2008
CP of NYS
Annual Conference
The Desmond Hotel, Albany

Real people. Realizing potential.
October 20 to 22

September

SPOTLIGHT

The registration deadline for the CP of NYS Annual Conference is October 3, so please be sure to avoid late fees and get your Affiliate staff registered soon. This year's Conference, ***"Real people - Realizing potenial,"*** will feature great speakers dealing with issues critically important to people with disabilities, their families and the people and organizations that provide them with support and services. The Conference begins at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20 with a special session presented by UCP/NYC entitled, **My Child Without Limits.** The Keynote Address will be delivered at 1:30 p.m. by Nelson Lauver, creator and host of the syndicated program, *The American Storyteller*. The Conference concludes Wednesday morning with a humorous and inspiring Closing Plenary session by Sister Anne Bryan Smollin.

Monday, October 20:

Special Pre-Conference Session

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Please join us for a special pre-Conference session as United Cerebral Palsy presents **My Child Without Limits**, a web-based comprehensive informational and social networking resource for families and caregivers of children ages 0-5 years-old with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities, and the professionals who work with them.

Includes information on:

- Understanding the Diagnosis
- Working with Experts
- Education and Training
- Advocacy

The launch of **www.MyChildWithoutLimits.org** is scheduled for October 2008. This session will be presented by Edward Matthews, Executive Director, UCP/NYC.

Once again, the RESNA Credentialing Exam for Assistive Technology will be administered from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Also on Monday afternoon:

- **Pam Greene,** from the Adaptive Sports Foundation, will conduct an interactive presentation of her organization's programs for people with disabilities in skiing, kayaking, canoeing, golf, and cycling.
- **Suzy Roeser,** President and Founder of *Disability Etiquette*, will talk about her experiences starting her own business and becoming a homeowner.
- **Melinda Harrison,** from MOVE International, will discuss programs her organization conducts to encourage people with disabilities to identify meaningful activities and to enhance their personal lifestyle skills.
- **Roni Zarbiv,** Director of Behavioral Health Services for CP of NYS, will address how individuals with developmental disabilities can work towards recovery from substance abuse problems.
- **Laura Inzalaco-Hopkins,** Education Coordinator at Queens Centers for Progress, will conduct a session on creating strong and effective teamwork among teachers and paraprofessionals in the classroom.
- **Diana Jones Ritter,** Commissioner, NYS OMRDD, is also expected to provide an update.

Monday evening will begin with the CP of NYS Annual Awards Reception and Dinner and conclude with music and fun with singer Jeff Strange in the CP Fort Orange Pub.

Tuesday, October 21:

On Tuesday there will be a full schedule of breakout sessions, workshops, and meetings. We will also have a display of artwork created by consumers from CP of NYS Affiliates and a day-long screening of movies and videos by and about people with disabilities. Tuesday evening is highlighted by the annual "Celebrate Staff" recognition dinner; then music, dancing, and prizes with popular DJ Paul Malo.

Some of the sessions being offered on Tuesday include:

- **Federal Update,** *John Kemp*, CEO of ACCSES
- **When Behaviors Speak Louder Than Words, Positive Behavior Supports Help Us Listen,** *Daniel Crimmins*, Director of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- **Sexuality Panel,** *Pamela Boyle*, Sexuality Consultant
- **Trends in Medicaid Enforcement,** *James G. Sheehan*, New York State Medicaid Inspector General
- **Parent/Professional Partnerships: Building a Stronger Team,** *Jan Campito*, J.S., M.Phil.
- **Be More Effective in Seeking Grants for Your Agency,** *Elizabeth B. Wagner*, JC Geever, Inc.
- **Visual Impairment and Cerebral Palsy,** *Joseph Dutkowsky, MD*, Pediatric-Orthopedic Surgeon, and *Karen Dutkowsky*, Teacher of the Visually Impaired
- **Awesome Summer Days: A Summer Day Camp for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder,** *Beth Myers*, Director of Programs & Educational Services, and *Rob Myers*, Director of Behavior/Consultative Services, The Kelberman Center of Upstate Cerebral Palsy
- **Improving Retention of Personal Assistant Staff: Establishing Peer Mentor Programs,** *Peggy Powell*, Director of Workforce Strategies, and *Carol Rodat*, New York Policy Director, PHI, Inc.
- **Keeping People in Their Homes – The Doorways to Independence Program at UCP/NYC,** *Jillian Barovick*, Coordinator, Doorways to Independence, and *Amy Bittinger*, Director of Operations, Family Support Services Department, UCP/NYC
- **Leadership: Essential in Your Quest for Quality,** *John Rose*, Vice President, Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc., and *Margaret J. "Peg" Gould*, President/CEO, The Visions Center for Creative Management
- **Aktion Club,** *Mel Dunlap*, Advisor, Kiwanis International
- **P.E.A.C.E. for the Explosive Child,** *Christine Spano*, Associate Division Director, *William Mullin*, MSW, and *Linda Cammiso*, Teacher, Upstate Cerebral Palsy

and more . . .

Registration Deadline — October 3, 2008

Contact us:

Our Affiliate Services Office in Albany (518-436-0178) is the place to call with questions you have regarding the CP of NYS Annual Conference. Questions regarding Conference registration and vendor booths should be directed to Marie Colbert at mcolbert@cpofnys.org. Please direct all other inquiries to Cheryl Bradway at cbradway@cpofnys.org.
We look forward to seeing you at *The Desmond.*

Check out our website for the Full Conference Registration Brochure.

www.cpofnys.org