who learn how to speak up for themselves, help others and build skills along with friendship. "It's nice that AccessCNY is recognized for the unique opportunities we provide people," said Tammy Dietrich, Assistant Program Manager of Community Networks. "AccessCNY is different. We build the schedule of events around what the advocates want to do."

"That's what makes us different. I am so honored that our program was recognized for that, and I am so proud of all the advocates for writing a great nomination," said Mike Sieklucki, Assistant Program Manager. According to the President of the Self-Advocates, Danielle Gladle, the program embodies what being person-centered is all about. "AccessCNY is always there to help us. They help us travel, and the staff is always great."

In October, Self-Advocate Emily Sherman put her knowledge into action. Sherman spoke to represent the views of Self-Advocates at a joint rally and press event AccessCNY held with Arc of Onondaga to



The AccessCNY Self-Advocates Club stands with the agency award.

raise awareness of low wages for direct support professionals (DSPs). "The services (DSPs provide) like job coaching helped me get a job at Wegmans, which has helped me be more confident in myself," Sherman said, speaking passionately about why AccessCNY staff mean so much to her and why she believes they should be paid fairly.