The Monthly NYADD-vocate

UPDATES FROM THE NYADD REGIONAL LEADS

DISABILITIES AWARENESS
NYADD RECEIVES 2022 CITATION

May 4th was Disabilities Awareness Day in Albany. On that day, the Assembly passed 10 bills that support individuals with a range of disabilities and presented NYADD Founder Russell Snaith with a special citation. See details below.

NYADD CAMERA COMMITTEE
REVIEWING LEGISLATION CONTINUES

The NYADD Camera Subcommittee continues to work with legislators and their teams on revising bill A7321 which would allow for cameras in certified OPWDD residences. While there is support, getting the language right has been a challenge. Read more below.

EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY
OUTDATED RATIOS UPDATED IN BILL S7578

NYSID is a non-profit membership organization that has been advocating for changes in policies that create restrictive ratios for employers and voluntary agencies who hire individuals with disabilities. We will update this issue in June after we meet with NYSID.

NYADD REACHES A MAJOR MILESTONE

This month, the NYADD Facebook group officially reached the 10,000 member mark!

Launched during the pandemic by concerned family members, NYADD has hosted diverse and dynamic discussions on social platforms as well as worked with legislators and OPWDD to positively impact people with disabilities.

NYADD crosses the 10,000 Member level. Great things are possible!
NYADD Receives Citation

When the NYADD Facebook was launched less than three years ago, no one could have anticipated what the response would be. Creating a social forum where families could share, vent and learn was clearly needed and appreciated.

Russell Snaith, the founder of NYADD, was honored to receive the 2022 Disabilities Awareness Day from the Assembly Committee on Disabilities on behalf of the 10,000 families who participate every day in advocacy for their loved ones in New York State.

We appreciate this recognition and are grateful to all of our members and as well as our partnership with the Disabilities Committees in both the Senate & the Assembly.

NYADD CAMERA COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO WORK ON LEGISLATION

As was mentioned in last month’s newsletter, the NYADD Camera Sub-Committee has been working with Assemblymen Abinanti’s team for months on revising A7321 which would require cameras in all certified residences.

There have been many versions of the bill for several years, but this is the first time NYADD has participated in the process. Understanding how to work with multiple legislative committees and getting the language right and bill has been a learning experiences, but we are making progress! More updates to follow!

NYADD is a State-wide Facebook forum for those who wish to advocate for the rights and well-being of those with Developmental Disabilities and Special Needs.

ALL ELECTIONS MATTER!

Are you registered to vote in the June and August primaries? Is your loved one registered? Are the folks in your group home registered?

Be sure to get ALL of our voices heard!

Register this month and vote in the 2022 midterms. EVERYONE’S VOTE MATTERS!

NYADD is seeking representation from counties/regions in Western NY. If you’re interested in becoming a Regional Lead, please contact us!