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CIDNY October 2021 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our October 2021 newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to also receive our email newsletter, please feel free to forward this or have them sign up here: <https://www.cidny.org/join-us/>.

As a reminder, due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) our offices are closed to in-person meetings until further notice. However, our programs remain available remotely (through phone and email). If you have a benefits counselor you can reach out to them directly or contact us through email at info@cidny.org or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 or Video Phone: 646-350-2681 | Queens: 646-442-1520 or Video Phone: 646-846-6875). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

Information in this newsletter can always change so if you have any questions please call or email us.

If you haven't already, please Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/CID_NY

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cid_ny/

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI0eMkvGCPLfI3hzyYXZCVg>

COVID-19 Community Vaccine Navigators and COVID-19 Liaisons

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. We know you may have some questions, concerns, and needs, and CIDNY is here to help. Please see below for some quick reminders and updates on how to stay safe and the COVID-19 vaccine. We have Community Vaccine Navigators available to answer any questions you might have.

How can I protect myself from getting COVID-19?

- The most important thing you can do to protect yourself against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.
- In addition, wearing a mask over your nose and mouth, staying 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often can help protect you from getting COVID-19.
- Where can I get vaccinated?

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- Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) and enter your zip code and search radius and whether you are interested in the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccine to find vaccine sites near you.
- Currently, if you get vaccinated at a NYC site, you can receive \$100 for your first dose. You can make an appointment at a city site by going to: <https://vax4nyc.nyc.gov/patient/s/>.
- If you mention that you were referred by the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York when registering online, CIDNY will also get \$100 to put towards helping people with disabilities.

If you have more questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 vaccination, you may call us at 646-442-4186 and ask to speak to a Community Vaccine Navigator. We can also help you schedule appointments.

For assistance with other COVID-19 related needs such as transportation to or from vaccine appointments or questions about benefits that may be available, you can contact a COVID-19 Liaison at 917-810-2565.

CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

Join us on October 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting to hear updates on Health Care, Home and Community Based Services, Tax Credits, and other items we need to push for in Congress for the President's Build Back Better Plan.

- Overview of the federal issues and advocacy.
- Funding and revenue.
- Proposed federal reform of the Social Security Program and SSI.
- We will have a guest speaker, Mark Hannay, Metro NY Health Care for All, who has decades of federal experience who will guide the discussion.

CAN call-in number: 929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 875 1463 5512, Password: 986956

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

For Spanish please RSVP by calling Jose at 646-442-1520 or by sending an email to jlmera@cidny.org.

For Mandarin or Cantonese please RSVP by calling Ying at (646) 442-4149 or by sending an email to yyu@cidny.org.

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Closed captioning will be provided. If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by October 13, 2021.

Online Education Workshops and Events

For the month of October 2021, the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will be presenting the workshops and events below. All workshops for the time being will be presented online, with captioning, as well as other accommodations upon request. The workshops may also be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, and for other purposes by CIDNY.

CIDNY Writers' Group, facilitated by Avra Wing

Thursdays, October 7, 2021 and October 21, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Since 2009, CIDNY and the [New York Writers Coalition \(NYWC\)](#) have teamed to produce a Writers' Workshop for people with disabilities. The workshop provides a safe space for people with disabilities to express their thoughts and stretch their creativity through writing. Contact Angela Bruen directly at RSVP@cidny.org or 347-241-2150 if you are interested in joining the Writers' Group.

COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccination Presentation

Thursday, October 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Our COVID-19 Community Vaccine Navigators will discuss COVID-19, the vaccine, and how CIDNY can assist you during these times.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TzB2MJ0TSA2s6WpF6NAaQg

Your Voting Options for the Upcoming NYC Election

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As Election Day in New York City rapidly approaches, come and join CIDNY staff to learn more about on your voting options, and start planning to cast your ballot. Topics will include how to request an absentee ballot; how to find your polling place; how to use the ballot marking device at your poll site, and more.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldu-prD8jGNIXvfIV_tI3eWJ5IGcN3Btw

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Supportive Housing in New York

Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A guest speaker from the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) will join us and give an overview of supportive housing in New York; we will discuss what consumers need to do to preserve their status, different types of supportive housing, Adult Protective Services (APS) referrals, how to maintain independent living within supportive housing, and common issues and resolutions.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-GgrzMqHtacWcyOqyPoA9GTsdY9iBb1>

Del Derecho a la Representación Legal de NYC: Luchando Contra el Desalojo en la Ciudad de New York

Jueves, 28 de octubre de 2021 de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Los oradores invitados se unirán a nosotros para darnos información sobre el Derecho a Un Abogado Para inquilinos que enfrentan desalojo en la ciudad de New York. Discutiremos la historia del movimiento del derecho a la representación legal, quién es elegible para representación legal en el tribunal de vivienda bajo la ley y cómo obtener un abogado que pueda representarlo. Nuestros presentadores también proporcionarán una actualización sobre el estado y las implicaciones de la moratoria de desalojo en el estado de New York.

Te puedes registrar presionando aquí:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-CqrTMsG90aYZ1C0A8ov2LdirZBk_yi

RSVP:

If you are unable to use the registration links provided above, you can still register for a workshop by sending your email address and phone number to Angela Bruen at RSVP@cidny.org, or calling (347) 241-2150 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s). The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event.

If you need an accommodation like large print, American Sign Language (ASL), or materials in other languages, please let us know at least two (2) weeks before the date of the event(s).

Voter Registration Deadlines and Voting Information

Below is a reminder of some important voting dates coming up before the election in November.

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Mail Registration: Applications must be postmarked no later than October 8, 2021 and received by a board of elections no later than October 18, 2021 to be eligible to vote in the General Election.

In-Person Registration: You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the General Election, your application must be received no later than October 23, 2021.

Change of Address: Notices of change of address from registered voters received by October 13, 2021 by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the General Election.

Absentee Ballots: October 18 is the last day for board of elections to receive an application or letter of application by mail, online portal, email or fax for an absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot at <https://nycabsentee.com/absentee>.

Accessible Ballots: You can request an accessible ballot at <https://nycabsentee.com/accessibility>.

You can register to vote online in just a few minutes at <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/>.

CIDNY Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

We always want to make sure that all CINDY consumers know and understand the rights and responsibilities between CIDNY and the consumer. You can find this listed below and on our website [here](#).

CIDNY'S MISSION

The Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York's (CIDNY) goal is to ensure full integration, independence and equal opportunity for all people with disabilities by removing barriers to the social, economic, cultural and civic life of the community.

Your Rights as a CIDNY Consumer

You have the right to receive services without regard to your disability, age, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, gender, national origin or sponsor.

You have the right to receive services in a manner that ensures you are not discriminated against.



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You have the right to be treated in a way that recognizes, respects and responds to your cultural identity.

You have the right to receive services in the language that you sign, speak, read and/or write.

You have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodations.

Here are some examples of accommodations that may be provided if you ask for them:

- Our facility and all of our sponsored events are accessible to people with all disabilities, including mobility and sensory disabilities.
- Upon request, we provide sign language interpreters for Deaf consumers.
- We provide materials in alternate formats such as: Braille, large print, audio tape, or computer diskette.
- Staff or volunteers will read program and or service related materials to you if you need this accommodation and ask for it.
- We provide home visits upon request when necessary.
- Any information can be repeated and explained if you request it.

Confidentiality

We understand that information about you is personal. We are committed to protecting the privacy of your confidential information.

CIDNY must have your permission to disclose protected information, unless we are permitted to disclose that information under state or federal law.

You must be told of and agree to disclosure of protected information. You may revoke your authorization for disclosure at any time.

You have a right to refuse to allow us to disclose your protected information.

You have a right to see and copy your information.

Considerate and Respectful Treatment

You have the right to considerate and respectful treatment.

Services are skillfully, safely and humanely delivered with full respect for your dignity and personal integrity.

You have a right to access competent, caring staff in a timely manner.

Freedom from Harassment

You have the right to be free of unwelcome sexual advances and verbal or physical conduct of an offensive nature.

Information

You have the right to information necessary to make decisions about your life, presented in a way that is easy to understand.

You have the right to information about services, education and advocacy opportunities that you may participate in at CIDNY.

You have a right to know your rights and responsibilities.

Individualized Plan

You have the right to an individually designed plan of services based on your needs, which you participate in developing and/or revising and that includes goals that you agree to work towards.

You may also work with CIDNY without a plan in place.

Complaints and Appeals

You have the right to object to or disagree with a proposed plan of action to address your concerns.

You have a right to object to the manner in which services are provided.

Consumers are encouraged to address these issues directly with the staff member with whom they are working. Consumers may also ask to speak with the staff member's supervisor.

If, however, you still feel that your complaint has not been resolved, you may contact CIDNY's Executive Director in writing. Upon receiving a written complaint or grievance, the Executive Director will investigate the complaint and provide a written response within 30 days.

If you feel that the issue is still unresolved, it may be brought to the attention of CIDNY's Board President in writing.

You have the right to a timely investigation of your complaint without fear of reprisal.

You may also contact the following offices about your complaint:

New York State Education Department
ACCES-VR



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89 Washington Avenue

EBA 5th Floor

Albany, NY 12234

Attention: Independent Living

(518) 474-2925

Voice, TTY, Toll Tree: (800) 222-5627 (Voice/TTY, toll free)

Disability Rights New York

5 Clinton Square, 3rd Floor

Albany, NY 12207

(518) 432-7861 (voice)

(518) 512-3448 (TTY)

(800) 993-8982 (toll-free voice/TTY)

(518) 427-6561 (fax)

CIDNY In The News

Take a look at recent media coverage linked below.

[Design Trust for Public Space reveals winning projects that envision a more inclusive New York City](#) (The Architect's Newspaper)

[MTA opens new walkway between Times Square and Bryant Park subway stations, revamped shuttle platforms](#) (NY Daily News)

[Gov't groups push back on Open Meetings Law changes](#) (Hudson Valley 360)

[Advocacy groups call for hearing on open meetings law](#) (Spectrum News)

[Now Is Not The Time For Paratransit Shared Rides](#) (Able News)

[The MTA isn't budging on ending shared Access-A-Ride trips](#) (City and State)