

## PRESENTER

**Laura Robinson** With over fifteen years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, Laura's background includes direct care, staff training, program management and development. Having completed her Master in Public Health from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Laura's focus is in research with a special interest in caregivers of adults with developmental disabilities. Laura won the prestigious 2004 Saward Award for Excellence in Community and Preventive Medicine for her thesis project on future care planning for adults with developmental disabilities living with older caregivers. Growing up in Queens, NY, and becoming a facilitator for the National Coalition Building Institute Welcoming Diversity workshops, have significantly influenced her life and motivated Laura to Chair the Cultural Competence Committee at Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities. This committee is dedicated to creating a work environment and service system that is inclusive and welcoming to all. Laura's strengths and talents will assist the PADD team to continue to identify ways to improve the lives of older persons with developmental disabilities.

## SPONSORS

**The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC)** is a consortium consisting of the Ithaca College Gerontology Institute, the University of Rochester, SUNY Institute of Technology, SUNY Brockport and NY Chiropractic College. Its mission is to offer education and training opportunities that enhance the knowledge and skills of educators, health and social service professionals.

**The Tompkins County Office for the Aging** assists the senior population of Tompkins County in remaining independent in their homes with a decent quality of life and human dignity for as long as possible and appropriate.

**Challenge** is dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and other barriers in developing their skills, interests and talents to become engaged and productive members of their communities.

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## Aging and Developmental Disabilities

An workshop for professionals in the fields of aging  
and developmental disabilities

**April 6, 2010**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**



**Challenge**  
**Board Room**  
**South Hill Business Campus**

### Sponsored by:

The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center at the  
Ithaca College Gerontology Institute  
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Challenge  
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Program in Aging and Developmental Disabilities

*With the cooperation of  
the MRDD Subcommittee of the Mental Health  
Services Board*

## WORKSHOP CONTENT

The number of people who are aging with developmental disabilities continues to grow, yet education for professionals who provide services for this population is relatively limited. This workshop is designed to provide information on aging with developmental disabilities for professionals in the fields of both aging services and developmental disabilities. This workshop will include:

- What is aging (successful, usual, pathological model)
- Myths about aging & DD
- Reasons for functional decline
- Importance of differential diagnosis
- Common chronic conditions in older adults with DD
- Pain
- Sensory Loss

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging will be available to provide print materials and information on services for older adults in our county.

**This workshop is free, but registration is required by April 2, 2010.**

**Please bring a brown bag lunch.  
Drinks and desserts will be provided.**

**Questions to:**  
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## REGISTRATION FORM FOR

### Aging and Developmental Disabilities

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**Please complete this form, and return by April 2, 2010.**

#### **Mail to:**

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