



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR
ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

NOTE NEW DATE AND LOCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

PURPOSE: To examine the availability of employment opportunities for people with disabilities, with a specific focus on the availability of services to assist individuals in accessing employment.

Wednesday
October 20, 2021
10:00 AM

Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Both Federal and State legislatures have taken steps over the last several decades to ensure individuals with disabilities have equal opportunities to obtain gainful employment. In addition to enacting legislation, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration have initiatives available for both businesses and individuals to help prepare for and maintain employment. In addition, New York provides assistance through NYS Department of Labor and the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Despite this assistance, according to the 2020 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium, only 35 percent of people with disabilities living in New York State were employed in 2019.

The Committees are seeking to receive information from relevant stakeholders regarding the availability of employment opportunities for people with all types of disabilities, with a specific focus on what programs and services are available to prepare people with disabilities to obtain gainful employment as well as any potential barriers that may exist making it more difficult to participate in the workforce.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form no later than October 18th, 2021. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committees' staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, reasonable accommodations will be provided, upon advance request, to afford such individuals access to Assembly facilities and to participate in the hearing.

This will be an in-person hearing. Masks may be required depending on policies governing access to the Legislative Office Building on October 20, 2021.

Thomas Abinanti
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on People with Disabilities

Latoya Joyner
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Labor

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities are requested to complete this reply form no later than October 18th, 2021 and mail, email or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on People with Disabilities and Labor and the Assembly Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities on October 20, 2021.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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