

PROGRAM AND DIRECTORY

Festival

of

**Saturday,
March 4, 2023**

Inclusion

**An interactive day of fun &
acceptance for the whole family!**

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THE WORD** 
INCLUSION



A very special thank you to our Festival of Inclusion
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Thank you to our host

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Welcome

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Welcome to our second annual **Festival of Inclusion** — an interactive day of fun, acceptance, and respect for the whole family! We're very excited to bring our community together for an afternoon of games and interactive activities. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the dozens of dedicated agencies in our region that are showcasing their inclusive services and inspiring acceptance and advocating for respectful words and actions in all aspects of our lives.

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Festival of Inclusion

An interactive day of fun & acceptance for the whole family!

10 AM – 2 PM
Golisano Training Center
at Nazareth

Interactive community inclusion stations
of 60+ regional organizations

Sports & fitness activities

Virtual Reality

Adaptive equipment demonstrations

Games & prizes

Photo booth

Information, resources & demonstrations

Food trucks located outside the entrance



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Al Sigl Community of Agencies
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The Arc of Monroe
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Town of Victor Dept. of Parks and Recreation
URMC Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
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DIRECTORY

Abilities Movement, Inc

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Abilities Movement is a not-for-profit organization that provides adapted fitness, wellness, sports opportunities, and community integration for people of all abilities through comprehensive classes in fitness and sports.

Aceing Autism

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ACEing Autism is on a mission for children with autism to grow, develop and benefit from social connections and fitness through affordable tennis programming. Our tennis program uses a 9-step curriculum that is flexible and can be modified based on each child's skill level. ACEing Autism 6-week clinics are generally held in the spring and fall/winter in more than 120 communities nationwide serving thousands of families. Clinics are led by skilled Program Directors and ACEing Autism volunteers who are trained on the curriculum and autism. Parents consistently give high satisfaction scores for ACEing Autism programs. Child development is measured with the support of UCLA CART. Existing programming is in Syracuse. New programs coming to Buffalo and Westchester! Reach out to us to become involved!

Al Sigi Community of Agencies

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Achieving More Together

We're a collaborative community network that provides high-quality, cost-effective real estate and business services while fostering community awareness and philanthropic support to a growing array of nonprofit organizations that serve children and adults with disabilities® and special needs.

Alzheimer's Association

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We provide education and support to all those facing Alzheimer's and other dementias throughout our community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, health care professionals and families. We are also committed to advocating for the needs and rights of those facing Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia, and advancing critical research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

DIRECTORY

The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler

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The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is a family-based organization, providing supports and services to nearly 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism, and their families, primarily in Chemung and Schuyler Counties but does span across 18 counties, from Waverly in Tioga County to West Seneca in Erie County. These services include housing supports, clinical supports, community supports and day services, and employment support services. The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler also operates a Business Services Division, which includes Southern Tier Industries, Glen Copack Food Manufacturing, Franklin Street Gallery and Gift Shop, Seneca Shine Auto Detailing, and Transportation Link-Line. The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is a chapter of the state organization, The Arc New York.

The Arc GLOW

arcglow.org

18 Main St, Mt Morris, NY 14510 | (585) 658-2828

We are a parent and family-driven organization that empowers and supports people of all ages with a broad spectrum of emotional, intellectual and developmental disabilities.



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will be valued members of their communities, with the opportunity to realize their full potential and a future that is secure.

The Arc of Monroe

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The Arc of Monroe has been providing a variety of programs and services for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families in the Rochester community for over 65 years. These include: Day Habilitation; Community Prevocational/Work Readiness; Community Support Services incl.- Community Habilitation and Recreation-Respite; Residential; Clinical Services; Supported Employment (SEMP); Family Support Services incl.- Behavioral Management, Self-Direction, Health Homes Care Management, Guardianship and Family Reimbursement

AutismUp

autismup.org

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AutismUp is the leading, local autism support organization in Greater Rochester and surrounding areas. Started in 2004 by four moms of newly diagnosed children with autism in a coffee shop, AutismUp has grown to serve over 3,100 families living with autism. Providing help for today, and hope for tomorrow, our mission is to expand and enhance opportunities to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism, and their families, via direct programs, support services, education, and advocacy.

The Golisano Autism Center is transforming the delivery of autism services in the region. A comprehensive, enriched, and innovative new model co-locates resources offered by multiple providers – experts in ASD knowledge and their specific service areas. Multiple autism service providers work collaboratively under one roof at the Golisano Autism Center. This one-stop approach to accessing a wide variety of supports is transformative. Family Navigators are available on-site to help connect families with on-site providers, services, and supports within the Center. Current tenants providing services at the Golisano Autism Center.

DIRECTORY

Bella's Bumbas LTD

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Bella's Bumbas began in Webster, NY with the intention of providing one little girl, Bella, with a means to become mobile and navigate the world on her own. That initial intention has blossomed into Bella's Bumbas LTD, which has provided over 1,600 chairs to children worldwide and counting. Children using our chairs have all been tested rigorously in real-world conditions. Our chairs can be used on grass, carpet, and any surface a child might find themselves. Each chair includes a push handle mount and can be customized to the child's needs with add-ons such as a basket or foot extension.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

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NewYork@bestbuddies.org



The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the leading walk in the country supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (also known as IDD). Join 40,000 walkers across the country to support the Best Buddies programs in your schools, workplaces and communities. You'll be making the world more welcoming to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – one friendship, one job, and one life-changing connection at a time.

Best Buddies WNY

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NewYork@bestbuddies.org



Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

BOCES Monroe One – Project Life

monroe.edu/Page/8181

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Project Life is a pre-vocational program with classes located in both Fairport and Brighton. Students in the program participate in three 12-week internships. Academics are focused on employability skills, life skills, and community skills.

DIRECTORY

Catholic Charities Family & Community Services

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CCFCS serves over 500 individuals living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities by providing housing, community supports and services through self-direction that fosters inclusion and independence. We offer more than a dozen residential locations in Monroe, Wayne and Yates Counties, and our vocational and employment services include job training, job placement, and on-the-job supports.

Challenger Miracle Field of Greater Rochester

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We provide a safe and barrier-free venue for children and adults with developmental challenges to participate in a variety of sports and activities regardless of their limitations.

CP Rochester – SportsNet

sportsnetny.org

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SportsNet is a collaboration of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies. Through partnerships with community resources and locations, SportsNet provides adults and children of all abilities opportunities to explore a wide array of adaptive sports and inclusive recreation in the greater Rochester and Finger Lakes areas CP Rochester, and Rochester Rehabilitation.

Dancing with Diverse Abilities

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At Ashford, we believe that every child is a dancer. We offer a wide variety of classes for dancers who learn differently. All students are welcome to participate in our DWDA classes including those with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, emotional needs, and those who may just need a little bit more individual attention. Classes are taught by highly qualified experienced instructors, and the curriculum is developed by an NYS Certified Special Education Teacher.

DIRECTORY

David's Refuge

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David's Refuge provides Respite, Resources and Support to parents/guardians of children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions. Our vision is to empower caregivers to lead their families with strength and grace.

Our three service areas include: Overnight Respite for the caregiver, Community events for the entire family and Wellness Education. To learn more or apply visit our website!

Disability EmpowHer Network

disabilityempowhernetwork.org

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Disability EmpowHer Network provides programs and mentorship for disabled girls and women to build the skills and confidence to succeed and to lead.

Disability Rights New York

drny.org

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Disability Rights New York is the Protection and Advocacy System for New York. We provide both systemic and individual advocacy to people with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities. We work to enforce and expand the rights of all people with disabilities through lawsuits, public reports, education, outreach, and self-advocacy support. DRNY provides a wide range of free services including advice/counsel, support in pursuing administrative remedies, technical assistance, investigation and monitoring, negotiation/mediation, direct legal representation, and training. DRNY also investigates complaints of abuse, neglect, and rights violations, and monitors locations where people with disabilities receive services

Empowering People's Independence (EPI)

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EPI offers comprehensive and personalized services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our services include 12 residential options, Self-Direction, Day and Community Habilitation, Environmental Modifications and Assistive Technology, and Respite. EPI is also the leading provider of epilepsy support services and education in our region. We offer education, epilepsy first-aid training, art therapy, support groups, and counseling. We also offer the only week-long, overnight camp for children with epilepsy and their siblings in New York State.

DIRECTORY

EquiCenter

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EquiCenter fosters growth, wellness, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities through the power of equestrian, horticultural, and outdoor experiences. These activities, offered on-site at our 200-acre facility, help those we serve to meet their goals related to physical, emotional, and mental health – often in a transformative way.

Erie Canal Boat Company Inc.

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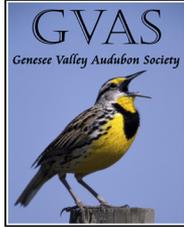


The Erie Canal Boat Company offers customers of all abilities, a relaxing Paddle, Peddle, or Pontoon Boat Rental on the Historic Erie Canal Waterway. Beginners and experts alike enjoy the flat, tranquil waters of the canal. Our recreational kayaks, canoes, and SUPs are designed for those with little or no paddling experience. We also have various adaptive and competitive kayaks to fit the needs and abilities of our customers.

Genesee Valley Audubon Society

gvaudubon.org

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We offer nature programs once a month via Zoom and we lead bird walks for people of all abilities. We also teach bird identification classes.

Golisano Autism Center

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Al Sigl, AutismUp, and CP Rochester founded the Golisano Autism Center with the mission to provide comprehensive and coordinated autism services, ensure ease of access for families and individuals living with autism, and improve outcomes across all ages and abilities.

DIRECTORY

Golisano Institute for DD Nursing

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GOLISANO INSTITUTE
FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY NURSING

The Golisano Institute is the only nursing institute in the country designed to transform the health care and support of people with IDD through the integration of specialized IDD curriculum into nursing undergraduate, graduate, and professional education.

The Institute Focuses on developing the future of nursing through professional and academic education, experiential learning, and creating a robust network of thought leaders through the Golisano Fellowship in Developmental Disability Nursing

Golisano Restorative Neurology & Rehabilitation Center

rochesterregional.org/services/golisano-restorative-neurology-rehabilitation-center

Unity Hospital | 1555 Long Pond Road Rochester, NY 14626 | [\(585\) 368-3222](tel:5853683222)



ROCHESTER
REGIONAL HEALTH

The goal of our inpatient rehabilitation program is to help adults and children recovering from traumatic brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, heart failure, neuromuscular disease, neurological disease, and orthopaedic and complex medical problems. Our goal is to restore functional independence as much as possible in order to return to home or to the least restrictive living environment. Our nationally recognized inpatient rehabilitation program takes an interdisciplinary approach to cognitive rehabilitation, customizing each patient's treatment plan for their specific needs.

Goodwill of the Finger Lakes

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GVE's Vision Wellness services provide access to free routine eye care in our community for those who would otherwise go without. These services are made possible thanks to the generous contributions of volunteer eye doctors, donating optical centers, and individual donors and foundations. At Goodwill—not only do we change lives, but we also save lives, too.

HealthPositive

healthpositive.com

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MediTeddi



MediTeddi is an interactive furry medication coach who reminds and encourages people to take their medications while simultaneously tracking adherence.

DIRECTORY

Heritage Christian Stables

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Heritage Christian Stables provides Equine Assisted Services ranging from riding to nonriding horsemanship lessons for people of all abilities including community members and veterans. Equine Assisted Services can impact a person's physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. The horse's walk mimics the three-dimensional movement of the human walk, offering riders rhythmic movement and opportunities for improvement in balance, symmetry, and muscle strengthening. Participants are provided with cognitive tasks to improve following directions, sequencing, and meeting educational goals. Psychologically, it's empowering for the rider to be able to control a 1,000-pound animal and develop a bond with a horse that positively affects the participant's self-esteem and confidence. Equine Assisted Services allow people to strengthen their bodies and minds, freeing their spirits to do the things they never thought possible. And best of all, it's fun!

Hillside

hillside.com

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Founded in 1837, Hillside provides community-based services, education, and residential treatment to positively impact lives, in partnership with youth and families who have experienced trauma. Our Developmental Opportunities Services support the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through family-driven care, youth-guided, trauma-informed and culturally competent care.

Hochstein

hochstein.org

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Hochstein’s Expressive Arts department encompasses music, art, and dance movement therapy; adaptive/supportive lesson instruction; and arts-based wellness/enrichment programming. We offer individual and group sessions in an enriching learning environment, designed to support clients’ strengths, goals, and learning styles

Homestead for Hope

homesteadsforhope.org

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Homesteads for Hope is a nonprofit inclusive community farm for individuals with and without disabilities to learn, work, live, and grow in nature’s classroom. Our Beautiful 55-acre Farm is located 10 minutes West of Downtown Rochester directly on the wide waters of the historic Erie Canal. Here, our classroom is in the great outdoors which provides a peaceful and therapeutic environment for anyone who sets foot on it no matter their ability level. In the past 5 years, we have built a series of programs, classes, memberships, and social events that bring people together and provide a sense of community where everyone is welcome. As we continue to grow, we are developing an inclusive workforce through enterprise on-site, and look forward to the creation of affordable housing for those we serve.

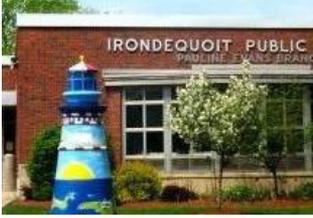
DIRECTORY

Irondequoit Public Library

irondequoitlibrary.org/accessibility

Amy Holland & Matt Krueger, Inclusion Coordinators

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At IPL, we strive to promote accessibility in our collections, programs, and services. We offer a variety of accommodations to meet the needs of our patrons. Please contact one of our Inclusion Coordinators if you need additional support. We would be happy to assist you.

Lifetime Assistance

lifetimeassistance.org

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Lifetime Assistance is a community leader, providing comprehensive services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Our goal is to foster independence, self-reliance and respect for individuals with disabilities. Our vision is to assist each person to reach their full potential and realize the opportunities of a Lifetime.

LifePrep@Naz

naz.edu/culture-community-belonging/lifeprepnaz
(585) 389-2143



NAZARETH

LifePrep@Naz is an innovative program designed to provide students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with a college experience, strengthening their life skills, vocational skills, self-sufficiency, and independence. Created through the collaborative relationship among Nazareth, Victor Central School District, and The Arc of Monroe, the LifePrep@Naz program thrives on the passion and commitment of all involved parties.

Mary Cariola Center

marycariola.org

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14620 | **(585) 271-0761**



A regional leader in education and life skills solutions, Mary Cariola Center serves hundreds of children and young adults each year through academic, residential, and community outreach programs. Mary Cariola offers an innovative suite of services that include assistive technology, adapted physical education, psychological and nutritional consultations, dual sensory loss programs, as well as Health Homes and telemedicine programs.

DIRECTORY

Music Education Centers

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MEC is an adaptive music studio providing high-quality musical instruction to students of all ages and abilities, including but not limited to those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, and other special needs.

Nazareth Student Accessibility Services

naz.edu/student-accessibility-services

Golisano Academic Center Room 6 | 4245 East Avenue Rochester NY 14625

NAZARETH

We support students with disability accommodations and guidance related to the college experience. Accommodations may be related to dining, housing, academics, and/or events. Examples of accommodations include testing accommodations, notetaking support, and assistive technology.

No Lemons Equine Inc.

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No Lemons Equine is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization offering therapeutic horseback riding lessons in Spencerport, NY. We primarily use retired racehorses as equine partners to build confidence, independence, and growth in our participants who are living with disabilities, at-risk youth, and veterans. Therapeutic horsemanship uses the pleasures and skills of horseback riding and horse knowledge to build developmental, emotional, social, and physical skills for each of our riders. Therapeutic horseback riding provides proven measurable benefits to people living with developmental, emotional, social, and physical disabilities, veterans, and at-risk youths.

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation

dec.ny.gov/62.html

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Department of
Environmental
Conservation

New York's breathtaking natural resources are unique, abundant and open to everyone. The opportunities abound, from hunting and fishing to hiking and rock climbing, swimming, and boating, or simply relaxing in a tent under the stars. DEC plays a vital role in both protecting our natural resources and providing opportunities for people to enjoy them. We encourage more New Yorkers and visitors to connect with nature and outdoor recreation by providing opportunities to hunt, fish, hike, view wildlife & birds, camp, ski, snowshoe, and learn about the environment & natural resources. Some of the lands and access areas have accessible opportunities for all family members.

DIRECTORY

Parent to Parent of New York State

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We provide services to parents and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs. We have a Parent Matching program, parent discussion groups and webinars, and we provide information and referral services.

Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County

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It takes a village to support children & families in our community, especially those with developmental delays/disabilities who are waiting for Early Intervention/Preschool Support Services. Our Parent Connection series is a collaboration between Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County, Parenting Village, and Step by Step Pediatric Therapy Services, to offer free & unique connection opportunities for parents/families to learn from experts & each other as they navigate their journey.

Person Centered Services

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PERSON
CENTERED
SERVICES

Person Centered Services connect people to the care, support, and opportunities that maximize their quality of life. Care Coordinators work with individuals, families, community providers, and other organizations to ensure the dots are connected between all aspects of a person’s care.

Pittsford Challenger Baseball

leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=pittsfordll.org

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The Pittsford Challenger Baseball program is beginning its’ 12th year providing opportunities for boys and girls ages 4 -18 with physical or developmental challenges of all levels to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation. The season runs May through June and culminates with the Challenger “World Series” played at Frontier Field. Teen ‘Buddies” are paired with each player. Games are played primarily on Sunday’s at 11 a.m.. You do not need to be a resident of Pittsford to play. Registration is now open for players and volunteer “buddies” and runs until March 15th at: pittsfordlittleleague.org.

Princess of America



Jordan Smith is Junior Miss New York Princess of America and she is raising awareness of sensory processing disorder.

Project SEARCH

projectsearch.us

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The goal for each program participant is competitive employment. To reach that goal, the program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent-living skills to help young people with significant disabilities make successful transitions to productive adult life. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of skills training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, skills trainers, and employers. As a result, at the completion of the training program, students with significant intellectual disabilities are employed in nontraditional, complex and rewarding jobs. In addition, the presence of a Project SEARCH program can bring about long-term changes in business culture that have far-reaching positive effects on attitudes about hiring people with disabilities and the range of jobs in which they can be successful.

RIT LiveAbility Lab

rit.edu/accessability/liveability-lab

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RIT

The LiveAbility Lab is an interdisciplinary and community-based lab to develop and test deployable technology solutions that support the Effective Access Technology Initiative at RIT. Built with measurement and observation infrastructure, the lab acts as an easily identifiable and accessible location for the overall effort and serves as a common resource that can augment research and development efforts. A measurable assessment of the effectiveness of the technology solutions can be accomplished by recreating the environment that individuals need to access in their daily lives.

Roc Dog

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RocDog was created to meet the community's needs and find dogs that could be certified as therapy dogs with their handlers. In the first 18 months, RocDog has grown to 128 certified therapy dogs, 165 handlers/volunteers, and working in over 110 different facilities across Western NY.

DIRECTORY

Rochester Accessible Adventures

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Anita O'Brien, M.A., CTRS, Executive Director

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Rochester Accessible Adventures provides Mentored Consultation, Sports Development, and DirectConnect services toward our vision of a society where recreation, sports and tourism are fully accessible to and inclusive of people with and without disabilities. We train spaces where health and wellness take place to operate with full inclusion of people with disabilities whenever their doors are open for business such as schools, parks, community recreation, libraries, camps and more!

We are developing a menu of adaptive and inclusive sports opportunities across Greater Rochester, FLX and WNY communities. Rochester Accessible Adventures utilizes DirectConnect services to connect 800+ individuals with disabilities to active recreation, sports and tourism opportunities. Plus, we have opportunities for volunteers!

Rochester EOC

reoc.brockport.edu

[\(585\) 327-4035](tel:5853274035)



Over fifty years of ongoing service to the Rochester community has earned the REOC the reputation as one of the outstanding adult, tuition-free, academic, career and technical vocational training Centers in the state. Teachers, counselors, support staff, and administrators give students the opportunity to gain skills needed to continue to college or obtain a career. Over 20 programs are available as in-person, on-line, remote, or hybrid instruction. Program counselors, tutoring, and yearly events provide holistic training for students to learn in a variety of ways and with support.

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center

rhsc.org

info@rhsc.org | (585) 271-0680



Rochester Hearing & Speech Center is a not-for-profit agency serving Rochester, NY and surrounding communities and is the longest-standing and most experienced provider of speech, language, and hearing services. RHSC is committed to helping children and adults develop the skills and abilities necessary to communicate for life.

Rochester Rookies

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The Rochester Rookies is a wheelchair and ambulatory sports program (adaptive sports) dedicated to enhancing the quality of lives by teaching athletic skills, fostering independence, building character, and helping families realize their child's full potential through programs, advocacy, and services.

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Rochester Special Hockey

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Our mission is to provide training in ice hockey for players with intellectual, developmental, cognitive, and physical disabilities in Rochester, NY, and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to allow those involved to experience exciting fun all the while learning new skills. We will assist in developing and enhancing skills focused on individual responsibility, teamwork, and social interaction with others all the while providing therapeutic value.

SAGE Rochester



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We are a special education teacher-led agency that provides a variety of support and services to the community. We provide executive functioning coaching, social skills classes, advocacy, consultations, *new* sexuality education classes for those with IDD, and more!

Special Olympics New York

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Special Olympics
New York

Special Olympics New York provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics Young Athletes

specialolympics-ny.org/community/young-athletes

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Special Olympics
Young Athletes

Special Olympics New York Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities (ID), ages 2 to 7. It introduces basic sport skills and offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children.

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Starbridge is an expert in understanding disabilities and in working with groups in a positive, engaging fashion to help them see that we are all people first. We partner with people who have disabilities, their families, and others who support them, to achieve success in education, employment, and healthy living. Together we transform communities to include everyone.

TIES (Together Including Every Student) Webster Central School District

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Together Including Every Student (TIES), developed in 1997 by two parents of children who have disabilities, promotes the participation of students and young adults who have developmental disabilities in inclusive, organized extracurricular and community activities through the support of trained student volunteers.

Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation

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The Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation provides over (300) annual recreation programs and community-wide special events to ALL residents and visitors as well as a balanced system of active and passive parkland that spans 450 acres and 65 miles of multi-use trails many of which are ADA compliant and accessible.

URMC Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

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The Division of DBP is committed to improving the health and well-being of children, youth, and families affected by developmental and behavioral disorders. Our multidisciplinary team delivers health and behavioral health care to individuals across Upstate New York. Our research and training guide evidence-informed practice and prepare future generations of leaders in service, research, and advocacy for people with IDD. We emphasize diversity and inclusion with and for individuals with IDD and their families in our community.

We also represent the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities, which is part of our Division. Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is our University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), focusing on community-based advocacy, technical assistance, and consultation. SCDD is part of a national network that advances policies and practices to improve the health, education, social, and economic well-being of people with developmental and other disabilities. urmc.rochester.edu/strong-center-developmental-disabilities.aspx

WXXI Move to Include

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MOVE TO INCLUDE is a partnership between WXXI and the Golisano Foundation designed to promote inclusion for people with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. Through programming and special events, WXXI and the Golisano Foundation look to build a more inclusive community by inspiring and motivating people to embrace different abilities and include all people in every aspect of community life.

AI Sigl Community of Agencies would like to recognize Ann Costello, Golisano Foundation Executive Director in gratitude for all that she has done for AI Sigl Community of Agencies and people of all abilities.







Festival of Inclusion

An interactive day of fun & acceptance for the whole family!

Golisano Training Center at Nazareth
4245 East Ave in Rochester

Saturday, March 4, 2023
10 AM to 2 PM

golisanofoundation.org

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