

NYSILC

New York State Independent Living Council

*-Empowering New Yorkers with
disabilities.*

News Briefs, Fall 2016

Update on Draft SPIL 2017-2019

The 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living has been approved!

On Tuesday September 6th the SILC Chair was notified by the Director of the Independent Living Administration that the FY 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living has been approved by the Administration for Community Living.

[MS Word Text Version of the SPIL Approval Letter](#)

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[NYS Plan for Independent Living \(SPIL\), Microsoft Word Version](#)

SPIL Highlights:

- After twelve years of funding, the Statewide Systems Advocacy Network (SSAN) was expanded in terms of the number of sites and amount to each location.

- For the first time in New York State, Innovation & Expansion (I&E) funds were used to supplement the SILC resource plan.
 - The SILC optioned the three new authorities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in the approved plan and will look to expand activities in the areas of resource development, statewide systems advocacy and leadership development.
 - A single demonstration project will be provided to the network for an identified unserved/underserved target population actively engaged in one or both of following priority issues: affordable, accessible housing and transportation.
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Recent Links:

- [2015 NYSILC Annual Report](#)
 - [Ruderman White Paper](#): On Employment of Actors With Disabilities in Television.
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SAVE THE DATE!

- Then next NYSILC full council meeting will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY.
- Youth Power! [Upcoming Events](#):
 - Rensselaer Youth Advisory Council, Voices of Youth Advisors (VOYA), Presents: VOYA Knowledge Nights, [Work Incentives and Benefits Advisement](#) at the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley in Troy, NY. Monday, October 3, 2016, 5:00 PM - 7 PM. 518-432-0333 ext. 19.
 - [Transition Age Youth Institute Conference](#): September 22-23, the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, New York.

- [The How-Tos of Youth Guided Practice](#): October 21, 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Orleans/Niagra BOCES, 4124 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn, NY.
- [NYC Regional Youth Forum, Art and Activism](#): Friday, November 4, 2016, 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM, 493 East 153rd St, Bronx, NY.
- [VOYA Knowledge Nights: Capital District Educational Opportunity Center](#): Monday October 17, 2016, 5:00 PM to 7 PM at the Educational Opportunity Center, 431 River St., Troy, NY. 518-432-0333 ext. 19.

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