



Celebrating 35 YEARS

of Independent Living in NY:

YESTERDAY'S DREAM | TODAY'S REALITY
TOMORROW'S VISION



Call for Proposals

Deadline: May, 10 2013

2013 Statewide Conference

Celebrating 35 Years of Independent Living in New York:
Yesterday's Dream, Today's Reality, Tomorrow's Vision

September 10 & 11, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn & Rensselaer Banquet and
Conference Facility - Troy, NY

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Association on
Independent
Living

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About the Conference

More than 250 people with disabilities and older New Yorkers will be celebrating 35 years of Independent Living in New York at NYAIL's 2013 Statewide Conference.

Thirty-five years ago, the first Independent Living Center in New York was founded in New York City. Today, over 30 ILCs across the state continue to champion the rights and equality of all people with disabilities with a younger generation of leadership emerging. While the concept of Independent Living has expanded and become more widely recognized, there remains much work to be done to continue ensuring equal opportunities for all people with disabilities, as well as promoting the Independent Living philosophy both within the disability community and to the public.

Guide for Workshop Proposal Preparation

NYAIL is seeking presenters for more than thirty 75-minute concurrent workshops, to be presented throughout the two day Conference. We invite workshop proposal submissions that reflect the conference theme, NYAIL's mission, and the interests of conference participants.

NYAIL works to:

- Ensure full community integration, enhance the quality of life, and safeguard the civil rights of people with disabilities of all ages
- Promote the Independent Living philosophy within the disability community, among our partners in health, aging, housing, employment, education, transportation, and other service and advocacy stakeholders, and the public
- Advocate for systemic changes and resources that will enable people with disabilities of all ages to live independent lives in their communities
- Strengthen Independent Living Centers (ILCs), the disability rights community, our partners, and service systems, by sharing best practices and innovative strategies

We encourage proposals in the following areas:

- The Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead compliance in NYS
- Community integration barriers and solutions
- Innovative programs, practices and/or collaborations at the local, regional and state levels
- Independent Living Center best practices
- Best practices and programs funded through the State Plan for Independent Living
- The needs, concerns, and perspectives of older New Yorkers
- Affordable, accessible and integrated housing for people with disabilities and older adults
- Disability policy and advocacy in health and long term care, housing, aging, employment, education, transportation, election reform, and civil rights
- Implementation of mandatory Medicaid managed care, managed long term care and fully integrated duals advantage
- Successful collaborations with aging organizations
- Promoting universal design and age-in-place initiatives
- History and future of Independent Living
- Grassroots advocacy and community organizing skills
- Increasing youth involvement in Independent Living and disability rights advocacy
- Leadership development
- ILC and nonprofit organization capacity building and fund raising
- ILC and nonprofit board development
- ILC and nonprofit financial management
- Marketing and communications
- Program development
- Presentations which reflect a variety of perspectives on a topic
- Empowering change agents and promoting change

This list is not exhaustive and we encourage you to submit a proposal of interest to our expected attendees, including:

- Independent Living Center staff, board members, volunteers, and consumers
- Disability rights organizations
- Older New Yorkers and youth with disabilities
- Service providers in all service systems



- Vocational rehabilitation professionals
- State and local government agencies
- Policy makers
- Business professionals
- Family members and caregivers

Selection Process

Proposals which best address the content areas outlined above will be given priority. Proposals will be scored by the Conference Committee based on this criterion, as well as: clarity, objectives, method of presentation, likely interest to participants, and overall program balance. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Applicants will be notified by June 10, 2013 as to whether their proposal has been selected.

Submission Guidelines

All proposals must be submitted by close of business on May 10, 2013.

Proposals should be submitted using the outline below. All information must be provided. Please include the session title, contact person's name, and page number at the top of each page. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Miller at (518) 465-4650 or tmiller@ilny.org.

Please submit the proposal as an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format to tmiller@ilny.org. Proposals should use the last name of the lead presenter as the file name.

Conference Accessibility

NYAIL will make all conference presentations accessible to the widest range of people as possible. Guidelines for accessible presentations will be included in the information to be sent to all presenters chosen. Please let us know if you plan to distribute hardcopy materials on the day of your presentation. **Materials may not be distributed if they are not also available in accessible formats.** NYAIL will transfer materials to an accessible format ONLY if they are submitted by the deadline identified in the guidelines for accessible presentations.

NYAIL will also schedule sign language interpreters for all general sessions and provide materials in alternative formats, including Braille and large print when requested.

Proposal Outline

1. Lead Presenter

The lead presenter is also the contact person and is responsible for notifying all other co-presenters of acceptance, rejection, scheduling, and any other information provided by NYAIL. Please list the following contact information for the lead presenter and provide a brief biographical sketch (30 words maximum):

- Name
- Title
- Agency/affiliation
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Fax number
- Email address

2. Co-presenter(s)

Please limit the number of co-presenters to no more than three per 75 minute workshop session. Please list the following contact information for each co-presenter:

- Name
- Title
- Agency/affiliation
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Fax number
- Email address

3. Workshop Title (10 words maximum)

The title should clearly describe the presentation content.

4. Level of Expertise of Audience

Please identify the level of attendee expertise your presentation will be best suited for:

- Introductory (little or no knowledge of the topic)
- Experienced (some experience or knowledge)
- Advanced (more complex and/or technical)

5. Session Summary (30 words maximum)

This 1-2 sentence summary will be printed in the conference program.

6. Abstract (200 words maximum)

- Please be as concise as possible and clearly describe:
- Presentation topic/focus
- Learning objectives
- Outline of presentation content
- Structure of presentation (We encourage you to include interactive activities. Please allow time for questions and answers.)

7. Equipment

All workshop rooms will have a screen and power/projector cart. Presenter(s) are responsible for providing all other audio-visual equipment needed, including laptop computers and LCD projectors.

