



***Transformation Is Us:
Our Lives, Our Choices,
Our Community***

We Have Choices

SANYS is a non-profit company run by people with developmental disabilities



The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

Invites you to participate in our

26th Annual Conference!

Transformation Is Us:

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Thursday – Saturday

October 29th – October 31st, 2015

We are hopeful that a real sense of fairness and a real People First point of view will be in everyone's minds as we work together.



**Self-Advocacy Association of NY State
2013 Self-Advocacy Conference**

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***Reimagining* Our Future**

**October 31- November 2, 2013
Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY**

Dictionary definition:

reimagine | ,rē-i' majən |

verb [with obj.]

reinterpret (an event, work of art, etc.) imaginatively; rethink.

The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

*Invites you to participate in our
25th Annual Conference!*

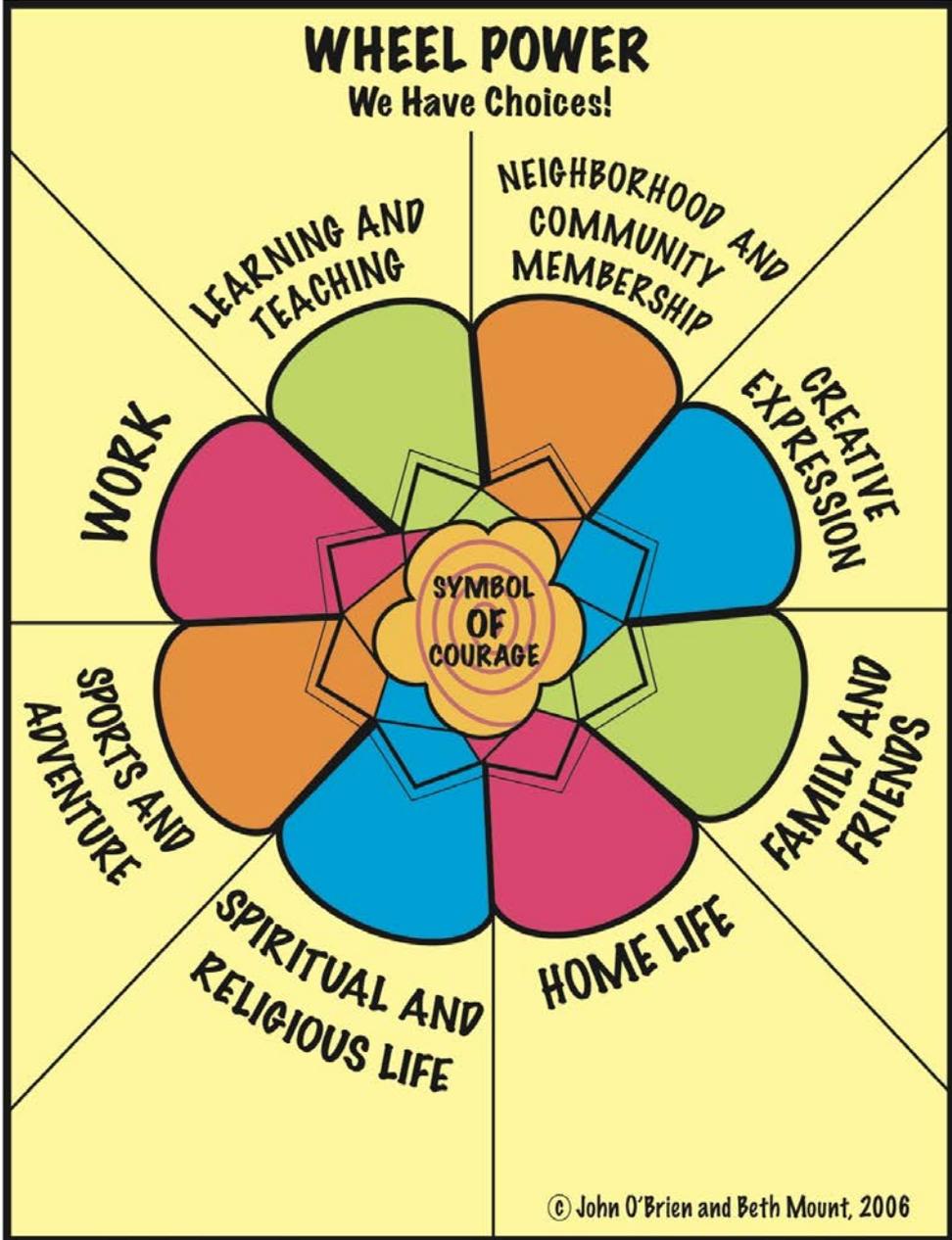
Transforming the System
Reinvesting in US

Thursday – Saturday

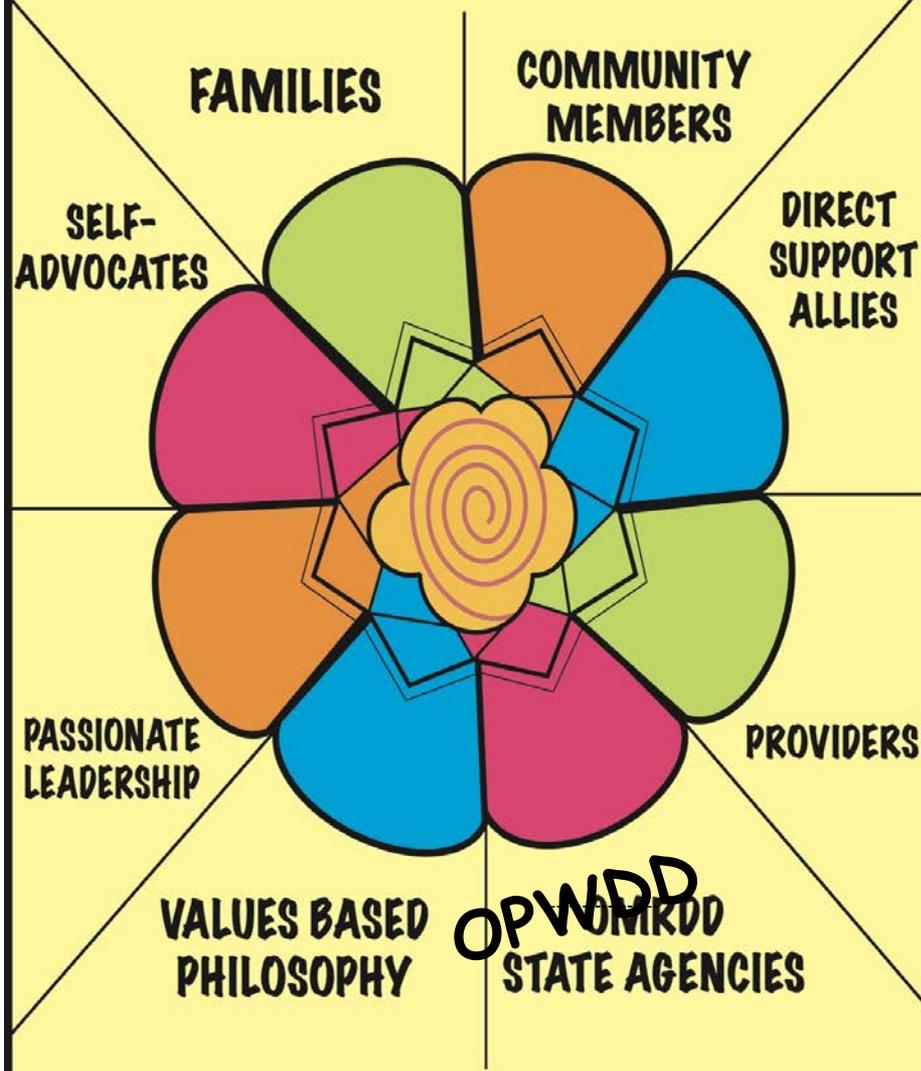
October 30th – November 1st, 2014

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New York's Problem

Why are we so different than many other states

- More than 25,000 people lived in 22 institutions in the 1970s
- Reluctance to embrace the HCBS community based waiver in the 1990s
- Failure to create a workable and easy to access process for self-direction, including opportunities through traditional providers

How we currently
spend our resources?

91%

9%

Some of the Challenges

- Continued impact of the 2008 Fiscal Crisis
- Impact NY Times and Poughkeepsie Journal Articles
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Numerous OPWDD Leadership changes and retirements of so many key staff
- HCBS Settings Rule
- And then there is the Waiver ??????

Person-Centered Planning

Person-centered planning is a process directed by the person with LTSS needs. The person centered planning approach identifies the person's strengths, goals, preferences, needs (medical and HCBS), and desired outcomes. The role of staff, family, and other team members is to enable and assist the person to identify and access a **unique mix of paid and unpaid services to meet their** needs, and to provide support during planning and implementation.—ACL Blog



**Keep the People First Promise
spend all system funds in a
People First Way**

In all decisions about money be sure that people
and their families' needs are the first priority!



SANYS Position on CMS and going forward with system transformation

- **CMS is right to challenge states like NY to develop truly integrated settings in communities**
- **CMS is wrong to expect OPWDD to transform in 4 short years**
- **NY *is* upside down compared to other states in the way we currently support people, and we need to make a lot of progress with CMS and then campaign for a reasonable time frame**

Some questions, among many,
we might want to ask right now.

We are focused on system change but are we missing an important question in the process of complying with CMS?

What does the future of our system of support look like for people with developmental disabilities and their families?

What can a 10 year boy or girl with developmental disabilities expect for support when they are 25?

Where will the funds come from to support the needs of people who are now and who will be waiting for services and supports?

Where will the funds come from to support the costs of OPWDD's transformation?