

CIDNY August 2023 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Thank you for taking the time to read our August 2023 newsletter.

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

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CIDNY's Action Network (CAN) Meeting

August 18, 2023, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us in coming together and seeking ways to advocate through grassroots, lobbying, and direct actions for people with disabilities. This month our CAN meeting focus will be empowering our advocacy in housing, health care, transportation, voting rights, and more. Our August CAN meeting will be in person at our Queens office (80-02 Kew Gardens Rd, Kew Gardens, NY 11415). You can also join us online via Zoom.

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.

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Survey

New York's State Plan partners announce the formulation and development of the next 3-year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The SPIL is a plan designed to improve Independent Living (IL) services for individuals with disabilities in New York State.

The initial public comment period will take place between July - August 2023 and you have the opportunity to share your feedback.

For more information about this public event [CLICK HERE](#).

To take the survey, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EnglishSPIL>.

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/>.

Flushing Vaccine Day (Queens)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us at Roosevelt Ave. between Prince St. and College Point Blvd. for Flushing Vaccine Day in Queens. We will be offering COVID-19 vaccines from Mobile Health, as well as free COVID-19 rapid test kits, KN95 masks, hand sanitizer,

and more information about the NY Connects program. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

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

Wednesday, August 23, 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>

Yankee Stadium Vaccine Day (Bronx)

Thursday, August 24, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us at East 161st St. between Gerard Ave. and River Ave. for Yankee Stadium Vaccine Day in the Bronx. We will be offering COVID-19 vaccines from Mobile Health, as well as free COVID-19 rapid test kits, KN95 masks, hand

sanitizer, and more information about the NY Connects program. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

Coney Island Vaccine Day (Brooklyn)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us at Stillwell Ave. between Surf Ave. and Mermaid Ave. for Coney Island Vaccine Day in Brooklyn. We will be offering COVID-19 vaccines from Mobile Health, as well as free COVID-19 rapid test kits, KN95 masks, hand sanitizer, and more information about the NY Connects program. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

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.

Save New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

CIDNY has been working with advocates and officials in an effort to save the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary located at 14th Street and 2nd Avenue in Manhattan. The hospital has been serving the community for more than two hundred years. It is America's first specialty hospital, is a teaching hospital, works with all populations, and is very important to the study and care of visual and hearing disabilities.

You can [CLICK HERE](#) to sign the petition.

Health Care – Get Covered in 2023

Get the health care coverage you need now! You can enroll in or change plans if you have certain life events or income or qualify for Medicaid. For example, if you lost Medicaid coverage during the Medicaid Unwinding, you could qualify for Marketplace coverage. Visit healthcare.gov to see if you qualify.

Share Your Experience With Airport Service

Have you had a negative experience while traveling at the airport? We've heard of some instance where people have had negatives experiences related to their disability and the service and/or accommodation they did or did not receive while traveling. We welcome hearing any stories of yours, but are specifically interested in situations involving NYC area airports. If you have a story you would like to share, please send an email to info@cidny.org with your story.

CIDNY In The News

Check out some our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [Disability advocates celebrate with caution](#) (Caribbean Life)
- [NYC Comptroller Lander Tackles Accessibility Issues From Harlem To Hollis In Disability Justice Roundtable](#) (Harlem World Magazine)
- [Why Aren't Homeless Shelters Accommodating People Who Have Disabilities?](#) (Shelterforce)

- Hunters Point Library architects sued over building's accessibility issues (CBS News)
- Accessibility lawsuits are bringing slow but steady wins for disabled city residents (Prism)
- Help For Disabled People Struggling With Their Mental Health (Smiley News)
- The Road To Inclusion (Able News)