



## Regional Caregiver Forums

October 2014



Greetings!

### **Speakers announced for October Forums!** **-Reserve your spot today-**

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*The seminars are FREE but pre-registration is required*

**Agenda:** The schedule is outlined below, or [click here](#) for printable agenda

**Locations:** [Click here](#) for venue address and directions

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 - Batavia (Western NY)  
Thursday, October 9, 2014 - Canastota (Central NY)  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014 - Newburgh (Mid Hudson Valley)  
Thursday, October 30, 2014 - Lake George (North Country)

**Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for a forum near you! Registration is required. Seating is limited at some locations due to meeting room size.

#### **Deadlines to Register:**

Friday, October 3rd for Batavia OR Canastota  
Friday, October 24th for Newburgh OR Lake George

**Web site:** For updates, visit our website at [www.agingny.org](http://www.agingny.org) click on the Education & Events tab, then select "Caregiver Forums" from the pull-down menu.

**We hope you can join us.** Please contact Alyssa Petronio if you have any questions, by email [alyssa@agingny.org](mailto:alyssa@agingny.org) or phone (518) 449-7080 ext. 10

## Who Should Attend

AAAs and subcontractors involved in assisting caregivers. AAAs are encouraged to invite their subcontractors if desired.

- Caregiver Coordinators
- NY Connects Staff
- AAA Directors/Commissioners
- Aging Services Specialists
- Title IIIIE Subcontractors

# Preliminary Agenda

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**10:15 - 10:30 a.m.**                      **Registration**

**10:30 - 11:15 a.m.**                      **Introductions and Brief Update from Each County**

**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**              **Best Practices Panel: Inspiration & Innovations for Caregiver Programs**

A panel of AAA Caregiver Coordinators will discuss successful programs and services in detail. They will cover all the important aspects involved in implementing and maintaining a caregiver program/service that is in high demand. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn some helpful tips and ideas that you can utilize at your organization. Panelists and topics will vary for each location.

This year, we are seeking best practices on specific topics: required reporting for caregiver services, dealing with substance abuse (caregivers and care receivers), outreach to underserved populations, and conflict resolution as it relates to caregiving and family dynamics. In addition to these "focus areas," we welcome additional best practices on innovative programs.

## **Best Practice Panelists:**

### Western NY:

**Miriam Callahan**, Project Coordinator, Erie County Department of Senior Services  
**Christine Cheronis**, Senior Services Coordinator, Chautauqua County Office for the Aging  
**Stacy Lockwood**, Case Manager, Cattaraugus County Department of Aging  
**Tom Harner**, Director, New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition

### Central NY:

**Tina Barto**, Aging Services Coordinator, Tioga Opportunities Inc. Dept. of Aging Services  
**Anna Marie Vaughan**, EISEP/Respite Case Manager, Madison County Office for the Aging  
**Tom Harner**, Director, New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition

### Hudson Valley:

**Robin Creswick Fenley, PhD, LCSW**, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, New York City Department for the Aging  
**Toni Nekvapil**, Case Manager, Orange County Office for the Aging  
**Tom Harner**, Director, New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition

### North Country:

**Crystal Carter**, Director, Clinton County Office for the Aging  
**Becky Preve**, Director, Franklin County Office for the Aging  
**Tom Harner**, Director, New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition

**12:15 - 1:00 p.m.**                      **Brown Bag Lunch**

Bring your own lunch and continue to converse and connect.

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**                      **Conflict Management: Intervention & Prevention**

Families don't always agree on what is best for Mom, Dad, or any loved one they're caring for when they encounter difficult transitions and decisions. Many disputes arise from the emotional, physical, and financial demands of providing long term services and supports for an older family member.

During this interactive session you'll learn the differences between internal and external conflict and how to assess the situation. This session will help you maximize a family's chance for resolution and identify when a dispute resolution professional is needed.

## **Presenters:**

### Western NY:

**Nikita Williams**, Volunteer and Training Manager, Center for Dispute Settlement

Central NY:

**Mark Leuthauser**, Executive Director, The Peacemaker Program, Inc.

Hudson Valley:

**Rosalyn Magidson**, Executive Director & **Donna Ramlow**, Deputy Director, Dispute Resolution Center

North Country:

**Sarah Rudgers-Tysz, Esq.**, Executive Director, Mediation Matters

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## Caregiver Forum in Action!

