

2022 Justice Center Summit Sessions

1. Updates from the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs: Members of the Justice Center leadership team will provide updates and information on current initiatives, an overview of data and trends based upon reports to the Justice Center's Vulnerable Person's Central Register, upcoming training opportunities and Justice Center resources available to provider agencies. Those attending will have an opportunity to ask questions. This session is intended for provider agency representatives under the jurisdiction of the Justice Center as well as state agency staff and other interested stakeholders.

2. Justice Center Abuse Prevention Resources: This presentation offers an overview of abuse prevention resources developed by the Justice Center and available on the Justice Center website. The session will also include a more detailed review and discussion of resources on professional boundaries including definitions, case scenarios and strategies for maintaining boundaries. This session is intended for staff from provider agencies, peer advocates and other stakeholders interested in preventing abuse and neglect.

3. Justice Center Processes: This session will provide an overview of what happens to reports made to the Justice Center's Vulnerable Person's Central Register. Those attending this session will learn about how reports are classified, possible outcomes, including outcomes for reports that are criminal in nature. This session is intended for provider agencies under the Justice Center's jurisdiction as well as staff from local law enforcement agencies.

4. Overview of the Justice Center's Individual and Family Support Services: This session is intended for individuals receiving services, peer advocates, family members and provider agency staff. We will provide an overview of the NYS Justice Center, the investigative process and the available supports the Justice Center provides to individuals receiving services and their family members. We will also touch on the importance of self-care and provide you with a tool that you can utilize for your own self-care.

5. Overview of Pre-Employment Checks for Service Providers: This session will provide an overview of the Staff Exclusion List and Criminal Background Checks required to be completed by provider agencies under the Justice Center's jurisdiction. The session will include guidance on how to complete the checks as well as an explanation of criminal background checks. This session is intended for staff from provider agencies under the Justice Center's jurisdiction who request Justice Center background checks.

6. Photographic Evidence: This session, intended for state oversight and provider agency investigators, will provide an overview of the techniques and best practices for taking and utilizing photographic evidence.

7. Overview of the Surrogate Decision-Making Committee: The Surrogate Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) is an alternative to the court system authorized to provide consent for non-emergency medical treatment and end of life care decisions for eligible people who are unable to provide informed consent and have no surrogate to act on their behalf. This session will provide an overview of the SDMC program, eligibility criteria, application process, SDMC hearings and best practices. Attendance meets the training requirement to become an SDMC volunteer panel member, if desired. This session is intended for provider and state agency staff who will be seeking consent decisions on behalf of the people they support and for staff, family members, peer advocates or anyone interested in serving as a volunteer.

8. Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID): This session will provide an overview of the TRAID program and how assistive technology can help individuals live independently in their communities. Those attending this session will learn about the services offered by the 12 Regional TRAID Centers as well as common devices that can be utilized including smart home technology, and support for medication administration. This session is intended for provider agencies, individuals with disabilities and their circles of support, and anyone interested in assistive technology.