



# Quick Takes

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## July 2018

### Join Us at the Disability Pride Parade

We had so much fun at last year's event and we're gearing up for another Disability Pride Parade on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am starting in Madison Square. [Check out the event listing on Facebook](#) or see the calendar below for more details.



[Image description: Marchers at disability pride parade with wheelchair users at the front.]

### CIDNY Speaks with International Delegations

CIDNY was recently invited by the U.S. Department of State to address visitors from the People's Republic of China. Their objectives included examining federal, state, and local legislative measures and programs that support people with disabilities in the areas of education, housing, and employment; illustrating American perspectives on the rights of the disabled, and the respect for physical diversity and neurodiversity as they contribute to a dynamic civil society; and showcasing a broad range of grassroots advocacy initiatives, resources for parents and families, public awareness campaigns, and self-advocacy tools for adults with disabilities.

We were also asked by Members of the European Parliament responsible for Human Rights & Social Affairs who were visiting NYC for a meeting of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities to speak about the status of people with disabilities and implementation of civil rights law.

Earlier this year, we hosted delegations from Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and South Korea. Next month, our colleagues at Brooklyn Center for Independence of the

Disabled (BCID) and Disability Rights Advocates will join us for a discussion with delegates from Taiwan on emergency planning and people with disabilities.

### Child Victims Act Update



[Image description: The word "enough" over a child's handprint.]

We continue to call upon State lawmakers to pass the Child Victims Act. Children with disabilities are 2.9 times more likely than children without disabilities to be sexually abused. Children with intellectual or mental health disabilities appear to be more at risk, with 4.6 times the risk of sexual abuse as their peers without disabilities. Many survivors delay reporting and are less likely to be believed when they do report.

Assembly Member Rosenthal continues to advocate for the victims/survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Whenever we go to Albany, she opens her office as a strategy and gathering space.

We are [opposing the Senator Young bill](#), which lets powerful institutions with deep pockets out of their obligations to victims of child sexual abuse (CSA).

- The Asset Forfeiture Fund sweeps funds to programs that aid other survivors, e.g. a program to end the Rape Kit backlog, and not the person who filed the claim.
- It does not hold abusers and those who covered up or perpetuated abuse accountable. It does not require them to pay anything to their victims. It doesn't allow for negligence claims against the institutions.
- It lets insurers, who have collected payments to cover negligence, off the hook.
- It establishes a process for survivors of CSA that is unlike the process for other damaged parties.
- It does nothing to expand the civil statute of limitations going forward.
- It requires a 90-day waiting period to file a claim.
- It will limit awards because the fund has a cap.



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- The chief administrator can maintain a publicly accessible website listing the names of the perpetrators of the abuse, the approximate time of the abuse and approximate geography.

We will continue to fight for the passage of the "real" Child Victims Act. You can contact Senate elected officials to vote against the Young bill.

## Project Open House



[Image description: Graphic of a house, a wheelchair user, and a hammer and wrench.]

Administered by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), Project Open House removes architectural barriers in the homes of people with permanent disabilities. This program is designed to increase independence in the activities of daily living, thus helping people with disabilities remain a part of their communities. POH provides an opportunity for many individuals to modify their living environments.

### Examples of work covered under this program

Widening doorways, conversion of steps into ramps, replacing existing plumbing fixtures with accessible fixtures, removal of sink base cabinets to provide an accessible work surface and/or a sink, installation of accessible amenities such as grab bars, door openers, accessible door handles, accessible height shelving, installing accessible railings, installation/conversion of residential doorbell and/or smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when an audible or visual system is needed or other barrier removals that may be required by individuals with disabilities subject to review by MOPD.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Reside within the 5 boroughs
- Have a permanent disability
- Meet Section 8 Income Guidelines.
- Building owner must allow MOPD to perform the work.

Application process opens July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. For more information about Project Open House visit [nyc.gov/POH](http://nyc.gov/POH) or dial 311.

## All of Us Includes People with Disabilities

If you missed our special guest presentation on [All of Us](#), you can still watch it on [Facebook Live](#). All of Us seeks to enroll "one million or more" participants in a longitudinal research cohort to improve our ability to prevent and treat disease based on individual differences in lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup, including genetics. The program aims to oversample communities that have been underrepresented in research to make it the largest, most diverse resource of its kind. People ages 18 and older, regardless of health status, are eligible to enroll, including people with disabilities.



[Image description: Photos of diverse people and the words, the future of health begins with you.]

## Legislative Update

The NYS Legislature wound up its 2018 legislative session as scheduled on June 22nd without passing numerous important bills that CIDNY consumers lobbied. One bill, that has been languishing since 2009, is legislation that would establish safe staffing levels for hospitals and nursing homes. The bill did come to Governor Cuomo's attention, though, and he put out a statement:

"One of the issues that has not been addressed this year is the level of care provided in our hospitals and nursing homes and the staffing levels of nurses and health professionals. We know that quality of care is directly linked to appropriate staffing levels.

Next session I will introduce legislation allowing the Department of Health to set safe staffing levels by regulation as legislative solutions have not been forthcoming."

Our friends at the Long-Term Care Community Coalition are suggesting that you consider making a call or sending an email to let the Governor know that you support safe staffing standards which should, minimally, ensure that every nursing home resident receives at least 4.1 hours of care per day. You can call Governor Cuomo's office at 518-474-8390 or [email him](#).



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## NEED HELP?

Walk in to get the help you need. Staff will be available during these times for housing and benefits-related help.



### Walk-In Days—Manhattan

Every Monday and Tuesday, 10 am to 1:30 pm  
Every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm



### Walk-In Day—Queens

Every Monday 10 am to 3 pm

## Important Dates in July

July 4 – Office Closed

## Disability Pride Parade

**Sunday, July 15th, 10am-3pm**

The theme of this year's parade is creativity. Decorate clothes, hats, wheelchairs, hair, faces, floats, etc. Use your imagination and have fun! Awards will be handed out for most creative ideas.



[Image description: Four images of people in costumes.]

Gather at Madison Sq. Park at 10AM.  
Parade starts at 11AM  
Goes down Broadway to Union Sq. Park  
Festival in Union Sq. Park from 12-3PM

## CIDNY Action Network (CAN) Meeting

**Wednesday, July 18th, 1-3pm – Queens Office**

### Come Join Us to Prepare for our visits to the District Offices:

Your participation will help us prepare our State legislative agenda for the next session. You can:

- tell us what your issues are; and
- let us know if you would like to visit your legislator in your borough.

We can help you find out who your legislator is.

Please RSVP to Jose at (646) 442-1520. If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Refreshments will be served.

## Reunión de CIDNY Network (CAN)

**Miércoles, 18 de julio, 1-3pm - Oficina de Queens**

Ven y únete a nosotros para preparar para nuestras visitas a las oficinas del distrito:

Su participación nos ayudará a preparar nuestra agenda legislativa estatal para la próxima sesión. Usted puede:

- decirnos cuáles son tus problemas; y
- decirnos si desea visitar a su legislador en su municipio.

Podemos ayudarle a descubrir quién es su legislador.

Por favor confirme su asistencia a José al (646) 442-1520. Si necesita una acomodación, como letra grande o servicios de interpretación, háganoslo saber antes del miércoles 11 de julio de 2018.

## Housing Workshop - Queens

**Wednesday, June 27th, 10 am to 12 pm**

CIDNY's housing workshop covers housing options: NYCHA, HPD, HUD listings; NYC Housing Connect and other programs; what you qualify for; in-come and family size; and how to get and go over your credit report. CIDNY is a full-service center and other benefits will be discussed; we don't offer housing, but can provide information and assist with applications.

Space is limited. You must call John Rivera at 646/442-1520 to reserve a spot and to let us know if you need an accommodation.

## CIDNY's Writers' Group

This group meets every Thursday at CIDNY's Manhattan office, 841 Broadway. The writers' group is a facilitated, non-judgmental writing group that promotes individual expression and creativity in a supportive atmosphere. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact CIDNY at 212/674-2300.

**All events are at CIDNY, 841 Broadway, Suite 301, New York, NY 10003 unless otherwise stated. To RSVP for events, contact Laurette Hamilton at 212/674-2300 or [info@cidny.org](mailto:info@cidny.org).** Or if you only speak Spanish, RSVP to Jose at 646/442-1520 or [jmera@cidny.org](mailto:jmera@cidny.org). If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by Wednesday, July 11th, 2018.

# JULY 2018 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<p>2  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm</p> <p> <b>Walk-in Day - Queens</b> 10 am-3 pm</p>	3  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm	4 <b>Fourth of July – Office Closed</b>	5  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-3 pm	6	7  <b>Writer's Workshop</b> 3:30-5:30 pm
8	<p>9  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm</p> <p> <b>Walk-in Day - Queens</b> 10 am-3 pm</p>	10  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm	11	12  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-3 pm	13  <b>Writer's Workshop</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	14
15 <b>Disability Pride Parade</b> 10am-3pm  DISABILITY PRIDE	<p>16  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm</p> <p> <b>Walk-in Day - Queens</b> 10 am-3 pm</p>	17  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm	18 <b>CIDNY Action Network Meeting – Queens</b> 1-3pm	19  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-3 pm	20  <b>Writer's Workshop</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	21
22	<p>23  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm</p> <p> <b>Walk-in Day - Queens</b> 10 am-3 pm</p>	24  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm	25 <b>MTA Board Meeting</b> 9am-12 noon – see newsletter	26  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-3 pm	27  <b>Writer's Workshop</b> 3:30-5:30 pm	28 <b>Housing Workshop – Queens</b> 10am-12noon
29	<p>30  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm</p> <p> <b>Walk-in Day - Queens</b> 10 am-3 pm</p>	31  <b>Walk-in Day</b> 10 am-1:30 pm				 <b>CID-NY</b> Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY