

The New York State Independent Living Council's Youth Leadership Committee is seeking input from young people with disabilities and/or experience with Independent Living Centers from across New York State to help us determine what advocacy priorities are important to young people. The feedback from this survey will help us launch one or more advocacy initiatives.

The following questions ask for personal information so we can learn a little bit about you. Personally identifiable information will be kept confidential.

1. Are you registered to vote?

A. Yes

B. No

2. Do you have your driver's license?

A. Yes

B. No

3. What's your living situation? (circle one)

A. Live independently (rent or own an apartment or house)

B. With family and friends

C. Group home

D. Institution (please specify)

E. Other (please specify)

Please answer the following only if you chose Institution for the question above.

- A. Office of Mental Health (OMH)
 - B. Department of Health Nursing Facility (DOH)
 - C. Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
 - D. Foster care/kinship care
 - E. Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
 - F. Other (please specify)
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4. Are you currently in school?

- A. Yes, I am in high school.
 - B. Yes, I am in college.
 - C. No, I dropped out of high school.
 - D. No, but I received my GED/TASC
 - E. No, but I graduated high school
 - F. No, but I graduated college
 - G. Other (please specify)
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5. Do you work?

- A. Yes, I work full time
 - B. Yes, I work part time
 - C. No, I do not work and I am not currently looking
 - D. No, I do not work, but I am looking and I have run into the following barriers:
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6. Please circle the topics that are important to you:

- A. Self-Advocacy

- B. Employment
- C. Transportation
- D. Life skills (grocery shopping, cooking, budgeting, personal care)
- E. Higher Education/College
- F. Housing
- G. Navigating the legal system
- H. Personal safety (self-defense, emergency preparedness)
- I. Wellness (exercise, healthy living, nutrition)
- J. Navigating benefits (SSI/SSD)
- K. Health insurance
- L. Navigating state systems
- M. Juvenile Justice – “raise the age” to 18
- N. Other _____

7. Would you like to meet age appropriate peers to share life experiences?

- A. Yes
- B. No

8. Would you like to meet role models with disabilities who are employed and live in the community?

- A. Yes
- B. No

9. What skills or talents do you hope to develop through work or volunteer experience?

A. Social media

B. Writing

C. Community organizing

D. Leadership

E. Providing written or oral testimony to local, state and national leaders

F. Team building

G. Grant writing

H. Use of technology

I. Communication

J. Social Skills

K. Financial Skills

L. Other _____

10. Are you aware of the Pat Figueroa Youth Leadership Sponsorship?

*The New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) will support young leaders by providing **The Patricio "Pat" Figueroa, Jr. Sponsorship** for young adults with disabilities to attend and participate in independent living related conferences and/or national disability and leadership trainings during each year of the State Plan.*

A. Yes

B. Yes, I have received a sponsorship in the past

C. No

D. No, but I would like more information

11. Are you interested in joining the Youth Leadership Committee?

The Youth Leadership Committee advises the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) on issues affecting to youth and young adults with disabilities.

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. No, but I would like more information

12. What Independent Living Center do you go to?
_____ or I do not go to one
13. What county do you live in?

14. What year were you born? _____
15. Race (optional) _____
16. Disability (optional) _____
17. Gender (optional) _____

Please return completed survey to:

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