

## Center Happenings

### CFDS 2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report follows the theme “Leading with Experience, Growing with Purpose.” Many improvements took place throughout 2025, and this report celebrates those achievements while also emphasizing the Center’s deep history over the past 83 years.

2025 was a year of growth, celebration, and dedication. CFDS is proud of its roots and is energized to continue growing each year.

The Center's 2025 annual report is available. [Check it out online!](#)



### Clover Patch Camp Re-opens

After a long awaited 5-year hiatus, Clover Patch Camp has re-opened! As the old saying goes, many hands made light work of this enormous project. Not only did camp re-open to campers, both adult and children, the facilities and grounds were completely refreshed and updated as well. All the buildings were cleaned, updated with new fixtures, furnishings and repainted. The paths within the camp were

repaved for accessibility, new Bocce Ball courts and a new playground were installed, along with countless other upgrades to ensure Clover Patch Camp is the safest and most welcoming space for our campers. The Center is grateful for the hard work of our camp staff, maintenance department and several organizations and local businesses who donated time, in-kind items and volunteerism. We would like to thank the following donors, organizations and businesses for their generous support:

- Turner Construction
- W.M. Schultz Construction, Inc
- TLT Sealcoating Inc.
- Gallagher Insurance
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake X-Factor student leadership and mentorship group
- Surpass Chemical
- Charlton Tavern

We are proud to welcome back campers to this special place and are excited to see the memories made and experiences of our campers in the 2026 summer season.

## The Center for Disability Services and New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) Unveils a New Food Pantry



The Center is proud to unveil the opening of a new food pantry established in partnership with NYSID. This new resource is made possible by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation grant awarded to NYSID to help combat food insecurity for New Yorkers with disabilities and their families. This food pantry will be an essential safety net for patients of Center Health Care, and Langan School students and families.

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## Six DSPs Graduate from the DSP Micro Credential Program

The Center recently celebrated six of our Direct Support Professionals who graduated from the DSP Micro Credential Program. This program through SUNY Schenectady, OPWDD, and NADSP helps current and aspiring DSPs earn national certifications.

Congratulations to Janet, Emma, Holly, Kelsey, Katrina, and Camelle! They all balanced coursework with their jobs, demonstrating incredible dedication. A huge thank you to OPWDD Commissioner Willow Baer, Cynthia Proctor, and SUNY Schenectady's Lauren Lankau and Tricia Terleckey for joining us and recognizing our grads.

## Family Support Services Reimbursement Grant Expanded in the Taconic Region

The Center for Disability Services is pleased to announce we are now able to provide reimbursement for allowable goods and services to our already established Family Support Services Respite Reimbursement Grant through the Taconic DDRO.

Families who reside in Columbia, Greene, Ulster and Dutchess Counties can now apply for eligible items to be reimbursed to help ease the expense of providing care for family members with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The addition of this service will ensure greater support for families to help keep loved ones safe, supported and living at home.

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## Staff Spotlight

### DSPs Recognized for Going Above and Beyond

The CFDS Residential and Adult Divisions have begun a new recognition program. Each month two employees will be recognized for their hard work. Peers and family members of CFDS supported people can nominate their co-workers for this honor in recognition of their dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to *"helping people get better at life."*



We would like to congratulate the first four employees who were recognized: Aryan Thompson, Christopher Cossart, Felekech Alula-Solomon, and Kindra Nichols. Each of you has made a positive impact on the people we support as well as your colleagues. Thank you for all of your hard work!

### **NEW: Family members can nominate staff for Outstanding Employee of the Month**

As family members, you rely on the programs and services provided to your loved ones by the Center for Disability Services. Now, we welcome you to nominate a Direct Support Professional (DSP) staff member in our residential or day programs for the "Outstanding Employee of the Month" award. You see first-hand how the dedication of our staff helps your family member. If you know of a DSP who has gone above and beyond and embodies the values of the

Center, please recognize them with a nomination for "Outstanding Employee of the Month." Each month, two winners will be selected, one from Adult Program and one from Residential Program. Winners will be celebrated with a thank you card, Amazon gift card and will also be featured on the Center's Facebook page.

All submissions need to be received by the 15th of each month. Winners will be announced on the third Tuesday of every month.

Thank you for helping us recognize outstanding DSP's

## NOMINATION FORM

### Family Network



The Family Network has been busy! In May, we hosted an info panel on the transition from school-aged services to adult services for families with students at our Langan School (Albany and Prospect Center locations) and we are also gearing up to host a more family educational in late summer/early fall. Stay tuned for more info!

**Advocacy note:** Thank you to everyone who took a moment to speak up for the I/DD community and the dedicated staff who make independence, dignity, and opportunity possible every day. The NYS budget has passed and included a 2.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII).

**Traveling with Dignity Act:** The Traveling With Dignity Act bill seeks to provide "Adult changing accommodation" in public places with an occupancy over 2,500. Examples include amusement parks, auditoriums, theatres, convention and sports centers, and exhibition halls. This bill has passed both houses and now awaits the Governor's signature. You can still support this act with just **ONE click**. Urge the Governor to sign this bill so that everyone can travel with dignity!



## **An Aficionado Experience was a hit!**

The Center's Foundation "hit it out of the park" with this year's An Aficionado Experience. We were proud to present Hall of Famer, Wade Boggs. He engaged the crowd at the event and spent time touring the Langan School and meeting the people we support before the event. We would like to thank Mr. Boggs, our Title Sponsor, Northwestern Mutual and all our sponsors for helping make this event such a success; **we have met our goal** to "help people get better at life." **Check out our website for photos.**



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## **Siro's Cup is less than a month away!**

Don't miss the hottest party of the year; the 33rd annual Siro's Cup. Join us as we honor **Michelle and Walter Borisenok and Old Tavern Farm** as the 2026 Siro's Cup Awardees. As always, Siro's Cup kicks off the Saratoga social season in style.

New this year; Step onto the **Frank Adams Jewelers Red Carpet** for a celebrity-style arrival complete with live fashion interviews, dazzling accessories, and unforgettable moments inspired by Hollywood's most iconic event entrances.

Visit the **Frank Adams Jewelers Ice Bar** for a chance to win one of three exquisite designer jewelry prizes. With only 100 numbered boxes available at \$50 each, the three winning numbers will be unveiled before the final toast of the evening.



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