



NYSRA Profile

The New York State Rehabilitation Association is a Statewide 501 (c) (6) organization representing over 130 rehabilitation providers, advocating on behalf of people with differing disabilities and the agencies who serve them. Collectively, NYSRA's member agencies are instrumental in assisting consumers toward full integration into the community and have a rich history in promoting employment opportunities for individuals ranging from work centers to one-stops.

NYSRA is uniquely distinguished as a diverse association representing members across the rehabilitation spectrum and program sectors. NYSRA member agencies are instrumental in the communities in which they operate, as they foster person-centered planning, self determination, and consumer choice. Our providers also empower, mainstream and integrate people into the community. These are the principles through which NYSRA member agencies operate, to provide options and opportunities for people with disabilities to successfully, live, work and thrive in the community.

Welcome to NYSRA Membership

Our vast and diverse network of member agencies are NYSRA's first customer in the line of public outreach and service support. Member's issues, initiatives and ideas are the building blocks of the present and, our focus for the future in a rapidly changing rehabilitation field. Our collective service providers are rich in best practices, consumer successes, service models and organizational influence. Avail your agency the valuable information and resources offered through NYSRA and the Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute (RRTI) by becoming a member today.

NYSRA and our Institute are committed to offering the best in membership services to place your priorities at the forefront of our policy and technical support agenda. We value the opportunity to represent your interests and to share the extensive benefits NYSRA and RRTI have to offer.

Join today and begin receiving star services where your interests and those of the consumers and families you serve can best be represented – through the New York State Rehabilitation Association, Inc.



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Analysis, Action and Advocacy
on behalf of people with
differing abilities



NYSRA – An Advocacy Presence in New York State

Among the hallmarks of NYSRA leadership is to advocate on public policy and budget priorities on behalf of our membership. NYSRA interfaces throughout the year with State agency commissioners, deputy commissioners, Legislators and their key staff, central program and fiscal staff, the Governor's Office and the Division of the Budget on all programmatic and budget priorities. NYSRA also has valued partnerships with multiple advocacy associations and individual groups, State and Federal affiliates, academia and the business community on joint priorities. NYSRA places top priority on political entree to advocate on behalf of our growing membership.

Policy Analysis and Inside Information

Through NYSRA's strong political leadership and vigilant advocacy, we are committed to offering our agencies the best combination of membership support services, rapid turn around of policy and budgetary information, effective political representation and new research and technical assistance activities. To start your work week with the latest breaking news on rehabilitation issues, look for ongoing updates as the "go to" source of information in [*The ReSource*](#) each Monday.

State and National Affiliates

To strengthen NYSRA's representation on behalf of our membership, we belong to several State and Federal associations, including: the American Network of Community Options and Resources; the American Congress of Community Support and Employment Services; the National Organization of Rehabilitation Partners; the Council of Community Services, and numerous other State and regional organizations.

Rehabilitation Research & Training Institute

NYSRA has a closely allied corporation, the Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute, which is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that promotes knowledge exchange services and activities to the rehabilitation field and community providers serving people with differing abilities. The mission of the Institute is to foster excellence in community-based programs servicing people with disabilities as a clearinghouse, catalyst and convener of progressive services, activities and partnerships. The Institute operates by building alliances that promote service excellence and exemplary practices of the field. Through research and analysis, the Institute develops and offers utilitarian products for use by the community agencies we serve.

NYSRA Membership and Regional Networks

NYSRA has nine regional networks that are the locus of service delivery and a tie-back to our agencies and the communities in which they operate. NYSRA's strength as a trade association supports regional activity, through legislative advocacy, regional symposiums, technical support services and seminars offered through the Institute. Learn how your agency can become part of this network by contacting your Regional Director today.



Membership in the New York State Rehabilitation Association (NYSRA) offers you an exceptional array of services and benefits, including:

- ★ Outstanding political access for lobbying and advocacy activities on budget and programmatic priorities on behalf of NYSRA's membership and the consumers and families you serve;
- ★ Our Annual Budget Briefing on the Governor's proposed State budget, which offers presentations and details of the Executive's budget submission to the Legislature;
- ★ Special meetings and Public Awareness Disability Days, to elevate the visibility of rehabilitation providers and the array of services you offer in the community;
- ★ An inspiring Executive Management Meeting and networking opportunities each June at a picturesque location for executives, CFO's and senior managers;
- ★ Valuable seminars provided by our Rehabilitation Institute, offered locally and regionally on membership identified topic areas, public policy and financial issues;
- ★ *The ReSource*, a members-only weekly update featuring policy analysis, inside political perspectives, membership features; State & Federal developments, grants information, cutting edge news stories and upcoming events;
- ★ Five pro-active Divisions you and your senior staff can choose to participate in to help shape NYSRA's public policy agenda and the priorities that matter most to you; and
- ★ Our Fall Conference and Expo held each September with an outstanding line-up of speakers, presenters and networking opportunities.