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Update on Development of Draft SPIL 2017-2019

The public comment period ended for the draft SPIL February 26th. The SPIL Committee met to consider the input. The draft SPIL was edited accordingly. The following steps must be accomplished in a timely manner:

- Federal CIL Directors meet to review, approve draft SPIL (March 14, 2016)
- SILC meets to review, approve draft SPIL (April 15, 2016)
- Final clean copy of draft SPIL/ signatures required (June 2016)
    - By SILC chair, Federal CIL directors (at least 51% legal entities), and DSE regarding administrative duties
- Upload draft NY SPIL 2017-2019 by June 30th to ACL MIS

Draft SPIL 2017-2019 Webinar: Below is a link to Power Point and audio:

Draft SPIL 2017-2019 PPT and Webinar

Olmstead Housing Subsidy Grant

NYAIL received notification from the Department of Health that they have been awarded the Olmstead Housing Subsidy grant. The $10 million dollar, two-year grant will direct more than 70% toward housing subsidies for people transitioning out of nursing facilities. This program will be an invaluable enhancement to their Open Doors Transition Center & Peer projects, allowing them to staff housing locators across the state and assist more than 500 individuals to transition back to the community with a housing subsidy. It is anticipated to start May 1st.

Disability Rights Groups Against Aid in Dying

Capitol Tonight

Thursday, March 3, 2016

"**New Bill Introduces Hope for Community Based Living to Become a Civil Right**" By Patty Black, January 2016. Disability rights group ADAPT has long been advocating for the needs of people with disabilities in institutional care to have access to home and community-based services. These services are much more desirable for people so they can have their independence and lead satisfying lives right among their own family and friends. Full Blog: https://nysilc.wordpress.com/2016/01/14/new-bill-introduces-hope-for-community-based-living-to-become-a-civil-right/

"**The Missing Disability Dimension in Diversity Conversations & Actions**" by Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi With the #OscarsSoWhite campaign, a spotlight has been put on the lack of racial diversity in the Oscars. Article after article focuses on the absence of Black, Hispanic, Latino and Asian Americans being nominated by the Academy. That is needed. However, it's not enough: http://respectabilityusa.com/oscarssoable-and-the-failed-annenberg-report-the-missing-disability-dimension-in-diversity-conversations-actions/

SAVE THE DATE!

- The first **NYSILC full council meeting** for this year is scheduled for **Friday, April 15, 2016** at the **Troy Hilton Garden Inn**.

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