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Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY

## Special Meeting for LATINAS AND LATINOS

CIDNY is holding an evening for Latinas and Latinos on "Disabilities and Your Rights." You'll learn more about dealing with employment discrimination, housing discrimination, access to public facilities, planning for your children's future after graduation, and talking to policymakers, in Spanish or English, about your concerns.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Queens Borough Public Library, 41-17 Main Street in Flushing, Queens.

If you are interested in attending, contact Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo at 646-442-4148. Please let us know if you need any accommodations, such as large print or interpretation services, by Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Refreshments will be served.

## Una Cita Especial para Latinas y Latinos

Para una noche CIDNY va tener una cita de "Discapacidades y su Derechos." Aprenderás como entender sus derechos en discriminación en el trabajo, discriminación en la vivienda, acceso a los servicios públicos, educación y objetivo para después de graduación de su hijo, y como hablar, en español o ingles, de sus preocupaciones a los legisladores.

La cita será el 18 de agosto de 6 -8 p.m. en Queens Borough Public Library, 41-17 la calle de Main en Flushing, Queens.

Por favor llamen a Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, 646-442-4148, para confirmar su asistencia. Si necesita acomodamientos como letras de tamaño grande o servicios de interpretación por favor déjenos saber antes del 11 de agosto del 2010. Refrescos serán servido.

## Coming Soon: New York's Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan

The health care reform law contains a provision creating a statewide insurance pool for uninsured high-risk individuals, who are people with medical conditions that are expensive to treat. New York anticipates that they will begin accepting applications for the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan in late August, with coverage to begin in the fall. To be eligible you must be a citizen or "lawfully present", must not have had creditable coverage for six months, and have one of an inclusive list of conditions. The benefit package will be very comprehensive, the co-insurance will be reasonable, and the premium, which will be subsidized by the federal government, is proposed to be in the \$350 to \$450 range. Representatives of GHI, an EmblemHealth Group, and the State Insurance Department who are developing the Plan came to CIDNY to tell us more about it. To see the PowerPoint presented at the meeting go to [www.cidny.org](http://www.cidny.org). For more information contact Heidi Siegfried at 646.442.4741 or [hsiegfried@cidny.org](mailto:hsiegfried@cidny.org).

## Working to make Voting Accessible

CIDNY's Voting Project would like to hear from you:

- If you've had problems voting in your community like everyone else because your poll site isn't accessible.
- If you are interested in joining a CIDNY team to survey poll sites for accessibility during the **September 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election** and **November 2<sup>nd</sup> General Election**.
- If you have questions about your rights as a voter, or would like to practice voting on the new voting machines before the fall elections.

Contact Rima McCoy, Voting Rights Coordinator, at 646-442-4146 or [rmccoy@cidny.org](mailto:rmccoy@cidny.org)



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### **ADA Celebration A GREAT Success**

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, CIDNY held a celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The event premiered the documentary, "20 Years of the ADA", to nearly 200 consumers, partners and supporters. The film captured the everyday stories of people with disabilities, and demonstrated that while we've come a long way, we still have a long way to go. You can watch it online and see photos from the event at [www.cidny.org](http://www.cidny.org).

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event together and to all who attended. It was a special night and we couldn't have done it without you. Let's keep moving forward to realize the promise of the ADA.

Businesses that donated to the event include: Astor Center, Jack Bistro, Foliage Design Systems of NNJ, Trader Joe's, Costco, Whole Foods Market, Grimaldi & Yeung, CKC Design and Endless Picnic. Wonderful live music was provided by Meryl Zimmerman and Jeff Koch.



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CIDNY Quick Take