



Providing support to persons with disabilities throughout their lifespan so they can achieve their highest level of independence in their community.

Special Announcement For Our Consumers and Caregivers

Learn About NJ SILC
Discuss Issues Affecting People with Disabilities; How to Advocate



Next Thursday, October 10, the [New Jersey Statewide Independent Living Council \(NJSILC\)](#) will be holding a public forum at two times. This event will allow people in New Jersey to discuss issues affecting people with disabilities, along with ways to become involved in the community. The forum is free and open to the public.

The NJSILC is a 17-member body appointed by the Governor to maximize opportunities for people with disabilities through planning and advocacy. The NJSILC is responsible for doing the following:

- Develop and submit, with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the State Plan for Independent Living.
- Monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan
- Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Council
- Submit periodic reports to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration and keep all necessary records
- Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings are open to the public with sufficient notice.

Both the current (2020 – 2024) and draft (2025 – 2027) plans were written by the NJSILC, in collaboration with the 12 Centers for Independent Living serving all 21 New Jersey counties, with input from consumers of those services. The NJSILC seeks further input on the draft plan. Please read the plan (a link is provided below) and take the brief survey; you can submit comments to Colleen Roche, croche@njsilc.org, or Mary Neary, mneary@njsilc.org.

By law, most of the people at the NJSILC are people with disabilities. Voting members include advocates for people with disabilities, representatives from private businesses, disability-related organizations, and CIL directors. Representatives from other state agencies serving people with disabilities usually attend meetings.

Thursday, October 10, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *or*
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

[Links to the draft and current State Plan](#)

[Log on to either session via Zoom](#)

To log on to either session on Zoom, use the button above or use the information below.

Meeting ID: 860 3350 5666 | Passcode: 852419
Call in: 1-301-715-8592

Can't join a forum but want to make a statement?

Send it to Mary Neary, at meneary@njsilc.org

or

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Either way, your comment will be read during one of the forums, so it becomes part of the record.



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