



The New York Public Welfare Association

NYPWA President Tammy DeLorme Introduces

Social Services Leadership & Policy Forum 2021

Virtual Event (Zoom)

Supporting Children and Families in Our Communities

*Special Focus on Cross-Systems Kids
with Complex Needs*

Presented in Partnership with Casey Family Programs

*Thursday, October 7, 2021
9:00 to 3:00*

NYPWA Policy Forum Preliminary Schedule

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NYPWA President Tammy DeLorme and NYPWA First Vice President Eileen Tiberio, invite local DSS Commissioners to share their expertise, knowledge, and experience at our Policy Forum. Our program is being offered with the generous support of Casey Family Programs, with special thanks to Howard Knoll, Senior Director.

This event is dedicated to addressing compelling policy matters facing local departments of social services and the people we serve. Our intention is to use this opportunity to convene with our partners to find effective avenues to deal with emerging issues. The format is designed to stimulate ideas through presentations, panel discussions, and interactive conversations.

9:00-9:45	Opening by Casey Family Programs Howard Knoll, Senior Director
9:45-10:45	HANYS Presenters
10:45	Break
11:00-12:00	Local Commissioners Panel
12:00-12:45	COFCCA Provider Panel
12:45-1:00	Open up discussion to full group, Commissioners & Provider Panels
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break
2:00-3:00	Creative Problem Solving in Breakout Rooms-Facilitated by Local Commissioners
3:00	Quick Wrap-up and adjourn

A small group from OCFS, Council of Children & Families & CLMHD are also invited as attendees.

Leading the Way on Local Initiatives

Today's forum is designed to energize and build hope and optimism that something better is possible and that we can make it happen through our knowledge, experience, determination, and creativity. Together we can have a meaningful impact and develop short-term strategies that make a difference and recommend long term solutions.

Statewide Learning Experience

Presenters will present on current initiatives and their vision for a system that serves kids with complex needs.

Local Commissioners

- o Nancy Williams, LCSW-R, Broome County Social Services & Broome County Mental Health
- o Brian Hart, LCSW-R, Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene
- o Thalia Wright, Monroe County Department of Human Services
- o Eileen Tiberio, Ontario County Department of Social Services
- o Darcie Miller, LCSW-R, Orange County Social Services and Mental Health
- o Stacy Alvord, Oswego County Department of Social Services
- o Kathryn Muller, LCSW-R, Steuben County Department of Social Services
- o Tammy DeLorme, Washington County Department of Social Services & NYPWA President

COFCCA

- o Kathleen Brady-Stepien, CEO, COFCCA (Facilitator)
- o Karen Richmond, Executive Director, Children's Home of Jefferson County
- o Brian McKee, CEO, House of the Good Shepherd
- o David Wallace, Executive Director, LaSalle School

Health Care Association of New York State (HANYS)

- o Victoria Aufiero, Senior Director, Insurance, Managed Care, and Behavioral Health
- o Sarah DuVall, MPH, CPHQ, Director, Behavioral Health.
- o HANYS issued a white paper, entitled:
"The Complex Case Discharge Delay Problem"

https://www.hanys.org/communications/publications/complex_case_discharge_delays/

Workgroups

Following the presentations, we will go into virtual breakout rooms. Based on prior work, data collection, and the morning presentations, we will engage in creative problem solving to identify grassroots action steps and strategies that can be pursued in the immediate future as well as specific recommendations for changes in state policy that would support long term solutions.

Sample Discussion Topics

- How do we expand beyond our current system that is geared towards kids with typical needs?
- Focus on solutions-what are the opportunities?
- Do you have out of the box ideas regarding programming and financing?
- What unique ways have agencies found to help?
- If you had \$1,000 a day per kid, and no restrictions, what might you do?
- What is effective for in-home wrap around services?
- What are we missing in up-front preventive, intensive services?
- How can we make the needed services available regionally and closer to home?
- How do our efforts to help cross systems kids relate to Family First?
- What unique ways have agencies found to program for cross systems youth?
- What successful models and programs are out there?
- How can we minimize foster care disruptions and adoption disruptions?
- What do we need to do to minimize lengths of stay in hospital rooms and emergency departments for kids awaiting placement?

Zoom Link to be provided one day ahead of event.

Registration is open to local social services commissioners and there is no fee.