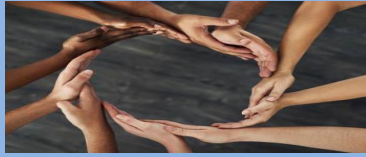




## **Special Education Advocacy Program**

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## ***UNDERSTANDING UPDATES TO OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OPWDD) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY***

***Virtual Session Wednesday April 30, 2025***

**9:30 AM**

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#### **Topics for Discussion:**

- Understanding OPWDD eligibility and updates
- Accessing services and supports
- Transition services and Self-direction process
- Advocacy and rights for individuals with disabilities

**Presenter:** Christopher M. Knight, Waiver Enrollment Coordinator, NYS Office Of People with Developmental Disabilities

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