

CIDNY January 2024 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Thank you for taking the time to read our January 2024 newsletter. Happy New Year!

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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 Consumer Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2023, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please join us for a training and discussion in preparation for our Lobby Day in Albany on February 12, 2024. We will share our 2024 legislative calendar and prep our advocates on educating State legislators. This training is required before going to Albany with us.

What: CAN (Consumer Action Network) Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 17, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: CIDNY Queens 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd. Suite 400, Kew Gardens, New York 11415 or online via Zoom

Please RSVP in advance at: www.tinyurl.com/CIDNY4All or email Mbacke Thiam at mthiam@cidny.org. For more information, please call 212-674-2300. Please note that our Lobby Day is scheduled on February 12, 2024. Thank you!

MY-CIL Research Participation

If you are interested in earning an easy \$105 you can participate in a research study (if eligible). Participants must be 14 - 24-year-olds whom are Minorities and have a disability. You will be scheduled to participate in a set of virtual assessments, an Enrollment Survey, the Self-Directed Search and the My Vocational Situation, which could be virtual or in person. You can also participate in this program during the CIDNY Career Fair on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

If you are interested in taking part in the study or have questions, please email jtaveras@cidny.org.

CIDNY Career Fair

We would like to let you know about the upcoming Career Fair on Tuesday, January, 30, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., which will take place in our Manhattan office (1010 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 301, New York, NY 10018).

During the fair, participants will be introduced to many of the jobs that are in the market for people with disabilities, especially youth. We will discuss our linkage to AHRC and the paid internships they have.

We will discuss the availability to apply for jobs through 55b/c Programs and how we can assist.

We will also discuss upcoming CIDNY workshops focusing on: Technology in Employment, Pre-Employment Preparations, Pre-Interview Process, Interview Process, Assessments Tests and Tools, Academia and how to apply to school and financial aid, Reasonable Accommodations, Law in Rehabilitation, and Applying for Employment.

Employers from different organizations will be available to speak with and submit your resume to.

Please come dressed to impress with copies of your resume, and please remember this event is for 14 - 24-year-olds whom are Minorities and have a disability. If you are under the age of 18, please come with a parent or legal guardian.

Reimbursement for transportation may be provided. Snacks will be provided.

For those interested, we will also be discussing the MY-CIL Research Study that you may also take part in at the fair.

RSVP: Please email jtaveras@cidny.org to RSVP and reserve your spot.

FREE COVID-19 Home Tests May Still Be Available

You may still be eligible for FREE COVID-19 rapid tests to be delivered directly to your home. You can check eligibility and place an order here:

<https://www.covid.gov/tests>

Some expired tests had had their expiration dates extended. You can check most 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>

Dow Jones Accessibility Assistance

Dow Jones (publisher of the Wall Street Journal and others) is looking for volunteers to participate in an accessibility focus group to explore their digital news needs. If you are interested, please answer the questions, and provide a working email at the form linked below. If selected, a member from Dow Jones may reach out. Focus group participants will receive a small incentive. Please note this is not a CIDNY run focus group.

Please fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/DJAFG2024>

CIDNY In The News

Check out some our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [Negotiating the Mean Streets and Sidewalks of the Big City \(I'm Still Rolling\)](#)
- [Demonstrators rally to protest Mount Sinai Beth Israel closure \(CBS News\)](#)
- [Officials, community members rally against pending 2024 closure of Beth Israel Hospital \(News 12\)](#)
- [Pols & Health Advocates Rally Against Mount Sinai's Plans to Close Beth Israel \(The West Side Spirit\)](#)
- [Hip Hip Hooray, New York Community Trust Awards \\$7.5M To Address Critical Needs \(Harlem World Magazine\)](#)
- [NY disability advocates provide winter weather tips \(En Español\) \(Public News Service\)](#)