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# CIDNY June 2020 Newsletter

## Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our June 2020 newsletter. We hope you're doing well and want to ensure you that we are here for help and as a resource for you.

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) our offices are closed until further notice. However, we are still here to support you! Our programs remain available remotely (online/phone). If you have a benefits counselor you can reach out to them directly or contact through email (info@cidny.org) or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 Queens: 646-442-1520).

You can stay up to date on Coronavirus updates here: https://www.cidny.org/coronavirus/. As new information becomes available, we will do our best to provide an up-to-date list of resources and information.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc/
Twitter:     https://twitter.com/CID_NY
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## Election 2020 – Make Sure Your Vote Counts on June 23, 2020

Early voting starts June 13 and goes through June 21 at early voting sites in your area.

Election Day is June 23, 2020. Check the website https://vote..nyc for information on early voting sites and whether there is a primary in your district. You must be registered in a party to participate in the primary.

If you have your absentee ballot, you can send it in by mail to the Board of Elections postmarked by June 22. A ballot mailed to you by the Board of Elections will include pre-paid return postage.

If you want to deliver your absentee ballot in person, you can take it to your local Board of Elections Office by June 23. You can also vote in person at one of the early voting sites in your area or at a regular site on June 23. To find out more whether you have a primary in your district, you can go to https://vote.nyc/, call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692),  or contact Monica Bartley at mbartley@cidny.org.

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## The Moth Workshop – Learn To Tell Your Story Effectively
Thursday, June 18, 1:00-4:00 Online

Join the conversation: online at www.cidny.org; on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc), on Twitter (@CID_NY) and IG (@cid_ny)

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CIDNY and the Moth ([themoth.org/)](themoth.org/)) are offering a special workshop on storytelling. This is an opportunity for you to learn to tell your story in an engaging and effective way.

The Moth facilitators have tailored the workshop for CIDNY. Among the things you will learn and experience are:

- Effective storytelling principles;

- Work in pairs to identify principals a sample story;
- Brainstorming techniques;
- Answering prompts;
- 3-minute and mini-story practice with a partner; and
- How to draft and polish your story.

We hope you can join CIDNY for this special online workshop. **Please RSVP to [sjoati@cidny.org](mailto:sjoati@cidny.org), or call 212-674-2300 by June 11**. **If you need an accommodation like large print or ASL, please RSVP by June 9.** When you RSVP, you will be on the list to receive the link for the workshop.

For more information, contact Margi Trapani at [mtrapani@cidny.org](mailto:mtrapani@cidny.org).

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## 2020 Census – Be Counted

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## Don't let decisions on housing, transportation, health care, education and employment be made without us!

CIDNY has been promoting the 2020 Census because we've been undercounted too long. We can change that this year. Now that we're all staying at home to be safe, the online Census form is more important than ever. You can fill out the census online at any time. You can also do the Census by phone or with a paper form.

If you've received a mailing from the 2020Census already, you have a personal ID number. You can use that number to fill out the form online through CIDNY's link at www.cidny.org/census/. Once you fill out the pledge form, you will automatically be directed to the Census form to fill out.  If you have any problems understanding or filling out the form, please contact Corinne Varela at cvarela@cidny.org. She or one of our team will get back to you to help out.

The information you give on the Census is confidential, it is protected by federal law. The Census cannot give your information to anyone in or out of the government. You **will not be asked** about your citizenship status. The Census **will not ask** for your social security number, your income, any bank account number or credit card information. Any person claiming to be a census taker who asks these questions is a scammer. Do not fill out the

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form or respond to any financial or benefits questions from anyone claiming to be representing the U.S. Census.

In the coming years, the federal government and our State will be making budget decisions that affect us. There may be budget cuts. Add possible cuts to the fact that we are not always seen and heard, and people with disabilities may end up at another decade-long disadvantage. We may be left out of services and resources we need. Don't let this happen. Get counted NYC!

## CAN Meeting - WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE?!

Join us on June 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting.

Get quick updates about CIDNY's advocacy efforts, our successes, and continuing challenges.

Be ready to tell us about what you experience, see and hear in your community.

**REMEMBER: Your experiences help our advocacy efforts.**

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Please RSVP by calling Shohana at 212 674-2300 or by sending an email to sjoati@cidny.org and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting closer to the date.

If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by June 10, 2020.

## Online Zoom Workshop:  Affordable Housing, SNAP, Medicaid and More

Join us for a free webinar on affordable housing, SNAP, Medicaid, Managed Long Term Care, and more. There are two dates available. Click the link to register for your preferred date. If you do not have a camera, you should be able to join using your computer audio or phone.

Monday June 15, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sc-3vucoR1OTMKK6MXaC2w

Wednesday June 17, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_phCXgroATCiYsDtfLVYALQ

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## NY Connects

NY Connects at CIDNY is committed to serving you during the coronavirus outbreak. We are working hard to help people with disabilities and older adults access benefits, proper information about city and state changes, food and peer support resources, and more. Our counselors are available 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 1-844-862-7930. You can also request to be contacted by a counselor by filling out this form: https://www.cidny.org/getnyconnects.

Our 5 borough offices are closed at this time to walk-ins because we are serving our community remotely. Stay safe and reach out! We are here to help.

## All of Us Includes People with Disabilities

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

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to enroll. Register at All of Us:
https://www.joinallofus.org/together.

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## Navigator Network

Our Navigator program helps people enroll in health insurance on the NY State of Health Marketplace. If you need help with NY State of Health insurance (the Marketplace), CIDNY has six Navigators in Manhattan and Queens who can help you. Please call us at 917-810-2566. CIDNY Navigators have been

helping people get insurance since the Affordable Care Act began in 2014, so you have access to the best expertise available.

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## CIDNY in the News

Take a look at our most recent coverage in the news below. Some headlines might seem like they're not so great, but they're opportunities for us to make our voices heard!

Advocates Sue BOE to Make Absentee Voting Accessible for the Primary (City Limits)

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The Harlem Business Alliance (HBA): City Hall COVID-19 Updates (Harlem World Magazine)

Organizations Representing Print-Disabled People Sue NY Board of Elections (Spectrum News)

Disability Equals Disenfranchisement, Lawsuit Says (Forbes)

Child Victims Act Extended By One Year (The Bronx Daily)

Hundreds Died Of COVID At NYC Nursing Homes With Spotless Infection Inspections (The City)

Disability Groups Say NY's Absentee Ballots Discriminate (Public News Service)

Cuomo's Nursing Home Order Could Trap Recovered Patients In Hospitals For Weeks (Gothamist)

Commentary: Lawmakers, time to get back to work and protect elections (Times-Union)

Pandemic means Americans with disabilities aren't getting the services they need (PBS Newshour)

[Next To The Playground and Up By The Hill](#) (BRIC Radio's Brooklyn USA)

[Calls For Probe On Elayne Boosler Cousin Cemetery Mix-Up](#) (The City)

[Preserving Civil Rights During Crisis](#) (Able News)

[Medicaid Takes Hit With New State Budget](#) (Able News)