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## **CIDNY April 2022 Newsletter**

### **Hello from CIDNY**

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our April 2022 newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletter, please 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](mailto:info@cidny.org) or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 or Video Phone: 646-350-2681 | Queens: 646-442-1520 or Video Phone: 347-474-7076). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

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

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YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI0eMkvGCPLfI3hzvYXZCVg>

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## CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

Join us on April 20, 2022, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. for the monthly CAN meeting. This month we will have an Open Forum to develop our agenda for the coming months. We want to hear about your interests and your stories about Access-A-Ride, Homecare, Housing and Transportation. We will also share updates on the budget and other advocacy activities. REMEMBER: Your experiences help our advocacy efforts.

Please RSVP by calling Matthew at 212 674-2300 or by sending an email to [mperez@cidny.org](mailto: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](mailto:jlmera@cidny.org)



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

CAN call in number +1-929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 822 4354 9762 Password: 090870

Closed captioning will be provided. If you need accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by April 13, 2022.

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## Online Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! For the month of April 2022, 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.

Don't forget the Boost Your Budget webinars on April 12 and 14!

## New York City Housing Court Updates

Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



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CIDNY will host a guest speaker from Housing Court Answers (HCA) to help us learn about what is happening in housing court currently. Topics will include: how housing court is working now; the Right to Counsel (RTC) for tenants; nonpayment and holdover cases; the process of an eviction case; illegal lockouts; how to get assistance with back rent; and more.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcOuupjIoGdbFJuFGgbcv3QMBROXJeARC>

### **CIDNY Writers' Group, facilitated by Avra Wing**

Thursdays, April 7, 2022 and April 21, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Since 2009, CIDNY and the [New York Writers Coalition \(NYWC\)](#) have teamed up 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](mailto:RSVP@cidny.org) or (347) 241-2150 if you are interested in joining the Writers' Group.

### **Boost Your Budget (Mandarin)**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1 p.m.



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Please join us to find out how to boost your budget through learning about benefits for which you may be eligible. During this webinar, we will discuss affordable housing options in NYC, SNAP, and Medicaid Managed Long Term Care.

如何提高生活预算讲座：

通过讨论您可能符合的各种福利，来了解如何提高生活预算。我们会讨论纽约市可负担住房，粮食券，白卡管理长期护理计划。

You can register for this webinar by clicking here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y9vFEiHITb-uiBaG3w6c-g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y9vFEiHITb-uiBaG3w6c-g)

### **Boost Your Budget (English)**

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Please join us to find out how to boost your budget through learning about benefits for which you may be eligible. During this webinar, we will discuss affordable housing options in NYC, SNAP, and Medicaid Managed Long Term Care.

You can register for this webinar by clicking here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PAo2kFtQAQAUWN5WKKXig](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PAo2kFtQAQAUWN5WKKXig)



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## **ABLE Accounts Basics with the Financial Planning Association**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker from the Financial Planning Association (FPA) who will help us learn more about Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts; topics will include who is eligible for an ABLE account, as well as some of the benefits of utilizing this type of account.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-2pqjpkGNHIMaSfwRv9FR\\_vVxfk0tgK](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-2pqjpkGNHIMaSfwRv9FR_vVxfk0tgK)

## **Fair Housing Month Resource Fair**

Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In honor of Fair Housing Month 2022, CIDNY will host a resource fair with guest speakers from the following organizations: New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), the Fair Housing Justice Center, and more. Topics will include recognizing and combatting discrimination in housing, and various resources available to New Yorkers through the presenting agencies.



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdu6qqTgjGdyybWbB2VWHj6Clr8twLyNk>

## **FHEPS and CityFHEPS Updates with the Legal Aid Society**

Thursday April 28, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker from the Legal Aid Society, who will talk to us about some of the recent changes to the Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) and City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) programs.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApf-CrqjgpHNS\\_Rk3yxi7TtaFzaLltkY2](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApf-CrqjgpHNS_Rk3yxi7TtaFzaLltkY2)

## **Presentation: FIDA-IDD by Partners Health Plan, ICAN Ombuds-Service, and Home Care for People with I/DD**

Friday, April 29 2022 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

This presentation covers the FIDA-IDD model for People served by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities who have Medicaid and Medicare, as well as



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issues in applying for home care for Individuals with I/DD. This will be presented through Microsoft Teams.

You can register for this presentation by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting the link on our calendar page at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

### **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](mailto:RSVP@cidny.org), or calling (347) 241-2150 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s).

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).

The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event, or if you want to call in for the meeting, you will be provided with the dial-in information.





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## Medicaid Awareness Month

April is Medicaid Awareness Month Stay on top of your Medicaid coverage this season, and don't forget to renew! Here are some tips on staying covered:

1. Update Your Contact Information: Make sure Medicaid has your current mailing address and contact info so they can contact you about your coverage.
2. Check Your Mail: Medicaid will mail you a letter about your coverage. This letter will also let you know if you need to complete a renewal form to see if you still qualify for Medicaid.
3. Complete Your Renewal Form (if you get one): Fill out the form and return it right away to help avoid a gap in your Medicaid coverage.

You can learn more: <https://www.medicaid.gov/>. If you need any help, please reach out to CIDNY.

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## Social Security Benefits For Children Due To COVID-19

Children who have lost a parent to COVID-19 may be eligible for Social Security Benefits. Social Security survivor benefits are available for children whose parent contributed to Social Security. This fact sheet,



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Benefits for Children (also available in Spanish), reviews the benefits and eligibility and answers frequently asked questions and can be found online at <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf>.

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If you use Amazon, you can support CIDNY's work at no cost to you! All you have to do is go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-2984549> to select the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York as your Amazon Smile beneficiary, then use smile.amazon.com when you shop, and a portion of the sale will benefit CIDNY!

If you or someone you know would like to directly support CIDNY, you can do so at <https://www.cidny.org/donation/>.

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## CIDNY In The News

Take a look at our recent media coverage, linked below.

[What people with disabilities and their families wish fellow travelers would know and do \(USA TODAY\)](#)



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[This motor attachment from Bird turns manual wheelchairs electric \(Fast Company\)](#)

[Riders to MTA: Make ADA access happen \(Queens Chronicle\)](#)

[CHIEF OFFICER Gov. Creates Disability Office, Appoints Hill \(Able News\)](#)

[It's Time For Platform Barriers In Subway System \(Able News\)](#)

[New York's Disabled Feel Left Behind \(Dollars & Sense\)](#)