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The Independent Living Administration (ILA) at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) sent a communication in October to inform states and territories about the process to **amend or provide technical edits to their current Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to accommodate a fourth year for 2020**. This news interrupted SPIL formulation and development efforts in place for the next 3-year plan. ACL noted that the additional year was needed to allow states and partners to utilize the new SPIL template next fall for the new, revised 3-year plan cycle of 2021-2023.

On 11/2/18, the NYSILC Executive Committee reviewed and approved a plan for New York to make technical edits to its existing SPIL to accommodate a fourth year for 2020. The full council discussed and approved this plan at its meeting on 11/9/18. The majority of the Federal CIL directors approved this plan by an online vote. The SPIL Committee met on 11/30/18 to review general technical edits to the SPIL and plan to review a draft online when it is completed.

Reports:

The 2018 Statewide Needs Assessment Report is located at https://nysilc.org/images/NYSILC_2018_Statewide_Needs_Assessment_Report.doc.

The 2018 NYSILC Annual Report is located at <https://nysilc.org/resources/key-documents/reports/annual-reports/298-2017-18-nysilc-annual-report/file>.

Save the Date!

The next NYSILC Full Council Meeting will be on **Friday, March 29th** at the River's Casino, Schenectady, NY.

NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame – Awards Ceremony/Event, **Thursday, June 13th** at the River's Casino, Schenectady, NY.

NYSILC Full Council Meeting **Friday, June 14th** at the River's Casino, Schenectady, NY.

Upcoming events/activities

NYAIL Legislative Day, **February 11, 2019**, Legislative Office

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SILC Congress 2019, **February 25-27, 2019**, Rosen Centre Hotel,
Orlando, FL.

Interested in a Pat Figueroa Scholarship for youth/young adults with disabilities in New York?

- Visit the following webpage for details:
<https://www.nysilc.org/programs/pat-figueroa-program>.

Interesting in finding out more about the Leadership Development and Civic Engagement Program?

- Visit the LDCEP website: www.ldcep.org.
- Become a member: <http://www.ldcep.org/register.php>.

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