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## News Briefs, Summer 2019

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### NCIL Conference



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Ann L. Scherff

Lynn Drucker

##### Youth Representative



The annual NCIL Conference was held from July 22-25, 2019 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. Themed "Ignite," the conference included informational & participation sessions, film screenings, and a march to the Capitol to demonstrate support for the independence of people with disabilities.

#### Reports:

The 2018 SPIL Evaluation report is located at:

[https://nysilc.org/images/FINAL\\_NYSILC\\_2018\\_SPIL\\_Evaluation\\_Report.docx](https://nysilc.org/images/FINAL_NYSILC_2018_SPIL_Evaluation_Report.docx)

#### 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](https://ilny.us/phocadownload/NYAIL%202019%20legislative%20DPA_1.31.19_FINAL.pdf)
- NYAIL 2019 Budget Agenda:  
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Marc Rosen

**Other Appropriate**

**Individuals**

Zach Garafalo  
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**Executive Director:**

Brad Williams

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Amy Wink

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Jonathan Serrano

## Save the Date!

The next NYSILC Full Council Meeting will be on **Friday, September 20th** at the Marriott Courtyard Schenectady.

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## Upcoming events/activities

- NYAIL Statewide Conference and Expo September 10 & 11 at the Albany Capital Center.
  - 2019 APRIL Annual Conference, October 25-28, 2019 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.
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## 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](http://www.ldcep.org).
- Become a member: <http://www.ldcep.org/register.php>.

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