

TRAVELING THE ROAD TO OPWDD ELIGIBILITY & HOW SELF-DIRECTION CAN GIVE YOU THE TOOLS FOR A FULLER LIFE

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

DESCRIPTION: Learn how to navigate the winding road to OPWDD eligibility. Find out how you can gain greater control of services received through self-direction once OPWDD eligibility has been obtained. Learn the fine points of self-direction and how it gives individuals and families the power and flexibility to choose the services they desire, the staff that works with them, and create a schedule that suits the person's needs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Parents, family members, caregivers and professionals who want to enhance the lives of children, teenagers & young adults. We welcome anyone who strives to achieve the same goals.

LANGUAGE: English (Spanish and Mandarin Interpretation Provided)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Jessica Paravalos holds a BA in Psychology from Queens College. She is a Self Direction Broker with the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, founder of Thrice Blessed Consultants LLC, and Co-chair of the Self Direction committee of the Queens Council of Developmental Disabilities. She was first exposed to different types of learners when she was employed as a paraprofessional substitute teacher with the NYC Department of Education, this was foundational for her learning about the special needs community and prepared her for her own special needs children. Ms. Paravalos' passion is encouraging & training parents to connect with neighborhood services.

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