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LEXINGTON NAMED ONE OF THE 2017 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR IN NEW YORK STATE

Gloversville, NY – Lexington is pleased to announce that it has been named one of the *Best Companies to Work for in New York State* for 2017. It was recognized for this honor at a public awards dinner at the Hilton Albany on Wednesday, April 19.

Lexington ranked among the top companies in the category for large employers with 250 or more employees. It is featured in a special publication profiling all 70 winning businesses from across New York State and what makes them unique employers.

The agency is honored to be recognized for one of the things that matters most to it: creating a welcoming and nurturing environment in which its valued employees can thrive. "We are grateful to our employees whose work each day makes a difference in the lives of the men and women we support. They made this award possible and we are



proud of each of them and their commitment to Lexington,” said Shaloni Winston, Executive Director of Lexington, Fulton County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.

Lexington relies on more than 1,700 full- and part-time employees to fulfill its mission of providing the best possible supports to children and adults with disabilities and their families, as well as to contribute to the community through volunteering, fundraising and patronizing local businesses. Lexington serves nearly 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, mental illness, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities, epilepsy, traumatic brain injuries and more, in Fulton and Albany counties. Though their jobs are not always easy, each Lexington employee is fully dedicated to helping the individuals they support lead fulfilling lives.

Lexington works hard to create a supportive and nurturing environment for everyone who walks in the door. Their Nurturing Environment Program, which promotes quality, ownership, relationships, support and communication, sets a high standard for excellence not only in the care of the individuals they support, but also in employee morale and workplace improvement. Lexington promotes an open door policy, transparency and open lines of communication so each employee knows they are supported professionally and personally.

In an agency of Lexington’s size, it can be difficult to connect with all the employees on a personal level. To help ensure that connection, Lexington offers a wide variety of benefits, opportunities and special events that encourage its employees to build a community around working together and having fun. Lexington is enormously grateful



that its employees choose to work for them, so it prioritizes letting them know how much their time and talent is appreciated every day.

It is Lexington's pleasure to provide such welcoming and supportive atmosphere for the people it supports and its employees, and it is an honor to be considered alongside so many other fantastic businesses across the state.

The 2017 *Best Companies to Work for in New York State* awards is a partnership of the New York State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management, The Business Council of New York, Best Companies Group and BridgeTower Media. For more information on the *Best Companies to Work for in New York State* program, including the entire list of winning companies, please visit www.BestCompaniesNY.com. The Best Companies to Work for in New York State awards are celebrating 10 years of recognizing the best employers in the state. This distinctive program evaluates and ranks the best places of employment based on employee satisfaction and engagement, as well as workplace practices and policies.

Lexington, a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit agency providing a wide range of services to adults and children who are disabled in Fulton and Albany Counties. Created in 1953 by a group of concerned parents, Lexington is recognized as one of the leading agencies of its kind in New York State.

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