



What's Happening in Our World This Month?

Convening in Albany, a National Celebration, Open Houses, Colorful Days, & Much More!

Happy National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month!

Every March, we recognize National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month and it is shaping up as a significant and promising period for people with disabilities across New York State.

As an organization, CP Unlimited has remained steadfast in our mission—since 1946—with a focus towards advocacy and services for people with Cerebral Palsy. While today we provide supports for people with a variety of abilities, none of us have ever forgotten our roots and the shared commitment to helping people achieve fulfilling lives nearly eighty years after the Agency began its important work.

This year presents the potential of a more accessible state for persons who use wheelchairs thanks to legislative efforts making their way through current government. This is alongside an expanded network of residential settings, educational offerings, and vocational opportunities for people with Cerebral Palsy, making 2024 a year unlike many others.

We pledge to continue raising awareness, built on our collective dedication and determination to create a better world for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for doing all you do this month, and always.

Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO



ALBANY PRESS CONFERENCE: Traveling with Dignity Act



The CP Unlimited team spent the day in Albany, New York on February 26 focused on building momentum and movement for the Traveling with Dignity Act (S.7697A / A.8373A), a bill seeking to mandate the installation of height-adjustable adult changing tables in public venues and buildings to benefit people with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and other people who use wheelchairs.

Officials who lent their support to the bill and offered inspiring messages at the press conference included a who's-who of legislative champions and grassroots reformers; we want to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to:

- Senator Peter Harckham (District 40)
- Assemblymember Chris Burdick (District 93)
- Senator Rob Rolison (District 39)
- Senator John Mannion (District 50)
- Jacqueline and Anthony Scali, Changing Spaces NY, Chapter Leaders
- Advocates Eileen Dellot, Diego Ortiz, Christina Rae, and Betty Williams
- [Not Present] Assemblymembers Dana Levenberg and Rebecca Seawright, bill co-sponsors

[See video, photos, quotes, and more from the event >>](#)

Day Hab Open Houses For Neighbors

February 22: Day Hab & Article 16 Open House



Join us to learn about CP Unlimited's comprehensive therapies, classes, programs, and caring supports for people 18+ with intellectual & developmental disabilities, including the transformative M.O.V.E. program and the SMILE Farms Greenhouses!

Location:

Cora Hoffman Center
2324 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10303

Time on February 22:
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

RSVP to Jessica Francese to confirm: jfrancese@cpofnys.org

March 5: Day Hab & Article 16 Open House



Join us to learn about CP Unlimited's comprehensive therapies, classes, programs, and caring supports for people 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Time on March 5:
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Location:
LIC Day Hab Program
36-40 37th Street
Long Island City, NY 11101

RSVP to Madelene DeSantiago to confirm: mdesantiago@cpofnys.org

February 28: Day Hab & Article 16 Open House



Join us to learn about CP Unlimited's comprehensive therapies, classes, activities, unique gardening program, and caring supports for people 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Brooklyn.

Time on February 28:
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Two Distinct Programs in a Co-Located Space:

Linda Buch Gherardi Center
921 East New York Ave. [<- ENTER HERE]
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Carmen Aquilone Day Program
842A Lefferts Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203

RSVP to Nandanie Sabajo to confirm: nsabajo@cpofnys.org

February 28: Day Hab & Article 16 Open House



Join us to learn about CP Unlimited's comprehensive therapies, classes, programs, and caring supports for people 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Tour the LEED-certified space and Metro Community Health Clinic.

Location:

West Farms Center
1880 Bryant Avenue
Bronx, NY 10460

Time on February 28:
4:30 - 6:00 PM

RSVP to Kadia Hibbert to confirm: khibbert@cpofnys.org

Our Day Hab teams across the City are hard at work preparing educational and inspirational opportunities for people to learn more about our supports for people with I/DD.

We hope you will get motivated by their efforts to showcase all of the unique services and programs available!

Through the Lens Opens to Public



After months of preparation, *Through the Lens: New Images from the Progressive Visions Photo Club* premiered on Staten Island at The National Lighthouse Museum to a huge crowd of supporters and art enthusiasts, alongside local leaders, exhibition sponsors, and museum members. The exhibition, featuring nearly a dozen images of Lighthouse museum exhibits, grounds, and local monuments, captured and edited by Frank Ferebee, Lemar Jackson, and Kimberly Bland runs through March 3, 2024.

The opening program featured remarks from **Linda Dianto, Executive Director of The Lighthouse Museum, Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO of CP Unlimited, Assemblyman Michael Reilly, Assemblyman Sam Pirozzolo, and Photographer Frank Ferebee.**

[**See more from the event including media clips and video of opening remarks >>**](#)

Check Your Closets and Get Ready



March 21



World Down Syndrome Day

Wear your craziest, mismatched set of socks and snap a photo to share with us for CP's social media.

#worlddownsyndromeday

Thursday, March 21

March 25



National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

Get your emerald, lime, and olive outfits ready to don a green ensemble and elevate and educate.

#GoGreen4CP

Monday, March 25

We look forward to seeing all of your fun, fabulous ensembles as you celebrate these exciting and colorful celebrations of abilities, awareness, and allyship.

To see your photos online, email them to communications@cpofnys.org

From the Field Communications



March 8, 2024

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CP SPRING FORMAL



Save the Date for CP Hudson Valley's annual evening of springtime sparkle: **Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Curry's Estate in Hopewell Junction from 6:00 – 10:00 PM!**

CP Unlimited: New Hires and Promotions

We recognize the accomplishments of team members who received recent promotions:

Jessica Francese is now Director of Day Services on Staten Island

Arlene Perricone-Saumell is now Director of Compliance and Special Projects

Welcoming new members of the CP Family to our team:

Yewande Adanlawo, Rehabilitation Counselor

Isaac Addo, Rehabilitation Counselor

Wale Akomalafe, Rehabilitation Counselor

Adedoyin Awode, Community Skills Specialist

Mikhail Azernov, Behavioral Intervention Specialist

Karena Barte, Program Support Assistant

Jimoh Basirat, Rehabilitation Counselor

Melissa Bentley, Nurse Case Manager

Tyrhonda Best, Day Shift Supervisor

Vincent Bryant, Day Shift Supervisor

Gideon Edoki, Rehabilitation Counselor

Sandra Foo-Sing, Direct Care Counselor

Latique Gamble, Direct Care Counselor

Stephanie Garcia, Community Habilitation Specialist

Tyrone Lawrence, Laundry Worker

Marie Lutgens, Habilitation Aide

Candice Lyons, Registered Nurse

Abidemi Nafiu, Rehabilitation Counselor

Alix Nathaniel, Direct Care Counselor

Mary Samura, Direct Care Counselor

Mirlene St. Fort, Direct Care Counselor

Fredericka Thompson, Direct Care Counselor

Chioma Ukazu, Behavioral Intervention Specialist

Ekaette Useh, Rehabilitation Counselor

Marcus White, Direct Care Counselor

CP Unlimited: IT Update

Connecting to CP Resources From Personal Devices

In our efforts to strengthen security and mitigate potential data loss, we have implemented more stringent policies for accessing CP Resources from personal devices.

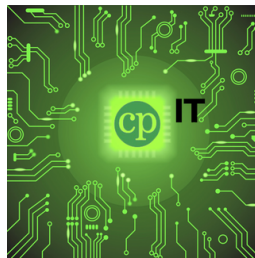
To protect company data, company resources will only be allowed to be accessed from complaint devices. You may bring your home device into compliance yourself or you may request a company device (with proper Managerial Approval) if the need to access resources from outside the office exists.

The CP IT staff will not be able to provide support or help with getting home computers compliant nor troubleshooting any personal device used. This policy applies to all applications. If, however, you wish to check your email from home, you may use the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) option to enroll your personal phones for access to company resources.

Going forward, emails that contain Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will automatically be encrypted when leaving our secured environment.

Personally Identifiable Information can be considered but not limited to:

- Social security number
- Medical Information
- Credit Card Details
- Passport Number



Once you hit the send button on your email, the information will automatically be encrypted without the need to put “Confidential” in the subject line. The DLP policy is not limited to Outlook, but includes other Microsoft 365 services such as OneDrive, Teams, and SharePoint.

To learn more about DLP, please visit [Microsoft Security-DLP](#).

Oracle Single Sign On

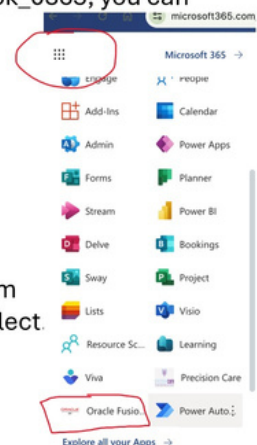
Hey CP Unlimited! Oracle Single Sign On (SSO) is now available for use! If you are using Outlook_0365, you can now access Oracle SSO.



Step1: Select the waffle iron at the top right of Outlook to open the App launcher.



Step 2: Scroll to the bottom for the Oracle icon and select.



Remember if you are still accessing PrecisionCare through a browser, make sure that the URL is <https://ecls.login.us2.oraclecloud.com/>

On The Evening of Saturday, March 9:

 Don't Forget:



Spring Ahead One Hour!

Join the CP Community Online



[Facebook.com/ConstructivePartnershipsUnlimited](https://www.facebook.com/ConstructivePartnershipsUnlimited)



[Linkedin.com/company/constructive-partnerships-unlimited-cp-unlimited/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/constructive-partnerships-unlimited-cp-unlimited/)



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