



**Developmental
Disabilities
Planning Council**

Bridging the Gap: Innovative Ways to Reach and Serve New American Communities with Developmental Disabilities



Pilot: Ramirez June Developmental Disabilities Navigator

April 26, 2022

Welcome!

**Feel free to share the
following
information in the chat!**



- Name
- Organization
- Anything you're hoping to get from this session.

Speakers:



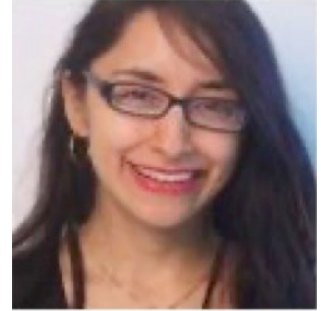
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DDPC: Who We Are, What We Do



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Who We Are

About the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

The NYS DDPC was created following the federal Developmental Disabilities Act. This act requires a Developmental Disabilities Council for each U.S. state and territory. Although the DDPC is 100% federally funded, it is a New York State agency under the direction of Governor Kathy Hochul.

What We Do

The DDPC addresses the needs of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) through projects that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion.

The primary work of the DDPC is done through pilot projects. These DDPC-funded projects seek to:

- Promote capacity building, and systems change efforts
- Empower people through work that teaches self-advocacy skills
- Advance public policy to help individuals gain more control over their lives
- Create an environment of independence, self-determination, inclusion, and acceptance

Goals for this Session

- 1** Learn about **New Americans with IDD** in New York State: Demographics, needs, challenges, and important considerations.
- 2** Hear about an **innovative model** to address disparities faced by this community: Background, key components, and effective practices.
- 3** Share **challenges and best practices** with each other: Background, key components, and effective practices.
- 4** Identify **resources** and **next steps**: *Voyage* early intervention book, resource guide for providers, and how to contact us.

Background on RJDDN Initiative

DDPC Focus Groups, Cultural Competency Workgroup, and ONA/DDPC Survey

“I waited over an hour for an [at the ER] interpreter”
- Spanish speaking parent
Western, NY

“IEPs are not translated”
- Spanish speaking parent
NYC

“I feel like it’s discrimination by neglect.”
- Chinese-American parent
NYC

Needs identified by Office for New American (ONA) Staff:

- Lack of culturally competent disability services.
- Inadequate access to language translation services.
- Lack of connections to the IDD service system.
- Basic informational resources about services for people with IDD.



The NYS Office for New Americans Ramirez June Initiative



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The ONA Ramirez June Initiative

- Creates positive change to support new Americans in connecting with vital disability resources, information, and services in NYS.
- Engages immigrant communities and service providers to expand access to services through technical assistance, outreach, and creating resources.
- Funded by the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC).



<https://dos.ny.gov/ramirez-june-initiative>



The new American families who inspired the ONA Ramirez June Initiative.



Who are New Americans?



New Americans Are:

- Immigrants
- Refugees, asylees
- Unauthorized individuals
- All newcomers who reside in the U.S. and their families.
- Your neighbors!



4.4 million new Americans in NYS.
Almost 25% of the total population of 19.45 mil.



New York State is proudly
home to the largest Ukrainian
community in the U.S.
~148,700 individuals.

Many new American families are **mixed status**. This means different family members have different immigration statuses.



Challenges faced by New Americans with Developmental Disabilities & their families

Language access & accessibility barriers.

Barriers navigating disability systems, the need for culturally and linguistically competent **support at the local level**.

Challenges accessing disability assessments.

Immigration barriers, lack of Social Security Numbers.

Challenges accessing medication and supplies.

Support needed for youth with behavioral challenges.

Bullying and exclusion of children with disabilities.



ONA Ramirez June Initiative Outreach to new American communities

ONA Ramirez June Initiative Outreach

¿Usted tiene un hijo con alguna discapacidad en su familia?



¡Venga y sea escuchado! ¡Únase a la conversación!

jueves, 7 de abril, 2022 de 4:30 pm a 7 pm

en Trolley Barn

489 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(Junto al Departamento de Bomberos)

Únase a este taller:

- Venga e infórmese sobre el proceso para acceder a servicios en nuestra Comunidad.
- Comparta sus experiencias y desafíos.
- Obtenga la oportunidad de reunirse con proveedores de servicios y conectarse con los servicios disponibles para sus hijos.

¡Juntos podemos continuar la conversación y encontrar soluciones!

Este taller se realizará en español e inglés. Se dispondrá de intérpretes.
Habrá aperitivos y asistencia para el cuidado de los niños.

Para más información puedes llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto (Si) a través de
WhatsApp a 845-429-5787 o 845-420-5080.

Empowering New American Parents in the Early Identification of Disabilities in Children

An ONA Ramirez June Initiative Webinar
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 3 - 4 p.m.

Register: <https://bit.ly/LearnTheSignsActEarly>



Casa Comunitaria de Recursos

***For families**



***For service providers**

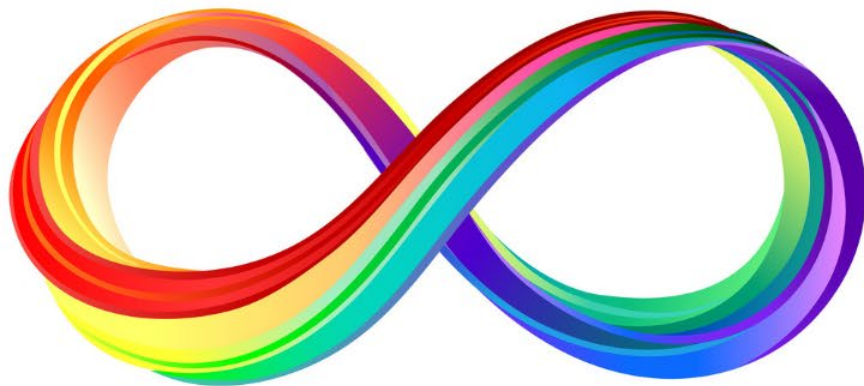
Voyage



Order form: <https://bit.ly/OrderVoyage>

The ONA Ramirez June Initiative Celebrates Autistic New Americans

[#AutismAcceptanceMonth2022](#)



ONA Ramirez June Initiative Outcomes

- **424** individuals shared that they feel they are better able to support individuals with IDD as a result of their participation.
- **60** outreach events, webinars, and presentations.
- Almost **3,000** copies of *Voyage* distributed to **70** community-based organizations, pediatric practices, and families.





The New York State Office for New Americans (ONA)



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Overview of ONA Programming

Civic & Community Engagement

- Opportunity Centers - Civics
- Immigrant Community Navigators
- North Country Immigration Resource Coordinator

English Language Learning

- Opportunity Centers – ESOL
- Cell-Ed

Overview of ONA Programming cont.

Health & Well-Being

- Golden Door Parent Support Program
- Ramirez June Developmental Disabilities Navigator

Legal Services

- Legal Counsels
- Liberty Defense Project

Workforce Development

- New Americans Can Code
- Professional Pathways for High-Skilled Immigrants

ONA Cell-ED

- Free English training and skill building through any mobile phone, tablet or computer.
- Helps parents with limited English proficiency support their children to read in English.
- **Has courses to build skills for life and work, including an Early Development course which aims to build a culture of reading for kids, ages 3-7, in new American families.**



New Americans Hotline

1-800-566-7636

- TOLL-FREE
- Operates from 9am-8pm, Monday to Friday.
- Anyone can call for information and referrals, regardless of citizenship or documented status.
- Calls are confidential and anonymous.
- Assistance available in 200+ languages.



NYS Language Access



Language Access & Accessibility

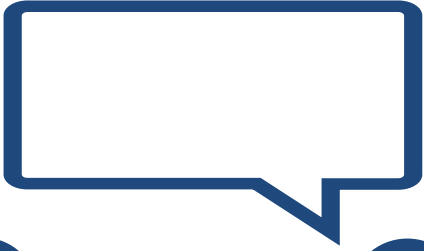
- Executive Order 26.1 for NYS agencies
- Language access & accessibility help both new Americans and individuals with disabilities.
 - Example: plain language
- Needs of Deaf new American community.
- Resources:
 - <https://lep.gov/>
 - <https://www.ny.gov/language-access-policy>



What are the top 10 non-English languages in New York State?



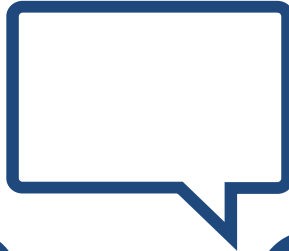
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Español

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中文

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Русский

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বাঙালি

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한국어

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Kreyòl Ayisyen

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Italiano

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العربية

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Polskie

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Español
Spanish

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中文
Chinese

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Русский
Russian

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ייִדיש
Yiddish

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বাঙালি
Bengali

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한국어
Korean

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Kreyòl Ayisyen
Haitian Creole

7

Italiano
Italian

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العربية
Arabic

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Polskie
Polish

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Honoring the Resilience of New American Families



Questions?

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