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ATI Celebrates Founding Day, Volunteer Appreciation, Staff Longevity

In early May, Access to Independence (ATI) celebrated its 19th anniversary as a nonprofit corporation by hosting former and current Board Members and staff to lasagna, salad and desserts. For the third consecutive year, ATI recognized its founders: On May 8, 1998, founding Board Members included: Thomas Miller, Lorry Janke and Christopher Farkas. Frances Pizzola was the founding volunteer Director. At the time, ATI was based in Room 200 of the County Office Building.

ATI's roots go back to the 1980's when it was known as the Cortland County Accessibility Committee (CCAC). As a local community action group, the CCAC spearheaded a number of initiatives relating to curb cuts and enforcement of accessible parking spots.

In conjunction with its 2017 Founding Day event, ATI recognized two longstanding staff for their service to the Agency: Susan Lewis - 15 years; and Chad W. Underwood - 10 years. Both received a commemorative plaque in recognition of their dedication to the mission, vision and values of the Agency.

On April 27, ATI hosted an appreciation luncheon for its volunteers. Attendees enjoyed sandwiches, salads and desserts. ATI handed out special awards to five individuals who surpassed all expectations this past year: Tina Carden, Jarett Withers, Michele Quinlan, Barbara Morris and Emily Jensen.

Over the past year, 97 individuals volunteered for a total of 4,257 hours. Many thanks go out to every ATI volunteer for your time and commitment to our family and ATI's mission, vision and values!



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“Diversity and inclusion are about giving value to every human being, no matter our differences.” - SK

ATI Announces Independent Living Award Recipients

Access to Independence (ATI) recently awarded three graduating seniors the Mary E. Ewing Award for Independent Living in the amount of \$150 each. Local seniors from Cortland, Homer and McGraw submitted applications.

In order to qualify for the award, each student must have a disability, be on track to graduate from a high school and have plans to transition into independent community living, begin work or continue on to higher education. Applicants were asked to answer three questions; Describe barriers encountered while living with a disability and how they overcame them, describe what independent living means to them and describe their plan after graduation.

Nathan McCormick from Cortland High School, Blake Allen from Homer High School and Dustin Hewlett from McGraw High School all stood out from the rest. All shared plans to go on to college or a trade school to further their education.

ATI applauds you for sharing your stories and wishes you continued success!

Another Successful Season for VITA Program

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for Cortland County worked hard again this year to prepare tax returns for anyone in Cortland County who qualified. This tax service was free and the volunteers e-filed hundreds of free tax returns. Most tax returns were direct deposited within 10 days of filing. All this with no fee. To qualify, participants must have made less than \$54,000 last year or qualify for the earned income tax credit.

This year the volunteers were at various sites throughout the county, including: Truxton Town Hall, Cortland YWCA, Cortland Free Library, Cortland/Chenago Rural Services, United Presbyterian Church, Tully Free Library and Access to Independence.

Access to Independence has hosted the VITA program on Saturdays through tax season for the last 4 years because it is such an important service to the community. We appreciate the many great volunteers that gave up their time to complete the IRS training needed to become a volunteer tax preparer and to give countless hours at various locations in the community preparing taxes for free.



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Increasing Community Collaboration

In this time of political volatility and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to find allies and partners with shared causes to help advance social and systemic change. Whether the approach is advocacy, awareness campaigns, community mobilization or strategic partnerships, there are many ways that local organizations, government agencies, businesses and community members can collaborate to have a greater impact locally and across the state.

On June 28, ATI will host the next session of its 2017 annual workshop series, entitled "Increasing Statewide Impact: A community dialogue on collaboration and grassroots community organizing." During this dialogue, ATI aims to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to identify shared issues, discuss the various roles each play in effecting change, and to determine how to bring the pieces together to increase the impact in Cortland County and across New York State. The event will be held in ATI's Community Room from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and will feature guest panelists who will provide their expertise and help to frame and guide the conversation.

Mary McGuire, Director of Civic Engagement and Professor of Political Science at SUNY Cortland, will share her perspectives on political advocacy and strategies for effectively influencing systems. Matt Whitman, Coalition Director for Cortland Area Communities That Care, will offer his experience in local and regional collaboration around broad, community-wide issues such as heroine and opioid use, tobacco and alcohol use and other risk factors among youth. Meghan Parker, Director of Advocacy for the New York Association on Independent Living, will bring a statewide perspective on grassroots community organizing and systems advocacy as well as expertise in local coalition building.

Please join us for this unique conversation and bring your experiences and ideas to the table. While ATI's focus is the rights of people with disabilities, this often overlaps with other issues, such as aging, youth-transition, employment, transportation, criminal justice reform, health care and civil and human rights. To RSVP, call 607-753-7363 by Friday, June 23.

For more information, please contact Aaron T. Baier, ATI Consumer & Systems Advocacy Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363, or by email: abaier@ati.cortland.org.

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Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Services: Navigating Community Resources

Access to Independence staff often receive calls from family members or concerned friends trying to find ways to bring their loved ones home from a nursing facility, or to prevent them from going to one in the first place. This process can be overwhelming for most families. Getting the right information can be daunting, especially if you don't know who to ask.

When a friend or loved one becomes unable to stay home alone, you may feel that a nursing facility is the only answer. Programs now exist to help families transition a person back in to the community or avoid a placement altogether. Staying home is not only cheaper than institutional settings, but it is also much better for a person's mental and physical health. Studies have shown this to be true, and it is imagined that most people would choose an assisted living facility over their own home.

One common theme for most programs is that a person must need nursing facility level of care in order to qualify. What does this mean? When someone has been in a nursing facility for more than 120 days and/or needs help at home to do things like clean the house, cook, bathe, or dress (activities of daily living), this is considered nursing facility level of care. If you have a parent or a loved one that you are helping on a daily basis with activities of daily living, they would probably meet the nursing facility level of care criteria.

Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Medicaid Waiver Program (NHTD) - The NHTD Medicaid Waiver is available to New Yorkers with disabilities and seniors so they may receive services in the community rather than in a nursing home. Services include, but are not limited to, Service Coordination, Independent Living Skills Training, Home and Community Support Services, Community Transitional Services, Housing Subsidies and Home Modifications. To qualify, a person must have Medicaid and be eligible for nursing facility level of care.

Medicaid Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) - If you qualify for services through an MLTC plan, you will have a Care Manager that will help you to find and secure the services you need to stay at home. These services can include, but are not limited to, aide services, home modifications, delivered meals and assistive technology. There are a number of MLTC plans. Some plans require you to have both Medicare and Medicaid and some require only Medicaid. If you choose an MLTC, you may have to change doctors. Many of the MLTC plans provide your care through their network of providers. In either case, you will need to qualify for nursing facility level of care.

Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Program (CDPAP) - The Cortland County Community Action Program (CAPCO) administers the County's CDPAP. The CDPAP program is great for folks who can direct their care or have someone in their lives that can help direct their care. The CDPAP initiative gives you the ability to hire and train your own aides. You can even hire certain family members to help you. You do have to have Medicaid to qualify for this program.

Home Health Aides (HHA's) - HHA's can provide a variety of services in the home. These services can include house cleaning, personal care and meal prep. Your doctor and the agency nurse will work together to decide what services you need and whether or not a Home Health Agency is the right fit for you. You will need Medicaid to receive continued aide services. Medicare will cover an HHA in certain circumstances for a limited period of time.

Architectural Barrier Program Removal Programs - Access to Independence and the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging offer limited funding for home modifications, ramps and assistive technology solutions. Projects might include the widening of doorways, the installation of a ramp or a lift, changes to make a bathroom, bedroom or kitchen more accessible, and other changes to ensure the safety and well-being of people with vision or hearing impairments.

For more information on any of the Nursing Home Transition & Diversion services described in this article, visit the ATI website: www.aticortland.org. You may also contact Susan Lewis, ATI Independent Living Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: susan.lewis@aticortland.org.

ATI Offers Work Incentive Benefits Counseling

ATI has entered into a contract with ACCES-VR to offer Social Security work incentive benefits counseling for people who are using ACCES-VR services to return to work.

Susan Lewis, ATI Independent Living Coordinator, has completed the Benefits and Work Incentive Certificate Program through Cornell University's Employment and Disability Institute to qualify to be a Certified Benefits Counselor for SSI and SSDI benefit recipients who would like to try and go back to work.

Certified Benefits Counselors are trained to be able to assist people in learning about a variety of incentives that are available to help people transition back to work. A person will not lose their Social Security Disability benefit as soon as they go back to work. An SSDI recipient can go back to work and earn up to \$1,170 per month and not lose their benefit. An SSI recipient can earn even more than that per month and still be eligible for benefits. There are also incentives in place so that you can keep your Medicaid while you try working again.

For more information on how you can receive ACCES-VR benefits counseling services, contact Susan Lewis by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: Susan.lewis@aticortland.org.

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Accessible Transportation: The Need, the Dilemma and the Solutions

Cortland County's public transportation systems do not meet the needs of all people with and without disabilities. The need for affordable, accessible public transportation comes from the diverse needs experienced by people in our community. Some considerations for people with disabilities include, wheelchair accessible vehicles, service animals, safety, and diverse modes of transportation (busses, taxis, ride-sharing, etc.) which promote ease-of-access, affordability and rural area coverage. In Cortland County, it is critical for public transportation to reach a wide range of locations, from businesses, to residential areas, to rural areas and bordering counties.

People with and without disabilities must be able to utilize public transportation to access employment, attend medical appointments, participate in activities of daily living (such as shopping, dining or picking up prescriptions), and take part in social and recreation activities. Most have an expectation and desire to participate fully in their community. For those who do not use a personal vehicle, transportation remains as the most significant barrier to independent living.

The need for affordable, accessible transportation presents complex dilemmas that relate to funding and policy. The funding dilemma focuses on where primary funding should come from - the public sector (government) or private sector (customers). The Cortland Transit bus system is funded through NYS operating assistance and capital funding, Medicaid and revenue from rider fares. Neither Cortland County, the City of Cortland nor any municipalities contribute any funding to the operation of the local bus system. The lack of necessary funding severely limits Cortland Transit's operation to Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Taxis, on the other hand, operate a more far-reaching service using mainly revenue from higher fare rides. The dilemma is that customers must choose between affordability and range of service.

The policy dilemma is defined by the laws and rules that regulate public transportation and the lack thereof. Bus systems are regulated on the federal, state and local level, but there are very few regulations to oversee taxis. For example, Cortland Transit must follow regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as local oversight for routes, bus stops and bus access as well as jurisdictional boundaries (county lines) and exceptions to those boundaries. For taxis, the local laws that do exist deal with driver licensing, insurance and health and safety. There are no laws in Cortland County that require taxis to provide wheelchair accessible vehicles. There are also no regulations that hold bus systems or taxi companies accountable for timeliness and reliability and this is a major problem when people depend on these services for work and appointments.

To address the funding dilemma, Access to Independence (ATI) believes that Cortland County should direct funds from the hotel Occupancy Tax or direct a portion property taxes to transportation infrastructure. With more adequate funding, local public transportation would be able to offer more reliable, timely and far-reaching service and expand service to nights and weekends.

To address the policy dilemma, ATI believes that Cortland County should implement innovative policy solutions that lead to increased affordable, accessible public transportation opportunities. The County should require taxi and transportation network companies (i.e. Uber and Lyft) to offer accessible vehicles that are void of environmental pollutants.

People with and without disabilities should talk to their elected officials about the importance of affordable, accessible transportation, including busses and taxis. However, the advocacy should not stop with elected officials, it should continue to the media and to the owners and operators of private transportation services. A government mandate may not solve the problem, but if businesses realized that a large number of potential patrons do not have access to their business, it might present an incentive to improve accessibility for that population. There are no simple solutions to the issue of accessible public transportation, but if it is a public priority supported by a loud base of our community, an effective solution can be found.

For more information on ATI's advocacy efforts relating to affordable, accessible public transportation, contact Aaron T. Baier, Consumer & Systems Advocacy Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: abaier@aticortland.org.

Bariatric Support Group Meetings

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Aug. 16
Sept. 20

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NYS Budget Update & Advocacy

On April 10, Governor Cuomo announced the approved NYS Budget for fiscal year 2017-18. While several areas of need were not addressed in this year's negotiations, such as a much needed increase to base-funding for independent living centers and tax credits for visitable housing and small business employers, we can celebrate some major accomplishments. There were several areas of need where advocates made progress and realized budget items that aim to guarantee the rights of people with disabilities.

First, NY is the first state in the nation to cap the growth of prescription drug spending in the Medicaid program, which has grown 25% over the past three years. The agreement provides the Department of Health with a range of tools to lower the cost of prescription drugs, including the ability to drive down the cost of certain drugs whose price is high relative to its therapeutic benefits. This agreement enables the Medicaid program to allocate more resources to other essential health services and to ensure higher-quality care across NYS.

Second, the budget includes a landmark agreement that will provide NY's 120,000 direct care professionals with a 6.5% raise over the next two years. These increases will help state-funded, non-profits that specialize in the care of people with disabilities not only to recruit and retain employees, but to continue to provide the same level of excellent care that has made them the backbone of NY's systems of services for people with disabilities.

Third, the budget raises the age of criminal responsibility to 18-years-old and ensures that young people who commit non-violent crimes receive the intervention and evidence-based treatment they need. NY was previously one of only two states in the nation that automatically processed all 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in the criminal justice system, no matter their offense.

Fourth, the budget continues funding for the state's \$20 billion comprehensive, five-year plan for affordable and supportive housing to ensure New Yorkers who are homeless or at risk of homelessness have safe and secure housing. The budget includes \$2.5 billion in funding to advance the creation of 100,000 new affordable and 6,000 supportive housing units.

Fifth, the budget includes meaningful workers' compensation reforms that provide cost savings for businesses, and better protections for injured workers. The reforms ensure that the most significantly injured workers have the right to be considered for lifetime benefits. The reforms will ensure swift access to hearings for injured workers not receiving benefits, create a clear formulary for prescription drugs and provide relief for first responders exposed to a traumatic event at work. Concurrent with expanded worker protections, businesses will achieve overall savings, bringing much needed relief to municipal and private employers. Changes include establishing more definitive limits on caps and updating medical guidelines to reflect advances in medicine.

Finally, the budget authorizes Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft, to operate across New York and creates uniform licensing standards. The Department of Motor Vehicles will have broad oversight of TNCs and will ensure compliance with all laws, rules and regulations required as part of the operator's license. TNSs offer a tremendous opportunity for employment and access to commerce in Cortland County.

For more information on statewide legislative issues or to join ATI's Advocacy Network, please contact Aaron T. Baier, Consumer & Systems Advocacy Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: abaier@ati.cortland.org.

Home Health Aides: The Need, the Dilemma and the Solutions - by Anne Marie Piche

“Unjustified isolation” of persons with disabilities is a form of discrimination in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It is the right of all people with disabilities, including elders, to have information regarding options for living in the most integrated setting that meets their needs for health, safety and quality of life. Individuals should have control over their own decisions, including their own care, where to live, as well as to participate in the full range of human experiences, including success and failure.

As a transition specialist working in Cortland County with Access to Independence (ATI), I see elderly and people with disabilities every week who would like to live independently in the community but cannot do that without some assistance. That assistance is difficult to find. Although there are many services within Cortland County to assist in this goal, there has been, and continues to be, a shortage of home health aides to provide home care in order to make that goal a reality for all those who have health care needs and would like to live in their own home.

Each agency that I work with could support many more individuals if they had a larger workforce of home health care aides. Some agencies are licensed to provide care that involves more medical elements. Some agencies can provide aides that help with personal care and living skills, and some with helping an individual with housekeeping, shopping, laundry and the like. All of these are in short supply. There are continuous attempts at recruiting, training, and retention of workers, but there continue to be challenges to overcome.

Wages and career advancement are certainly factors. Medicaid reimburses at a very low wage. For individuals who qualify for Medicaid, the mechanisms are in place to support transitions from nursing facilities to independent living, but due to the challenges, in many cases it is just a theoretical option. For those who do not qualify for Medicaid, access to home supports are just as scarce. The community supports and home health care aides are just not available. What is the solution!?

Certainly lobbying for increased attention to this matter and for increased wages and other incentives for home health aides is important. In addition, as an Independent Living Center within a rural community, we at ATI are committed to finding ways to support family and community members to be able to play integral roles in providing supports for family and community members while caring for their own families, school and career paths.

It is recognized that this is an issue wider than Cortland County. Directors and program staff statewide are putting resources into addressing these barriers to independent living. ATI spends time regularly in Albany educating our elected officials of the needs and challenges of home care. The NYS Assembly recently heard testimony for an entire day on home care workforce issues. Certainly, we all recognize that on a larger scale, our elderly population is increasing and people are living longer than just a generation ago.

On a national level, there are initiatives, such as the Disability Integration Act. If enacted this civil rights legislation would require states and insurance providers that pay for long term services and supports (LTSS) to change their policies. They would be required to make real and meaningful changes that provide community-based services first and to offer home and community based services to people currently in institutions. These are important steps toward supporting people with disabilities to live in freedom like every other American.

In addition, on a county level, our Long Term Care Coalition (LTCC) is working hard to bring many concerned parties to the table monthly to contribute to providing solutions. Our county agencies work well together to provide integrated services to support individuals in need of continuing care services. In addition, the Coalition’s goals include the examination of unmet needs in the continuum of care and education of community and policy makers regarding long term care.

In order for people with disabilities, the elderly with health care needs, and others requiring help from others to live independently, we need to be able to provide them with home health care aides. Many people would prefer to live in an independent environment rather than an institutional setting, but in order to make that a reality, home health care aides, personal assistance aides, and visiting nurses must be available in greater numbers to supplement family and other community supports.

For more information about these important topics, contact me by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: apiche@aticortland.org.

ATI Supports National Disability Public Priorities

Every year, Access to Independence (ATI) fights for public policy that will ensure people with disabilities have access to live more independent and fully integrated lives in their communities. While much of ATI's advocacy is focused at the local and state level, ATI works hard to advocate and engage citizens at the national level, as well. To this end, ATI works closely with independent living centers across the country and with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) to advocate for national issues that impact the lives of people with disabilities. Below is a summary of a few of the national public policy priorities that ATI supports.

First, ATI supports the NCIL request for \$200 million in additional funding in the 2018 budget for Independent Living programs. NCIL continues to work with the Independent Living Administration (ILA) to actualize significant changes created by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA). The ILA works very closely with NCIL as development of new regulations continues. The regulations are one piece of the various and numerous tasks required to implement the changes. The additional funding will help ILCs to effectively carry out the additional core services as authorized under WIOA and to strengthen America's Independent ILCs.

Second, even though community-based services are overall more cost effective and the Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision requires community integration, people with disabilities are still forced into institutions. The Disability Integration Act – introduced during the 115th Congress as S.910 (Schumer-D) – aims to address this issue. Now, we seek introduction in the House of Representatives and to secure passage of this Act into law this year.

Third, along with a new Congress and new opportunities, there are also policies that do not mesh with independent living nor do they bode well for people with disabilities. ATI opposes these bills. For example, H.R. 620 - the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 would call for a specific notice and cure period before any private civil actions could be taken. Not only would private citizens who seek to file a claim under the ADA need to submit written notice, businesses would be afforded nearly six months to respond to and correct the issue. Businesses have had 27 years to remedy non-compliance

with the ADA and should not require written notice or a cure period to resolve issues that occur.

Fourth, housing affordability and accessibility continue to challenge for many people with disabilities across the country. Despite years of near-stagnant funding in the face of increasing costs of providing housing assistance and the higher need for housing assistance, the Trump Administration reportedly is planning a very large reduction to the Federal budget over the next 10 years, mostly impacting domestic programs such as housing. ATI strongly opposes cuts to housing and other domestic programs designed to assist low- to moderate-income households, including those with disabilities. ATI supports efforts and funding that aim to increase the availability of affordable, accessible and integrated housing for people with disabilities.

Finally, economic competitiveness and success are dependent upon revolutionary ideas and solutions providing Americans, including people with disabilities, with affordable and accessible transportation systems that connect our cities, suburbs, rural areas, regions and states. ATI supports and advocates for the integration of individuals with disabilities into society through universal or accessible design in both public and private transportation systems. In doing so, America honors the equal access intent of the ADA. We cautiously hope that the Trump Administration will provide appropriate enforcement through the Department of Justice.

On July 25, Access to Independence and Cortland-area advocates will travel to Washington, D.C. to fight for the rights of people with disabilities at the annual NCIL March & Rally at the Capitol. We will meet with Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand as well as with Representative Claudia Tenney to share our positions and personal stories to ensure that the message is loud and clear.

To join ATI's Advocacy Network or join us in Washington, D.C., please contact Aaron T. Baier, ATI Consumer & Systems Advocacy Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: abaier@aticortland.org. For more information on ATI's national disability public policy positions, contact Chad W. Underwood, ATI Chief Executive Officer, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: cwunderwood@aticortland.org.

ATI Loan Closet a Community Asset

Access to Independence offers a loan closet of durable medical and assistive technology equipment to help people on a short term basis. The loan closet is stocked with an assortment of walkers, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, commodes, etc. ATI also offers a variety of small doorway ramps that can be used inside a home or portable ramps that can be used on short steps outside a home.

ATI's durable medical and assistive technology equipment can be borrowed for a period of up to 3 months to try it out before getting your own or if you need it for a short period of time because of an illness, injury or surgery.

The loan closet is a free service, but call first to make sure the piece of equipment is available. ATI's loan closet is stocked with assistive equipment that have been generously donated by the community or purchased using grant funding. Sometimes ATI does run out of certain equipment.

Please note that while ATI does not accept donations of electric wheelchairs or hospital beds, staff might be able to find a new home for these items.

For more information, or if you have equipment that you would like to donate to the loan closet, contact Susan Lewis, ATI Independent Coordinator, by phone: 607-753-7363; or by email: susan.lewis@aticortland.org.



Cortland County Housing Consortium

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

May 23, 2017: 8:00 - 10:00 am

August 22, 2017: 8:00 - 10:00 am

November 28, 2017: 8:00 - 10:00 am

February 27, 2018: 8:00 - 10:00 am

All meetings are held at:
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For more information, call 607-753-7363, or contact Aaron Baier by email: abaier@aticortland.org.

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