



# The New York State Assembly Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day

**Monday  
May 22, 2017  
Albany, New York**

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## You're Invited to:



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Dear Friend,

We are very excited to be sponsoring the New York State Assembly's Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day (LDAD), which will be held in Albany on **Monday, May 22, 2017**. Exhibitors will commence set-up at 8:00 a.m. and the Opening Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Disabilities Awareness Day allows us to inform members of the Assembly and their staffs about important issues while striving to highlight the accomplishments of advocates and persons with disabilities. We also make a tremendous effort to inform attendees about the latest services, programs and technology available.

LDAD consists of many exciting events, to which we welcome New York's disability community and advocates, members of the Assembly and honored guests. We will be hosting an exhibitor fair and two seminars on issues of interest to people with disabilities throughout the day. Also, a package of legislation that takes into consideration the concerns of the disability community will be introduced on the floor of the Assembly. We hope that you will join us.

Please remember to bring a valid photo ID and leave yourself enough time to navigate the building security. If you have any questions, please call the Task Force office at 518-455-4592. We hope to see you on May 22nd.

Sincerely,

**Didi Barrett**  
Chair  
*Task Force on  
People with Disabilities*

**Aileen M. Gunther**  
Chair  
*Committee on  
Mental Health*

**Melissa Miller**  
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# Schedule of Events



**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Setup for Exhibitors**  
The Well of the Legislative Office Building (LOB)

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Awards**  
The Well of the LOB

*Opening Remarks are expected to be made by:*

- Assembly Member Didi Barrett
- Assembly Member Aileen M. Gunther
- Assembly Member Melissa Miller
- Assembly Member Michael J. Cusick

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Elementary School Poster Contest Exhibit**  
The Well of the LOB

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Exhibitor Fair**  
The Well and Third Floor Terrace of the LOB

Several organizations that serve people with disabilities will be present to distribute information about the products, programs, technology and services they provide and to answer questions.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Seminar One • Registration Recommended**  
Hearing Room C, LOB

“Establishing the New York State ABLE Program”

*Presenter:*

- Anne Del Plato, *Director, 529 Savings Programs, Office of the New York State Comptroller*

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon**  
The Well of the LOB

*Remarks are expected to be made by:*

- Speaker Carl E. Heastie
- Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb

A selection of deli meats, salads and beverages will be served for LDAD participants to enjoy.

**1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Seminar Two • Registration Recommended**  
Hearing Room C, LOB

“Employment First: Resources for Employers and Employees in 2017 and Beyond”

*Presenters:*

- John Robinson, *President & CEO, Our Ability*
- Michael Seereiter, *President & CEO, New York State Rehabilitation Association*

**2:00 p.m. (tentative) Session**  
Assembly Chamber

A package of resolutions and legislative measures that is reflective of the concerns of the disability community will be considered by the Assembly on the floor.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.