



ASCEND, an initiative of County Executive Picente and Sheriff Maciol, is a voluntary registry for individuals with a physical, mental, developmental, or chronic health condition. The registry, which is only accessible by the 911 Call Center and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, allows first responders to be aware that the individual whom they are responding to has a preexisting mental health concern, developmental disability, health condition, or has a religious or cultural consideration. The goal of this program is to ensure that all Oneida County residents who have special needs are able to get the support and resources that they need in a time of emergency or during an interaction with law enforcement, fire, or EMS personnel.

Please return application and supporting materials to:

Oneida County Sheriff's Office  
6065 Judd Road  
Oriskany, NY 13424  
Email applications to

[ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us](mailto:ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us)



If you have any questions about the ASCEND program please contact:

Oneida County Department of Planning  
Boehlert Center @ Union Station  
321 Main St. 3rd Floor  
Utica, NY 13501

For questions, call (315) 798-5710  
or email [planning@ocgov.net](mailto:planning@ocgov.net)

*Ascend*  
ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL, COGNITIVE,  
EMOTIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES

ONEIDA COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Anthony J. Picente Jr.

ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF  
Robert M. Maciol



Anyone with a physical, mental, developmental, or other chronic health condition that first responders should be aware of are encouraged to register for the ASCEND program. Caretakers of an individual with any above mentioned health condition are welcome to register on that individual's behalf. Additionally, individuals who maintain a cultural or religious lifestyle that may affect their interactions with first responders (ex. religion discourages contact with members of the opposite sex) are welcome to register.



## Why register for ASCEND?

Oneida County Executive Picente and Sheriff Maciol are striving to implement several initiatives related to mental health and disability awareness to consistently ensure that first responders will deliver an appropriate, sensitive response to individuals in the community. The ASCEND program provides emergency personnel with a tangible toolkit necessary to achieve this goal, maintain high professional standards, and continue to pursue its mission to safeguard life, property, and public order.



## What information is provided to first responders?

In addition to identifying information, registrants have the option to provide first responders with any potential triggers, calming methods, communication impairments, and frequented locations.



## Who has access to this information?

The information that you provide on the ASCEND application will only be accessible to the 911 Call Center and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office in the event of an emergency.



## What do I need to register for ASCEND?

You will need to submit the ASCEND application, as well as an up-to-date and easily identifiable photograph of the registrant to [ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us](mailto:ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us)



## Where can I find the ASCEND application?

You can register for the ASCEND program by visiting either the Oneida County Sheriff's Office website or the Oneida County Department of Mental Health website and clicking the ASCEND link to fill out the online application. The completed application must be saved to your computer and then emailed, along with a photo of the registrant, to [ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us](mailto:ascend@oneidacountysheriff.us)

A paper copy of the application can be picked up and submitted at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office located at 6065 Judd Road, Oriskany, NY 13424



## Who should I contact if I have any questions?

You can contact the Oneida County Planning Department at (315) 798-5710 or email [planning@ocgov.net](mailto:planning@ocgov.net) with "ASCEND Program" in the subject line.