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SILC Ambassador Sponsorships

NYSILC supported a new program to engage council members through SILC Ambassador Sponsorships. The sponsorships were a way for council members to become more engaged by supporting groups within their own communities. Through this connection, an opportunity was made to raise awareness about the council and the Independent Living (IL) network and extend NYSILC's reach in the process.

Twelve council members served as SILC Ambassadors and connected with organizations in their community they felt were good matches that could benefit from the mutual support and awareness. Through these connections, NYSILC intends to increase its reach to access new council members, find more nominees and support for the NYS Disability Rights Hall of Fame, and generate more applications for the Pat Figueroa Scholarships.

The following organizations were supported by the 2022 SILC Ambassador Sponsorships

Pride Center of the Capital Region
ACR Health Q Center
Central Harlem Senior Citizens Centers
Rural Health Network of SCNY
MANOS Dual Language Early Education Program
Spina Bifida Association of New York State
Supporting Our Youth & Adults Network (SOYAN) Inc.
Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service
Albany Food Not Bombs
New York State Poor People's Campaign (Capital Region Committee)
Association on Aging in New York
Rochester Rookies
Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped Inc.
Yonkers Community Action Plan (YCAP)
St. Regis Tribe Youth Program
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A few examples of social media posts where council members present the sponsorships include:

- Doug Usiak to Your Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=472983631538361&set=a.378198494350209
- Cliff Perez to Spina Bifida Association of New York State, https://www.facebook.com/clifton.perez.7/posts/pfbid0YSQTvogZsgfWhqZH8bZSpnCVEYTBKqL8KAjSvGPHZvQozehCwZxkicMqDsRZCTjrl
- Katy Carroll to Association on Aging in New York, https://www.facebook.com/NewYorkStateIndependentLivingCouncilInc/photos/a.453637937992419/5594812523874909, and
- Aaron Baier to the Pride Center of the Capital Region https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10161967663824992&set=a.59858099991

Current NY SPIL 2021-2023 to be Amended with a 4th Year

On 10/14/22, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) notified states, territories, and DSEs that they were revising State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) instrument and instructions, as well as developing a portal to allow grantees to submit their SPILs through Q90. To allow enough time to complete both, and to provide additional guidance to grantees, they were delaying 3-year SPIL submissions. Similar to the process for the one-year SPIL in FY 2020, ACL asked States to review their current SPILs and submit technical or substantive amendments by June 30, 2023 to extend their current SPILs another year. The next 3-year SPIL will be 2025-2027.

NYSILC 2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Report Completed!

The NYSILC Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) worked with consultants (Krieger Solutions, LLP and KSD Strategies) to complete the 2022 report: https://nysilc.org/images/NYSILC_2022_Statewide_Needs_Assessment_Final_Report.docx.
NAC members are listed on page 45 of the report.

Contributions:

NYSILC acknowledges the following contributors for their generous donations. Thank You!

Hall of Fame

NYSILC would like to thank all of the guests, donors, and sponsors who contributed to the Fourth Annual New York State Disability Rights Hall of Fame on May 12th, 2022. Thank you for your contributions and support!

Other Individuals
Marieta Austin

Businesses and Organizations
NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Upcoming events/activities:

- **Next NYSILC Full Council Meeting -**Friday, December 16th, 2022 starting at 9:30 am. Please visit https://nysilc.org/council/meetings-calendar for details.

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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