

## **CIDNY December 2023 Newsletter**

### **Hello from CIDNY**

Thank you for taking the time to read our December 2023 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/>.

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

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## **CIDNY's Consumer Action Network (CAN) Meeting**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please, join us for a discussion on School Transportation with PIST and Accessibility Planning at HRA/DHS. Guests include Jennifer Shaoul, Executive Director of Disability Affairs with NYC DSS, and Sara Catalinotto, Founder of Parents to Improve School Transportation (PIST).

For DSS accessibility planning, the discussion will focus on physical access, digital access, programmatic access and effective communication in HRA and DHS programs. HRA services include Cash Assistance, SNAP, Medicaid, HEAP, and more. Examples of DHS services include Adult Men's Shelter, Adult Women's Shelter, Adult Families Shelter, and Families with Children Shelter.

This CAN meeting will take place at CIDNY's Manhattan office (located at 1010 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 301, New York, NY 10018) and online over Zoom.

Please, RSVP in advance at:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/CIDNY4All> or email Molly Senack at [msenack@cidny.org](mailto:msenack@cidny.org). For more info, please call 212-674-2300.

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## Order FREE COVID-19 Home Tests

As of November 20, every U.S. household can once again place an order to receive four more FREE COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home.

You can check the expiration dates of existing tests to see if there has been an extension here:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>

You can place an order here: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

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## 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, December 27, 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 or updated 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](mailto:RSVP@cidny.org) for help or with questions.

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## Symphony Space SpaceMakers

SpaceMakers is live performance is for everyone. They believe that the community is enriched when those who self-identify as members of historically excluded groups regard Symphony Space as their home to engage with art across disciplines and participate in meaningful exchanges. Spacemakers members enjoy the following:

- Exclusive access to our most anticipated events of the season for just \$5 per ticket
- Invitation to exclusive events at Symphony Space throughout the year
- Opportunity to build connections through participating in community
- Monthly newsletter to keep you informed of all the happenings at Symphony Space

You can find out more about SpaceMakers at <https://www.symphonyspace.org/space-makers/register>. If you have any questions, contact [spacemakers@symphonyspace.org](mailto:spacemakers@symphonyspace.org).

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## You Are Not Alone – 988 Resources

Did you know that you can connect with the 988 Lifeline to talk about anything from mental health issues, drug

use, sexual orientation, economic worries, and more? You are not alone. You matter. If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).

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## Grocery Delivery Resource

A consumer reached out and wanted to share their experience with a food delivery service that accepts SNAP benefits. The service is called TELEGROCERS. You can find out more about the service at <https://www.telegrocers.com> or by calling 888-902-7467.

Please note that CIDNY has not tested this service and we are only sharing a positive experience from the community. If you have a resource you would like to share, please let us know!

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## Work With CIDNY

Are you or someone you know looking for a new job? We have a few jobs available. Full listings are available on our website at <https://www.cidny.org/jobs/>. Some of our current job openings include:

\*Associate General Counsel

\*Chief Program Officer

- \*Education and Outreach Coordinator, NY Connects
  - \*Independent Living Specialist
  - \*LTCOP Ombudsman Advocate – Adult Home Bronx and Manhattan
  - \*Manager of Development and Fundraising
  - \*Mental Health – Benefit Counselor/Outreach Specialist
  - \*Part-Time Transition Specialist
  - \*Peer Advocate
  - \*RTHP Housing Specialist
  - \*Veteran Direct Care Independent Living Specialist
  - \*Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
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## **CIDNY In The News**

Check out some of our recent media coverage, linked below.

- Legislation Will Set Affordable Housing Targets for NYC Neighborhoods (City Limits)
- Politicians Too Busy With Politics to Care About People With Disabilities (Disabled World)
- Loved ones mourn loss of child in fire days before her 13th birthday (News 12)

- Proyecto de ley para ayudar a 800 mil hogares con dinero (QueensLatino)
- Thanks To Our Heroes (Able News)