

CIDNY July 2023 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Thank you for taking the time to read our July 2023 newsletter. Happy Disability Pride Month!

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/>.

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

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June 2023 Primary Election Voter Survey

If you voted in the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, or voted early, please complete CIDNY's post-vote survey. Your help in identifying problems means that we can work to get them resolved. Every voter's experience that we hear about – including the good ones – makes a difference in our efforts to improve our election process.

Take the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/hwowF7qmLcfHW3e17>

CIDNY's Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Join us in coming together and celebrating 33 years of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) while seeking ways to advocate for people with disabilities and older adults in local, city and state legislations.

What: ADA Celebration

When: July 26th, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: CIDNY 1010 Avenue of Americas, Suite 301, New York, NY 10018 or online via Zoom

With: Senator Cordell Cleare, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Linda Lee, Alex Thompson, Advocacy Director of NYAIL, and Dr. Sharon McLennon-Wier, Executive Director of CIDNY.

Please, RSVP in advance at: www.tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny or email Mbacke Thiam at mthiam@cidny.org. For more info, please call 212-674-2300.

Disability Unite Festival

The fourth annual Disability Unite Festival will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 11 a.m. Join us in celebrating Disability Pride and marking the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act at Central Park Naumburg Bandshell (Central Park) in Manhattan. If you can't make it in person, you can still participate online at <http://www.DisabilityUnite.Org>. Captioning, Sign Language, Audio Description, and Plain Language Interpretation will be provided. Please note this is not a CIDNY run event. RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disability-unite-festival-tickets-649172561607>

CIDNY Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! This month the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will be presenting the workshops and events below. Workshops may be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, or for other purposes by CIDNY. Please visit our website for an updated list of events at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

FIDA-IDD Program and Home Care issues for People with I/DD

Wednesday, July 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This presentation will include ICAN materials on FIDA-IDD model for dual eligible OPWDD waiver participants, and discussion of how our individuals get Medicare. It will also include Question and Answers section on applying for home care from your county or Medicaid Managed Care plan.

You can join with the Zoom link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85428798902?pwd=TS9qNG5xTG5zZzh4cEMyakZoSnJHUT09>

Visit us online at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/> to see any new events.

RSVP:

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. If you cannot register, you can email RSVP@cidny.org for help or with questions.

Health Care – Get Covered in 2023

Medicaid rules have changed. As the Medicaid Unwinding continues, make sure that all your contact information is up to date and check your mail for important letters from your state Medicaid agency. Quick facts about the Medicaid Unwinding:

- 8 to 24 million people could lose coverage during this time,
- The amount of people without health insurance could increase if people who lose Medicaid coverage are unable to transition to other coverage,
- 73% of disenrollments are due to procedural reasons, such as incorrect contact information and failure to send back forms in state specific time periods.

You can find out more at Medicaid.gov and make sure that you Mind the Unwind!

Testify At Upcoming MTA Board Meetings

Providing testimony at MTA board meetings is a great way to let the MTA and public know about your experiences. In June we were able to [lower the cost](#) of the paratransit e-hail program directly due to the testimony of advocates like you. The next [MTA board meetings](#) are scheduled for Monday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 20. If you would like to speak, please contact Tashia Lerebours at tlerebours@cidny.org or 646-436-9906.

CIDNY In The News

Check out some our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [NYC's Access-A-Ride e-hail costs to rise despite complaints](#) (NY Daily News)
- [How did a New York public library by Steven Holl Architects get accessibility so wrong?](#) (LA Times)
- [NY Disability Advocates Seeking E-Bike Safety Measures \(En Español\)](#) (Public News Service)
- [New York City Sues Queens Library Architects Over Lack of Accessibility](#) (NY Times)