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## News Briefs, Winter 2021

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## Statewide Consumer Satisfaction Survey

The 2021 Consumer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) is a joint project of the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) and Adult Center and Continuing Educational Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR).

The survey encompasses both the federally funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and the Service Centers for Independent Living (SCILs) and is sent to consumers of those centers.

Survey data is collected and consolidated in order to measure the level of satisfaction that New York State consumers with disabilities have with the independent living services provided by the centers.

This survey is conducted in the first year of each State Plan (in this case, 2021). The report is based on 2020 contract-year center data, with surveys sent out to identified Consumer Service Records (CSRs).

For more information about the Consumer Satisfaction Survey: <https://nysilc.org/consumer-satisfaction>

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## NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame

Due to Coronavirus concerns, the New York State Disability Rights Hall of Fame awards ceremony, scheduled for May 6th, 2021, will be a virtual event. The five inductees are:

**Robert Gumson**  
**Edith Prentiss**  
**Susan Scheer**  
**Melvyn Tanzman**  
**James Weisman**

Please visit our Hall of Fame web page as the date approaches for additional details about this event and how to attend or sponsor: <https://nysilc.org/hof>. We look forward to joining with you to celebrate our inductees on May 6th!

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## Upcoming events/activities:

- **NYSILC Full Council Meeting -Friday, April 30th** from 10 am to 1 pm via Zoom. Please visit <https://nysilc.org/council/meetings-calendar> for details.
- **NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame virtual awards Ceremony, May 6, 2021** virtual event. Check here for details and updates: <https://nysilc.org/hof>

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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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