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New York State Independent Living Council,

Empowering New Yorkers with disabilities

News Briefs, Fall 2015

DEVELOPMENT OF THE THREE-YEAR STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL) - YEARS 2017, 2018, and 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides the authority for the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC) and the network of Federally-Funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to seek public input on priority needs related to disability issues to guide the development of the next three-year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The State Plan is supported by the currently identified Designated State Units (DSU's) – the New York State Education Department/ Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES – VR) and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services – New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB). The SPIL is a plan designed to improve Independent Living (IL) services for individuals with disabilities in New York State. The IL State Plan also helps to identify the needs and priorities of consumers, providers, and other stakeholders involved in the CIL network to highlight and identify common strategies. Ultimately, the State Plan is a tool that directs the use of Federal IL funding.

Public Hearings

The New York State Independent Living Council is committed to providing full access for people with disabilities. Public hearings are open to the entire community. All hearings will be held in locations accessible to people with disabilities. Materials will be provided in alternative formats. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting, CART and Assistive Listening Devices will be provided. Other accommodations (such as tactile interpreting) will be available upon request.

• Date: October 14, 2015
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Location: Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY) Queens, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road #107, Kew Gardens, NY 11415

• Date: October 21, 2015
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Location: Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC), 135 East Frederick Street, Binghamton, NY 13904

• Date: October 28, 2015
Time: 2:00-4:00 PM
Location: North Country Center for Independence (NCCI), 80 Sharron Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Facilitated Sessions at Public Events
Facilitated sessions at public events require registration and participation per event guidelines. Focus groups will also be encouraged at various CILs in the statewide network that choose to participate.

• Date: September 16, 2015
Time: 3:30-4:45 PM
Location: New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) Statewide IL Conference, Troy Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY, 12180

• Date: October 26-27, 2015
Time: 2:15-3:30 PM, Sage Room.
Location: CDPAANYS Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY 12180

Written comments are can be submitted to NYSILC before 5:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2015. Comments can be sent via mail to NYSILC, 111 Washington Avenue, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12210, faxed to (518) 427-1139, or e-mailed to bradw@nysilc.org. Comments can also be sent by visiting the NYSILC website at www.nysilc.org. Click and follow the menu options provided on the home page for "SPIL Comments."

Governor Cuomo and the New York State Medicaid Waiver Law by

"Living Independently with a Disability," Capital Tonight, hosted by Liz Benjamin, 9/21/15. Link to interview: http://www.twcnews.com/nys/capital-region/capital-tonight-interviews/2015/09/21/brad-williams.html

SAVE THE DATE!

- The final **NYSILC full council meeting** for this year is scheduled for **Friday, November 13, 2015** at the **Troy Hilton Garden Inn**.

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