

2006 CP of NYS Annual Conference

October 23 - 25

The Desmond Hotel, Albany

Decades of Dedication

The 60th Anniversary of CP of NYS

August

SPOTLIGHT

The Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State Annual Conference is just two months away and it is one you will not want to miss. More than 40 sessions conducted by respected professionals from across the country will be presented October 23-25 at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany.

Monday – October 23

Monday, October 23 begins with “He Who Laughs...Lasts,” an inspiring Keynote Address by Jan Moss of Oklahoma University. The afternoon continues with six break-out sessions, highlighted by an update from Commissioner Thomas Maul from the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Monday evening will feature a CP of NYS 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Executive Decision-Makers Reception and Annual Banquet, followed by an evening showing of a feature film and the popular CP of NYS Casino Night.

Tuesday – October 24

Tuesday, October 24 begins with a great Desmond breakfast and then offers a morning packed with workshop sessions including:

- ◆ *Assessment of Young Children’s Object Play as a Diagnostic Tool*
- ◆ *Getting the Most Out of the Prior Approval Process for Durable Medical Equipment*
- ◆ *What You Really Need to Know about the SED Tuition Rate Setting Methodology*
- ◆ *Leap into Literacy – Using Thematic Units in the Early Childhood Classroom*
- ◆ *Visual Impairment & CP*
- ◆ *An Overview of Transition to Adulthood*
- ◆ *Risk Management – Essential in your Quest for Quality*
- ◆ *Dealing with the Unexpected Media Call*
- ◆ *Grief in Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*
- ◆ *Health Screening for People with Developmental Disabilities*
- ◆ *Marketing Your Services to School Districts*
- ◆ *Medicaid Inspector General – From Concept to Reality*
- ◆ *A Planned Giving Program that Works*
- ◆ *Reflections from a Different Journey – What Adults with Disabilities Wish All Parents Knew*

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Throughout the day, stop by the King Street Courtyard and visit the two dozen vendors who will be displaying the latest in products and services. You can also visit High Street and view one or more entertaining and informational films and videos running during the CP of NYS Annual Film Festival.

After the break, a full afternoon of sessions will include:

- ◆ *Improving Communication and Collaboration with Parents*
- ◆ *Putting Sensory Integration to Use with Young Children in Classrooms, Individual Treatment and At Home*
- ◆ *Intensive Method of Pediatric Physical Therapy*
- ◆ *Social Skills Training for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders*
- ◆ *Tools for Using AT in Every Environment*
- ◆ *Using Computer Assisted Audit Techniques in the Not-for-Profit Environment*
- ◆ *Whose Life is it Anyway? – Part 1: Sexuality Issues in a Person-Centered Era*
- ◆ *The Development Office Balancing Act*
- ◆ *Quality Improvement and Technology Across Multiple Residential Sites*
- ◆ *MOVE: Mobility Opportunities Via Education*
- ◆ *The FLIP IT Approach – Don't Flip Out, Just Flip It! A Four Step Approach for Challenging Behavior*
- ◆ *Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) Evaluation Simplified*
- ◆ *Medicaid Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement and Board Governance: "Are We in the Midst of the Perfect Storm?"*
- ◆ *Whose Life is it Anyway? – Part 2: Advocating for Sexual Independence*
- ◆ *Life Options – One Year Later*
- ◆ *OPTS Clinics*

Following the end of the Tuesday sessions, the evening will present a chance to "Celebrate Staff" and relax and enjoy some music and prizes with DJ Paul Malo. There will also be another feature film showing and a chance to relax and reconnect with colleagues and friends from Affiliates across the state.

Wednesday – October 25

The Conference will conclude on Wednesday morning with another great Desmond breakfast, then a special Plenary Session – ***Technology: The Impact on People with Disabilities***. Michael Magee, MD, host of *Health Politics with Dr. Mike Magee*, a weekly internet-based program that explores complex issues of health care policy, will lead this highly informational and entertaining program, featuring recognized leaders in the development of technology that will affect the health and services available for people with disabilities. This morning program begins with an overview of some of the megatrends in health care that will affect people with disabilities. Then we will hear directly from people involved in the development of cutting-edge technology.

Registration information and periodic updates about the Conference will be available later this summer by mail and on our web site at

www.cpofnys.org

Check the web site in August and September for all the latest information on the Conference.