



Senate Standing Committees on Disabilities and Labor
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Public Hearing

**Examining Barriers to Employment for Individuals With Disabilities in New York and
 Assessing the Effectiveness of Existing State Policies in Promoting Equitable Employment
 Opportunities**

May 6, 2026, 10:00 am | Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY, 12210

Panel I	
1. NYS Education Department	Ceylane Meyers-Ruff Deputy Commissioner, ACCES-VR
2. NYS Education Department	Linda Schramm Deputy Commissioner, ACCES-VR
Panel II	
1. Inter Agency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies	Winifred Schiff CEO
2. New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation	Michael Seereiter President and CEO
3. Yang-Tan Institute	Wendy Strobel Gower Executive Director
Panel III	
1. New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID)	Maureen O'Brien President and CEO

2. AHRC NYC	Hannah Millson Regional Director for Employment Services
3. AHRC Nassau	Stanfort Perry CEO

Panel IV	
1. Hellen Keller Services	Ryan Odland Associate Executive Director
2. Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.	Anita Dowd Senior Vice President
3. People, Inc	Anne McCaffrey President & CEO
Panel V	
1. Self Advocacy Association of NYS	Shameka Andrews Community Outreach Coordinator
2. Center for Disability Rights NYS	Maximino Rodriguez Manager of Government Affairs
3. New York Association on Independent Living	Blaise Bryant Communications Specialist
4. Access to Independence of Cortland County	Alex Mikowski Executive Director