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Critical Needs Survey for New Yorkers with Disabilities

As New York State has been particularly affected by the Coronavirus, we are assessing critical needs faced by New Yorkers with disabilities and seeking your valuable input through an online survey. Results will inform the public and providers of changing situations which may impact services.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes - we appreciate receiving responses **by May 15th.**

Click on the following link to participate in the survey:
[\[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3ZXRSHP\]](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3ZXRSHP)

Versión en español de la encuesta:
[\[https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/JJ3BWGN\]](https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/JJ3BWGN)

Please distribute the survey link to help us get the best results. Thank you!

New Yorkers With Disabilities Critical Needs Survey



We want to hear from you and how you've been impacted by the Corona Virus

Take our survey by May 15th

NYSILC is Working Remotely

We are holding daily staff meetings, committee meetings, and full council meetings via Zoom. The staff is monitoring voicemails, emails, and the Contact Us inquiries from the website. Our policies have been updated and our fiscal procedures adjusted as we moved out of the physical office. We've also built a Covid-19 resources page on our website:

<https://nysilc.org/resources/covid-19-resources>

as well as a Zoom user's guide at:

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We are monitoring the information and daily alerts related to the coronavirus and will make informed decisions related to its future meetings and events. Updates will be posted on the NYSILC website and distributed to listed via Constant Contact and social media.

Welcome, Emily Bianche!

With the best possible timing, we recently hired a new staff person. We welcome Emily Bianchine, our Community Building and Media Specialist, who came on board just in time to work remotely! Among other duties, Emily is handling our videoconferencing, posting social media, and creating videos. Her email is emilyb@nysilc.org.

Participate in the NYSILC Full Council Meeting via Zoom

NYSILC's next full council meeting will be held via Zoom on Friday, May 29, 2020. To join the meeting as a member of the public, please check our calendar page for log-in information as the date approaches:

<https://nysilc.org/component/dpcalendar/event/45>.

NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame POSTPONED

Due to Coronavirus concerns, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner has been postponed. Originally scheduled for May 28th, 2020 at the Albany Wolf Road Marriott, our new event date is **May 6, 2021** at the same location.

Refer to our [Hall of Fame web page](#) as the date approaches for additional details about the event and how to attend, sponsor, or advertise in the program.

Contributions:

NYSILC acknowledges the following contributors for their generous donations during this past quarter (January 1 - March 31, 2020). THANK YOU!

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Doug Usiak, Robert Gumson, Brad Williams, Aileen Martin, Robert Meek, Joseph Bravo, Lynn Drucker, Ann (and David) Scherff, Chad Eldred, and Cliff Perez

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Congressman Paul Tonko, Richard Koch, Michael Gilberg

Businesses and Organizations

Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc, Northern Regional Center for Independence, Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, Trustco, The Viscardi Center, and the Western New York Independent Living Center

Save the Date! May 6, 2021

NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony & Dinner

Upcoming events/activities:

- **NYSILC Full Council Meeting, May 29, 2020**
(10am-1pm) via Zoom
 - **NYSILC Full Council Meeting, September 25, 2020**
at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY
 - **NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony & Dinner, May 6, 2021** (5:30-9:30 pm) at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY.
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Interested in a Pat Figueroa Scholarship for youth/young adults with disabilities in New York?

Visit the following web page for details

<https://www.nysilc.org/programs/pat-figueroa-program>.

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