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News Briefs, Spring 2017

Patricio "Pat" Figueroa, Jr. Sponsorship for Young Adults with Disabilities: Spring is a busy time of year for those planning to travel to independent living conferences and trainings across the country. The Patricio "Pat" Figueroa, Jr. Sponsorship for Young Adults with Disabilities can help offset the cost of attending one of these important events by providing young adults with disabilities a needs-based sponsorship of up to \$250. Please check out the [NYSILC webpage](#) for more information and to download an application.

Council Creates New Monitoring and Evaluation Committee: A new committee has been created for the sole purpose of addressing the monitoring and evaluation responsibilities of the council. The Monitoring & Evaluation Committee will evaluate

all SPIL objectives and projects using consultant-developed protocols as a guideline.

The new committee will meet the afternoon before each quarterly full council meeting to review the SILC monitoring document, utilizing the protocols. The chair will report the highlights of the session to the full council. The Monitoring & Evaluation Committee replaces the Outreach Committee, which was previously conducting partial monitoring for the council's capacity building outreach projects, as well as managing the Pat Figueroa young adult sponsorships. The sponsorships will now be promoted, reviewed and approved through the Youth Leadership Subcommittee.

NYSILC Website Redesign: The NYSILC website, www.nysilc.org, has recently undergone a redesign facilitated by the Association Development Group (ADG). The council is waiting for its IT vendor, Jeremy McGowan Enterprises Corporation (JMEC), to switch over the redesign. Page content will then be updated and addressed.

New York Statewide CIL Consumer Satisfaction Survey: The 2017 Consumer Satisfaction Survey is a joint project of the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) and the Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). This survey is conducted in the first year of each State Plan to assess the level of consumer satisfaction with New York State Independent Living Center services. The survey encompasses both the Service Centers for Independent Living (SCILs) as well as the federally-funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs). The "choice-method format" consists of eleven questions, an open comment section, and four demographic questions. Each center is now nearing completion of their survey obligation. When all surveys are

complete, the council will compile center specific results, pull together statewide results with the assistance of a consultant, and draft a final report.

Recent Links:

- [Ruderman White Paper](#): Media Coverage of the Murder of People with Disabilities by their Caregivers.
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SAVE THE DATE!

The next NYSILC full council meeting will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 in the Sage Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY.

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