



NYS JUSTICE CENTER 2025 SUMMIT

March 25 and 27 and April 1 and 3



Justice Center for the
Protection of People
with Special Needs

SESSION 1: Lifecycle of a Justice Center Case

This session will provide an overview of what happens to reports made to the Justice Center's Vulnerable Persons Central Register. Those attending this session will learn how reports are classified and possible outcomes.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION 2: Updates from the Justice Center

Justice Center leadership will provide information on current initiatives, an overview of data and trends, upcoming training opportunities and resources available to individuals receiving services, their family members and provider agencies.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SESSION 3: Overview of Justice Center Prevention and Quality Improvement and Corrective Action Plans (CAP)

This presentation will explain how the Justice Center makes recommendations to prevent incidents of abuse and neglect. Presenters will also provide an in-depth review of the CAP audit process and provide participants with resources to help develop a comprehensive CAP.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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SESSION 4: Investigative Strategies for Justice Center Cases

The presentation will review the eight offenses identified in the Protection of People with Special Needs Act, including the offense components and evidence required to substantiate an allegation. Presenters will also provide an overview of the Justice Center Strategy Memo.

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SESSION 5: Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID): Communication Devices

This session will provide information on the newest Alternative Augmentative Communication (AAC) technology. This technology can help people who are non-speaking communicate medical and personal needs, including health concerns and abuse.

This session is intended for individuals receiving services, peer advocates, family members, and provider agency staff.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION 6: Overview of the Justice Center's Individual and Family Support Services

This session will provide an overview of the available supports and resources the Justice Center offers to individuals receiving services and their family members, as well as best practices for effective advocacy.

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



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SESSION 7: The Surrogate Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Process: Best Practices from a Provider Perspective (Panel Discussion)

This session features a panel discussion of provider representatives on their experiences with SDMC. These professionals will share their knowledge to assist fellow providers on the application process and strategies for preparing for an SDMC hearing. The panel includes staff with experience working in residential facilities and hospitals, as well as an attorney from Mental Hygiene Legal Services (MHLS), the legal representative of persons receiving SDMC services.

This session is intended for anyone, including providers and hospitals, who will be seeking consent decisions on behalf of people they support, and anyone interested in learning more about the SDMC program.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION 8: Overview of Pre-Employment Checks for Service Providers

This session will provide an overview of the Staff Exclusion List (SEL) and pre-employment checks required to be completed by provider agencies under the Justice Center's jurisdiction.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



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