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New York State Independent Living Council,
Empowering New Yorkers with disabilities



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Update on Draft SPIL 2017-2019

As the new state plan partners, the federal CIL directors and SILC have reviewed and approved the draft SPIL. All signatures have been collected, and the document has been uploaded to the Administration for Community Living (ACL)-Management Information System (MIS) for review.

- [Latest Version of the Draft NYS SPIL 2017-2019](#)

Groups Sue New York Over Inaccessible Online Voter Registration for People with Disabilities

On June 9, 2016, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) filed a lawsuit against the New York State Board of Elections and the Department of Motor Vehicles, because their online voter registration option is not accessible to those with disabilities.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), the Center for the Independence of the Disabled (CIDNY), and individual plaintiffs. States are required by law to meet accessibility and confidentiality standards when providing services such as online voter registration, and the complaint charges that New York is failing to comply.

Recent Links:

- [NYSILC 3-Year Public Policy Agenda](#)
- [2015 SPIL Evaluation Report](#)
- [Ruderman White Paper](#) on media coverage of law enforcement use of force and disability.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Hudson River Regional Youth Forum: August 6, 2016, 10 AM – 2 PM, at the Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.
- Long Island Regional Youth Forum: August 18, 2016, 12:30 – 3:30 PM, at Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc., Old Bethpage, NY.
- Western Regional Youth Forum: August 25, 2016, 1-4 PM, at the Baker Hall School, Buffalo, NY.
- SANYS presents the 2016 Annual State Self-Advocacy Conference on September 8th – September 10th at the Albany Marriot on Wolf Road in Colonie, NY. Register for the conference on the [SANYS webpage](#).
- The New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS) presents their annual conference: “Advancing Whole Health & Healthy Communities: The Pathway to Population Health.” This year’s conference will be held from September 14-16 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Conference Center in Kerhonkson, NY. [Registration is open](#).
- The next NYSILC full council meeting will be held on Friday, September 16th from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn.

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