

PERSON-CENTERED CULTURE

Presenter: Chris Fortune, RCWT

Christopher has worked in the field of supporting people with developmental disabilities for about 35 years. He started when the work was about closing the institutions, to more recent work helping to promote self-directed services and everything in between along the way. He has had the opportunity to work in a variety of organizations including a United Cerebral Palsy affiliate, a National Not-for-Profit and an ARC Chapter. Chris was an Executive Director where he led the organization to obtain CQL Accreditation with Person Centered Excellence, develop a DSP Credentialing Program and foster a Person Centered Culture.

Chris has a passion for helping organizations develop Person Centered Cultures. He advocates for people with disabilities to experience equal citizenship with a full understanding of what it means for an organization to actualize the concept.

Christopher has a Masters of Arts Degree in Community Psychology from The Sage Colleges and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from SUNY Oneonta. Join the **Regional Centers for Workforce Transformation** for this free workshop. The presentation will focus on a brief history, language, building on capacities, choice and supporting meaningful routines. The emphasis will be on building a culture that supports these principles which will ultimately result in more person-centered services.

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1:00 PM -

2:30 PM

Participants will:

- Identify the cultural items in an organization
- Understand how to move from a deficit based planning process to a capacity based practices
- Discover how to support choice and control for people supported
- Learn to promote person-centered language
- Develop support strategies



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