SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (IDD) TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE COMMUNITY
2021 Major Projects and Initiatives

- Apprenticeship Program to help people with IDD obtain employment in the manufacturing industry

- Transportation training so that people with IDD learn about accessible transportation options in their communities

- Housing Navigation pilot program to help people with IDD find non-certified housing options

- Trainings for parents, staff and self-advocates on sexuality and healthy relationships

- Supported Decision Making project to promote alternatives to guardianship

- Assisting New Americans with IDD on accessing services and supports

- COVID 19 response projects to help reduce social isolation and address other barriers people with IDD faced due to the pandemic
2021 Outcome Highlights

- 1,000+ staff and disability professionals were educated on employment, life skills, and cultural and linguistic competency.
- Almost 150 family members of individuals with IDD received training on managing life transitions and reducing stress.
- Almost 250 individuals with IDD participated in training to become better self-advocates for transportation rights.
- Stakeholders explored strategies to reduce the use of restraints & seclusion with individuals with IDD.
- Almost 60 parents of individuals with IDD participated in trainings to improve parenting skills and self-care during the pandemic.
- 100+ individuals with IDD and family members participated in a Summit on independent or non-certified housing options.
Almost 100 stakeholders participated in activities to improve voting education and accessibility for individuals with IDD.

1,900+ individuals with IDD, family members, and professionals participated in supported decision-making trainings.

Over 50 young adults with IDD received training to build their self-advocacy and leadership skills.

Over 100 Chinese and Spanish speaking parents of individuals with IDD participated in leadership and advocacy activities.

Over 2,000 stakeholders received presentations on the COVID-19 vaccine to reduce vaccine hesitancy.

1,000+ copies of resources were translated into Spanish for New Americans with IDD and their families were distributed across NYS.
During 2021 DDPC Staff...

- Facilitated an interagency State workgroup dedicated to reducing the use of restraints, seclusions and restrictive interventions.
- Presented at various statewide and national conferences and webinars on topics such as:
  - Abuse prevention;
  - Apprenticeship programs;
  - Language access and diversity, inclusion and cultural and linguistic competency;
  - Leadership in cultural competence transformation; and
  - Systems change.
- Guided an initiative focused on diverting youth and young adults with developmental disabilities from justice-involvement.
- Hosted a free and virtual Summit gathering leaders, families, and advocates to inform and advance Language Access in the Developmental Disabilities field in New York State.
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