



Justice Center for the  
Protection of People  
with Special Needs

# Justice Center Updates

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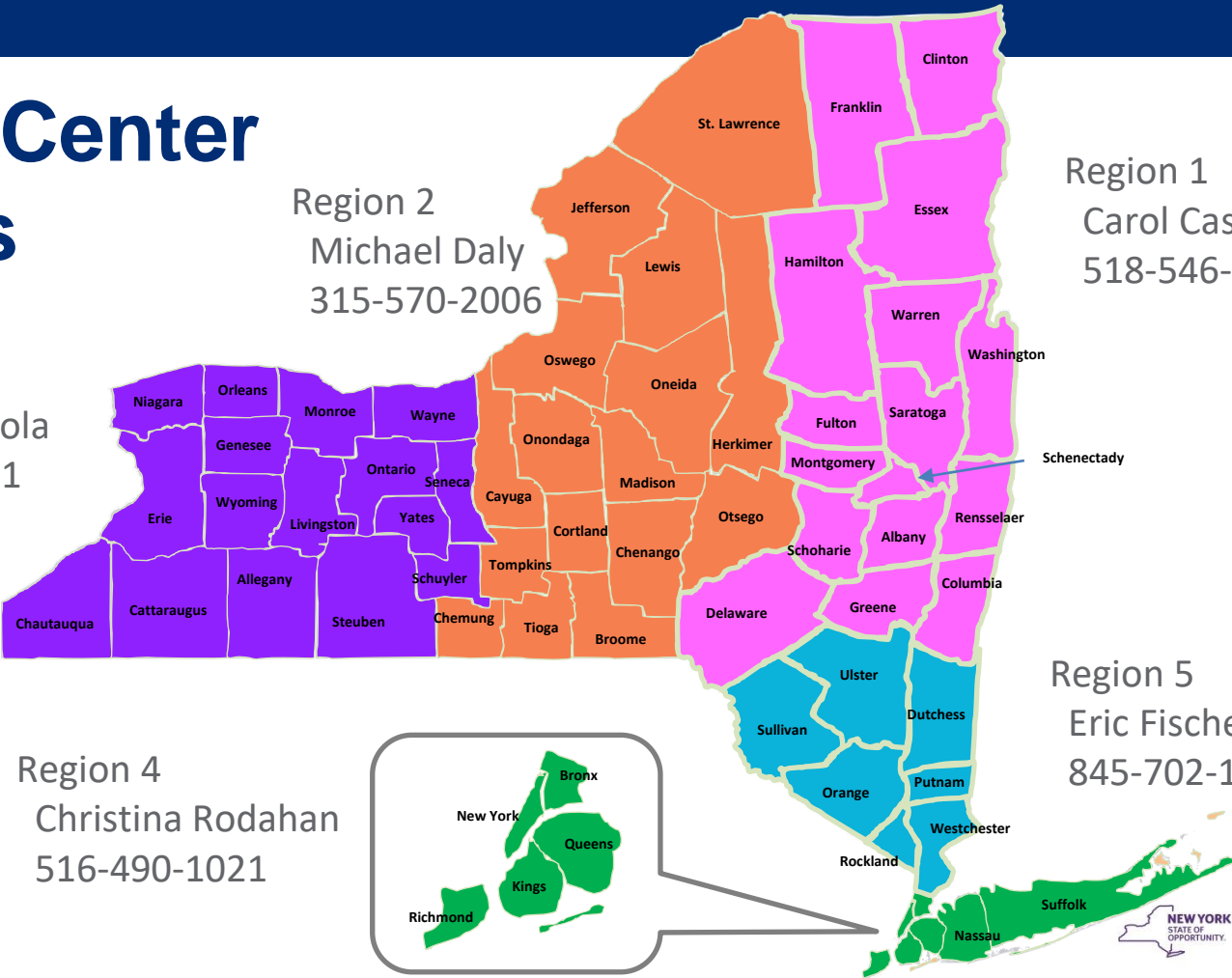
# Welcome & Introductions

# Justice Center Regions

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518-546-0405

Region 3  
Anthony Fistola  
716-608-2441



Region 4  
Christina Rodahan  
516-490-1021

Region 5  
Eric Fischer  
845-702-1622

# Updates

# Changes to Letters of Determination

## Notice to Provider:

- Summary of investigative finding provided with letter
- Provides information to provider sooner so corrective actions can be taken sooner
- Full investigative report will still be sent after letter of determination

# 2022 Priorities

# Abuse Prevention

- Continue to develop prevention tools and resources for website
- Seek credentialling for boundaries training (e.g. CASAC, CEU)

# Improve Case Cycle Time

- Implemented training program to standardize and improve investigative process
- Using dashboards to closely monitor case progress
- Developing digital platform to make it easier for provider agencies to submit documents
- Restructured investigative teams to better reflect volume of cases in different parts of the state





# HALT Implementation

Monitoring compliance with HALT legislation to reduce the use of solitary confinement in NYS

- Placement in Segregated Confinement
- Disciplinary hearings
- Programs, treatment and conditions of confinement
- Assessment and rehabilitation plans
- Annual report with recommendations



# Transparency Plan Implementation

- Posting findings from visits to NYS correctional facilities on website
- Enhanced monthly reporting
- Posting systemic reviews of facilities and programs
- Posting presentations from external trainings

# 2022 Proposed Legislation



# Expanded Staff Exclusion List Checks

- Amends Social Services Law to require nursing homes, all adult homes, home care providers, and all summer camps to check the Staff Exclusion List before hiring
- Clarifies that Staff Exclusion List check should be done before SCR check
- Allows providers to re-check the Staff Exclusion List every six months
- A.7684(Gunther)/S.7108(Mannion)

# Special Prosecutor Authority

- Allows the Justice Center to continue assisting local district attorneys in criminal cases with the consent of the district attorney
- Amends criminal procedure law to delineate the Justice Center's sworn investigators as police officers
- Codifies recent Court of Appeals decision and subjects Justice Center investigators to police reforms
- A.7927-A(Gunther)/S.6881-A(Mannion)

# Resources

# 2022 Justice Center Summit

Virtual Conference to be held April 5, 6, 12  
and 13

8 different sessions

Registration available on Justice Center  
Website

# Individual and Family Support Unit

Guides individuals receiving services and families through the reporting, investigation, final determination and/or criminal processes

- Makes referrals and serves as a liaison
- Provides accompaniment services
- Tracks data and information
- Conducts Outreach



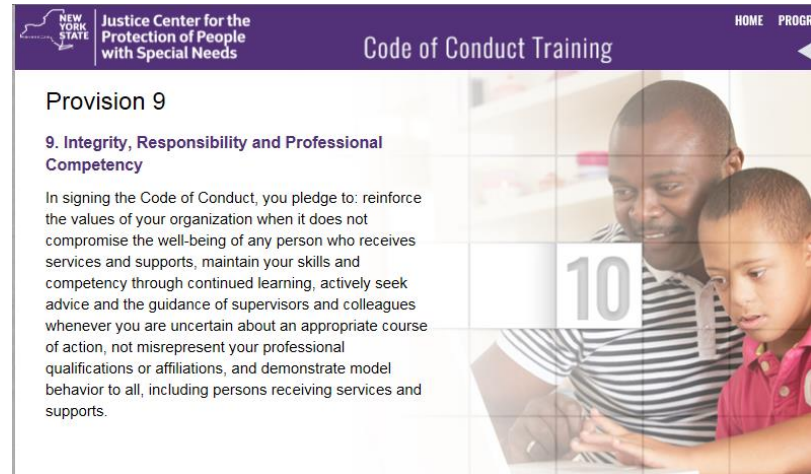
# Code of Conduct Interactive Training

The Justice Center has posted a new interactive online training resource on the Code of Conduct for provider agencies to use for their staff.

This interactive training includes real-life scenarios and asks the viewer to apply the Code of Conduct provisions.

Special thanks to the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals for their advice and guidance.

[www.justicecenter.ny.gov/training-resources](http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/training-resources)



The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Code of Conduct Training" from the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. The page is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a text block for "Provision 9. Integrity, Responsibility and Professional Competency". On the right, there is a photograph of a man and a young boy looking at a document together, with a large number "10" overlaid on the image.

**NEW YORK STATE** Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs HOME PROGRAMS

## Code of Conduct Training

### Provision 9

#### 9. Integrity, Responsibility and Professional Competency

In signing the Code of Conduct, you pledge to: reinforce the values of your organization when it does not compromise the well-being of any person who receives services and supports, maintain your skills and competency through continued learning, actively seek advice and the guidance of supervisors and colleagues whenever you are uncertain about an appropriate course of action, not misrepresent your professional qualifications or affiliations, and demonstrate model behavior to all, including persons receiving services and supports.

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# Code of Conduct Train the Trainer

- How to teach the Code of Conduct to new and seasoned staff through skill practice, group discussions and other activities
- Participants include; agency trainers, quality assurance administrators and anyone that will be able to bring this curriculum to life in their respective organizations/agencies
- 2022 Sessions held virtually on April 14, May 17, June 9. Training resources are available at:

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# Recognizing the Dedicated Workforce

Each year, the Code of Conduct Award recognizes dedicated individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to the provisions of the Code of Conduct



Deadline for nomination submission is July 1, 2022

For more information visit: [www.justicecenter.ny.gov](http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov)

# Professional Boundaries Interactive Training

This interactive training explores physical, interpersonal, and psychological boundaries and includes scenarios commonly faced by staff.



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## TOOLKITS

# Spotlight on Prevention

The information contained in the Justice Center's Spotlight on Prevention toolkits is offered as a resource for provider agencies and staff. These resources are intended to be used as a guide that may be modified as needed to apply to particular types of programs and specific age groups of vulnerable people

**Body Checks**

**Dangers of Being  
Left Unattended in  
Vehicles**

**Dangers of Caregiver  
Fatigue**

**Dangers of Intestinal  
Obstructions**

**Maintaining  
Professional  
Boundaries**

**Reducing the Use  
of Restraints**

**Safety Benefits of  
GPS Devices**

**Securing  
Wheelchairs in  
Vehicles**

Found at: <http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/prevent-abuse>

# Contact Information

Report abuse or neglect: 1-855-373-2122

Information and referral: 1-800-624-4143

Individual Family & Support Unit: 1-800-624-4143

Other questions: 518-549-0200

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