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New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

Empowering New Yorkers with disabilities

NYSILC News Briefs, Summer 2015

Reflects the highlights of the Council for the previous contract year: [2014_NYSILC_Annual_Report](#)

The Agenda was developed by the Public Policy Committee based on statewide needs assessment priorities: [2015_NYSILC_Public_Policy_Agenda](#)

Report prepared by Krieger Solutions LLP based on committee work and council review and approval: [2014_SPIL_Evaluation_Report](#)

Facebook Post from Bruce Darling, NYS ADAPT, July 14, 2015, regarding the need for the Community Integration Act..... “We have had the ADA for 25 years. The Olmstead decision has been in place for 16 years. Even so, there are still many people trapped in nursing facilities and other institutions. They are denied their birthright as Americans simply because they have disabilities. The access and rights we fought for mean little inside the walls of their institutions”....READ MORE: [ADAPT/Community Integration Act](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

- The next NYSILC full council meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn.
- “Back to the Future:” 2015 IL Statewide Conference is scheduled for September 16 and September 17 at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn.

- **“Recovery at the Crossroad: The Choices and Changes Ahead:”** **NYAPRS 33rd Annual Conference** is scheduled for **September 16-18** at the **Hudson Valley Resort** in **Kerhonkson, NY**.

Thank You for Your Support!

NYSILC would like to thank all of our donors to the **Leadership Development and Civic Engagement Program (LDCEP)** for their contributions to help support this initiative. With your support, we can successfully move on to phase II of the campaign goal of increasing leadership skills and the number of New Yorkers with disabilities who become directly involved with their communities through civic engagement activities.

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