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#### Parent/Guardian

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#### Youth Representative

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#### Other Appropriate Individuals

### NYSILC's Office Schedule

NYSILC staff has been working remotely since mid-March. Beginning in mid-June, we re-opened on a new schedule; a staff person is now in the office primarily on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This will be our in-office schedule going forward; staff will be working remotely when not in the office.

### New Twitter and LinkedIn pages

NYSILC's newest staff member, Emily Bianchine, has been working on the creation of new Twitter and LinkedIn sites. We are currently transitioning from the old sites to the new. Please visit and share to get the word out - thank you!

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/NewYorkStateILC>

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/67298340>

### NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame

Due to Coronavirus concerns, the New York State Disability Rights 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** beginning at 5:30pm 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.

### Statement of Support of Black Lives and Greater Rochester's Black Agenda

NYSILC has pledged to work together towards full equality and justice for all, including the reform of institutions and their discriminatory policies and practices. We are committed to systemic change.

Our full statements of solidarity in support of black lives and against racism can be found on our website at <https://nysilc.org/news/news-archives/196-nysilc-solidarity->

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### Current Council Members

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

### Former Council Members

David Whalen, Susan Ruff

### Other Individuals

Kenneth Claflin, Assemblymember Brian Kolb, 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

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## Save the Date! May 6, 2021

**NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame  
Awards Ceremony & Dinner**

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### Upcoming events/activities:

- **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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