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CDPAANYS Legislative Day

It was a fantastic turnout of advocates from throughout the state. The day was filled with powerful speeches on prominent disability issues and how to fight for change. The speakers included both Health Committee Chairs (Senator Rivera, Assemblymember Gottfried), Senator James Skoufis, and Assemblyman Phil Steck (Chair of the Taskforce on People with Disabilities).



SILC Congress

This year SILC Congress gathered 40 of the 55 SILCs together in Orlando to discuss best practices, changes to the SPIL requirements, and a plethora of other issues facing the SILCs. NYSILC's own Brad Williams presented in three different workshops. Not only were the SILCs able to learn from each other, but there were also representatives from ACL there to discuss the new SPIL requirements and answer any other questions put forth. Overall, it was a great learning experience for all the SILCs.

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Agendas:

The NYSILC Public Policy Committee reviewed and approved the NYAIL 2019 Legislative and Budget priority agendas:

- NYAIL 2019 Legislative Agenda:
https://ilny.us/phocadownload/NYAIL%202019%20legislative%20DPA_1.31.19_FINAL.pdf
- NYAIL 2019 Budget Agenda:
https://ilny.us/phocadownload/NYAIL%20Budget%20DPA_2.05.19%20FINAL.pdf

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

- Ignite: 2019 NCIL Annual Conference, July 22-25, 2019, Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC.
- 2019 APRIL Annual Conference, October 25-28, 2019, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI.

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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