



NEW YORK STATE ADULT DAY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NYSADSA member programs and leadership went to Albany on March 7th and 8th and were able to discuss our Legislative Agenda and other priorities with over thirty Senators and Assembly Members as well as the Governor's office.

Capitol Hill Management Services, Inc. scheduled a full day of appointments with key government offices. Meetings with The Medicaid Redesign Team; the Governor's Assistant Secretary for Mental Hygiene and Human Services; and members of the Senate and Assembly provided an excellent opportunity to reinforce the opportunity that Adult Day Services offers New York State. **At a time of fiscal crisis, our ADS programs are an important part of the solution to ever-increasing NYS Medicaid expenses.**

Our conversations focused on several recommendations that if enacted, promise to increase the capacity of ADS/social model to provide maximal benefit to New York State consumers. These recommendations included establishing a mechanism for ADS programs to become certified and to access community Medicaid; modifying regulations to enable ADS programs to provide medication administration in a similar way to child day care and programs for the developmentally disabled; and continuing to develop mechanisms such as the Enhanced Model Demonstration Project that would establish levels of care.

Martha Wolf, Co-Chair of NYSADSA's Downstate Region was able to demonstrate the true effectiveness of right-sizing care across the long term care continuum. At the Granat Alzheimer's Center, an ADS/social model, participants generally enroll and receive services for approximately two years. When their medical needs become more complex or dominant, they may be transferred into Parker Jewish Geriatric's Adult Day Health Care program, and if residential care is required, Parker's nursing home services may be the next appropriate support.

Betsy Geary, President of NYSADSA stated, "We are at an important moment in history when it is clear that New York State will have to provide services to more people with fewer resources. ADS and ADHC programs are part of a continuum of long term care that enables people to continue to live at home in the community for as long as possible."