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The NYSILC **Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Committee** is in the process of planning for the next **3-year SPIL formulation for 2020-2022**. We have just completed the statewide public hearing schedule, which will take place from July through August. We visited Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO), Brooklyn Center for Independent Living (BCID), AIM Independent Living Center, Independent Living of Genesee Region, and Southern Adirondack Independent Living (SAIL).



Brad Williams, executive director of NYSILC, speaking at the AIM Independent Living Center SPIL hearing.

Over the next couple of months we will be evaluating the feedback from the hearings and written comments for the SPIL. Many issues such as housing and transportation are, to no surprise, still the bulk of the conversation. These hearings, however, have shown the varying levels of concern throughout the different regions of the state.

Direct feedback from consumers is an integral part of creating the state plan. All feedback is appreciated and we would like to thank all who participated. Be on the lookout for the completed SPIL evaluation once all the data has been processed.

Reports:

The 2017 SPIL Evaluation Report is located at https://www.nysilc.org/images/2017_SPIL_Evaluation_Report_.pdf.

Save the Date!

The next NYSILC Full Council Meeting will be on **Friday,**

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September 14th in the Sage Ballroom of the Troy Hilton Garden Inn.

Upcoming events/activities

EmpoweredNYC webinar *SSI: Benefits and Work Incentives You Need To Know* will be **Tuesday, September 11th**. For more info and link to register, click [here](#).

NYAPRS 36th Annual Conference *Dignity, Recovery & Social Justice for All* will be **Wednesday, September 12th - Friday, September 14th** at Honors Haven Resort & Spa, Ellenville, NY. Click [here](#) to register.

Summit on Aging & Independence will be **Tuesday, September 18th** at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, New York 14202. Click [here](#) to register.

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