

# Brightway Living & Learning School Age Program Social Work Newsletter

June 2026

## Important Information

Developmental Disabilities Institute is now Brightway Living & Learning. Please review the enclosed flyer.

## Workshops/Webinars

Is Guardianship the Only Option? An overview of Guardianship and the Many Alternatives.

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Services and Eligibility

An Introduction to Transition Planning

## Reminders

School is closed on June 10<sup>th</sup> for Staff Conference Day.

Last day of school is Thursday June 18th.

## Community Resource

Parent to Parent of New York State builds a supportive network of families to reduce isolation, and it empowers those who care for people with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs to navigate and influence service systems and make informed decisions.  
[Click here to check out the monthly events](#)

## Parent Training

With Karrie Linderman  
June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-9  
Topic: Prepping for Summer Break

Zoom Meeting ID:

330 049 6591

Meeting Passcode:

Sammy

Dear Family, Friends and Valued Partners,

We're writing to share an exciting update: Developmental Disabilities Institute is now Brightway Living & Learning. This new name reflects the warmth, optimism, and individualized paths that define our work.

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This transformation comes at a milestone moment for us. In May, we proudly celebrated our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For six and a half decades, we have evolved to meet the needs of our community, and Brightway represents the next chapter of that enduring commitment.

As you visit our locations in the coming weeks, you will see this change come to life. Our building signage and campus entryways are being updated with the Brightway name and logo, so you can rest assured you are in the right place as we transition our physical spaces to match our new identity.

Over the next several months, you will also see the Brightway brand on all our digital and print communications. What remains the same is the foundation we've built since 1961: your points of contact, our programs, and our high standards of care. We will update shared forms and co-branded materials in phases to ensure a smooth transition.

Please note that all existing contracts and authorizations remain in effect. We will update shared forms and materials in phases to ensure a smooth transition; during this period, paperwork featuring either the Developmental Disabilities Institute d/b/a Brightway Living & Learning, Developmental Disabilities Institute/DDI or Brightway Living & Learning name will be processed as usual.

Kim M. Kubasek  
Chief Executive Officer

If you have any questions, please contact [communicationsdepartment@brightwayny.org](mailto:communicationsdepartment@brightwayny.org).

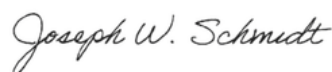
Sophia Samuel  
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Thank you for your collaboration over the years and for the trust you place in our dedicated teams as we move toward this milestone anniversary and beyond.

Erin Davies  
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Sincerely,



Joseph W. Schmidt  
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