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EDUCATION ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	EDUCATION ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
ALBANY - CDCI	Shaker High School in Latham changed its practices to incorporate a transition fair as an educational component to help students with disabilities and their parents plan for their transition from high school to adult life.
ALBANY - CDCI	Hudson Correctional Facility established a written agreement with CDCI to conduct "in reach" presentations every other month in its specialized re-entry unit to inmates who are soon to be released to help in preparing them for transition back into the community and to include the Center's materials in the re-entry resource center.
AUBURN - OFI	Cayuga County Jail in Auburn, through the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, established a written agreement with the Center and the Rescue Mission in Auburn to regularly conduct a series of in-service seminars at the jail to prepare inmates who are disabled for their transition back to the community.
AUBURN - OFI	Moravia Central School District changed its practices to incorporate in student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) the use of assistive devices as appropriate.
AUBURN - OFI	Seneca Falls Central School District established an annual Transition Fair as part of its curriculum to assist students with disabilities in their transition from high school to work and/or college.
BINGHAMTON - STIC	Chenango County Early Intervention Program, overseen by the County Health Department in Norwich, changed its practices to regularly hold required meetings with families regarding the transition from Early Intervention to Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) services.

BINGHAMTON - STIC Vestal Middle School now provides qualified sign language interpreter services

for classroom instruction and for extracurricular activities to effectively

communicate with students who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

BINGHAMTON - STIC Center's formal complaint against the Binghamton School District regarding the

lack of compliance with conducting Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) resulted in the School District changing its practices to provide training on

Positive Behavioral Supports for all staff.

BRONX - BILS BILS established "The Youth Action Network" comprised of area high school

students with disabilities to bring about community and systemic change through

leadership development and advocacy.

BROOKLYN - BCID Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that resulted in the NYS Education

Department issuing guidance during April 2010 regarding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma to ensure that students, families, and school personnel understand the differences between a regular high school diploma and

an IEP diploma.

BROOKLYN - BCID Brooklyn City School District changed its practices to implement a workshop for

parents of children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that meets once a month on Saturdays. The workshop is conducted by BCID and provides information regarding IEPs and how students with disabilities can choose their

future.

BUFFALO - WNYIL Gowanda Correctional Facility in collaboration with the Center's OAHIIO

program (serving Native Americans who are disabled) created a program for inmates who are soon to be released that promotes their successful return to

society through both group presentations and individual assistance.

BUFFALO - WNYIL Staff member was appointed to serve on the Local Early Intervention

Coordinating Council, which is affiliated with the Erie County Health

Department.

BUFFALO - WNYIL Hamburg Central School District working with WNYIL created the brochure "A

Parent's Guide to Section 504: Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" and made it available to parents on the Boston Valley Elementary School website.

CORNING - AIM Center became a member of the Parent Education Work Group of the Chemung

County School Readiness Project, which is an early childhood system designed to

help children start Kindergarten with a solid foundation for learning.

CORNING - AIM Center became a member of the Elmira City School District Special Education

Sub-Committee.

CORNING - AIM AIM partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Chemung County in

Elmira through its Cooking Matters program to conduct a six-week, two-hours once a week cooking class for persons with disabilities that incorporates healthy

eating and grocery shopping on a budget. The class is offered periodically throughout the year. Cooking Matters (formerly Operation Frontline) is a food education program run by CCE in partnership with Share Our Strength, a national anti-hunger organization based in Washington, DC.

CORNING - AIM

AIM became a member of the Regional Transition Support Group that works to improve transition planning for students with disabilities and promote a smooth transition to adult services. It consists of school districts served by Greater Southern Tier Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) and community partners.

CORNING - AIM

Center became a member of the District Leadership Team that is part of the Elmira Heights School District (EHSD) Plan for Participation. EHSD adopted a philosophy of "Shared Decision Making" at the district and building levels that focuses on improving teaching and learning in the district.

CORTLAND - ATI

Cortland Enlarged City School District established a written contract with the Center to provide independent living, self-determination and self-advocacy services to its students with disabilities.

CORTLAND - ATI

Homer Central School District established a written contract with the Center to provide independent living, self-determination and self-advocacy services to its students with disabilities.

DELAWARE - CCFI

Disabilityhistoryweek.org added information about CCFI's Through Children's Eyes Program on its website and included a link to the Program video that is on the Center's website, as a result of a third grade class at Riverside Elementary School in Oneonta collaborating with CCFI to promote disability awareness in their school.

DELAWARE - CCFI

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District added CCFI to the section of its blog titled "Transition Planning" and added a link to the Center's website. The blog is located at GMUEXCEL.blogspot.com.

DELAWARE - CCFI

Margaretville Central School changed its procedures to routinely include the Center's Round T-Able Program for transitioning youth in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for students who are disabled.

HARLEM - HILC

City College of NY in Harlem, City University of New York (CUNY), Cohen Library (in the North Academic Center on Convent Avenue at 138th Street) installed JAWS screen reader software on the public computers and scanners to read printed materials and installed Braille signage in public areas to inform students what is accessible and where to locate it.

HERKIMER - RCIL

RCIL, and RCIL-Herkimer as its subsidiary, secured funding through the NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to enhance the existing Oneida County "Main Street" program and to expand it into Herkimer County. The program serves "at-risk youth" with disabilities and provides

	vocational education services to preclude involvement in the juvenile justice system.
HERKIMER - RCIL	Mohawk Central School District changed its procedures to include in the curriculum an RCIL-Herkimer developed disability sensitivity training for students.
HERKIMER - RCIL	Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) changed its procedures to include Center Staff in transition planning meetings.
ITHACA - FLIC	Lansing School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
ITHACA - FLIC	Groton School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
ITHACA - FLIC	South Seneca School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
ITHACA - FLIC	Trumansburg School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
ITHACA - FLIC	Ithaca City School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
ITHACA - FLIC	Candor School District changed its policies to allow Center staff to participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual Education Plan (IEP) conferences.
KINGSTON - RCAL	Center and the Child Care Council of Ulster County established a written agreement for the Center to provide on-site Special Education trainings as a regular part of the Council's staff training for professionals working with high risk children.
LONG ISLAND - LICIL	Hempstead Public Schools added LICIL to its online Parent Resource Page with a link to the Center's website for parents of students with disabilities.
LONG ISLAND - LICIL	Center's Director of Advocacy & Community Policy was appointed as a member of the Professional Advisory Board to the Hofstra University, in Hempstead, Masters Program in Rehabilitation Counseling.
LONG ISLAND - LICIL	Levittown School District changed its policies to establish a storybook reading and discussion event to be celebrated annually during Disability History Week.

Advisory Panel (CAP) for Special Education Services, which functions in an advisory capacity to the Office of Special Education and advises the Governor, Legislature and Commissioner on unmet needs in the education of children with

disabilities.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that resulted in the NYS Education

Department issuing guidance during April 2010 regarding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma to ensure that students, families, and school personnel understand the differences between a regular high school diploma and

an IEP diploma.

MASSENA - MILC Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District changed its practices to include

MILC materials as a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and

Rehabilitation Act section 504 Plan intake packets.

MASSENA - MILC Massena Central School District changed its practices to include MILC materials

as a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the Rehabilitation

Act section 504 Plan intake packets.

MASSENA - MILC Brasher Falls Central School District changed its practices to include MILC

materials as a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and

Rehabilitation Act section 504 Plan intake packets.

MASSENA - MILC Norwood-Norfolk Central School District changed its practices to include MILC

materials as a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and

Rehabilitation Act section 504 Plan intake packets.

MASSENA - MILC Potsdam Central School District changed its practices to include MILC materials

as a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the Rehabilitation

Act section 504 Plan intake packets.

MIDDLETOWN - ATI Center staff serve on the Council on Children and Youth affiliated with the

Orange County United Way in Montgomery.

NEWBURGH - ILI Building Blocks Child Care Center in Newburgh changed its staff training

practices to provide disability awareness in-service training for its staff.

NEWBURGH - ILI Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) established

an agreement with ILI to conduct annual training to General Educational

Development (GED) certificate students who are disabled regarding NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation

(ACCES-VR) and supported employment opportunities.

NEWBURGH - ILI Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley established an annual

workshop on "Opportunities and Challenges" provided by ILI as part of its

curriculum for transitioning students with disabilities.

NEWBURGH - ILI Fostertown Elementary School established an annual Disability Awareness training for school personnel to be conducted by ILI.

NEWBURGH - ILI Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) established an agreement with ILI to provide annual training to its counseling staff

responsible for assisting students and families with the transition from school to

adult life.

NEWBURGH - ILI George M Carroll School Transportation, that provides transportation to students

in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, changed its practices to provide a

disability awareness training program for all staff.

NEWBURGH - ILI Montgomery Elementary School established an annual Disability Awareness

training for school personnel to be conducted by ILI.

NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC Center was invited to be a permanent member of NYS Assemblyman Mark

Schroeder's new Autism Mental Health Advocacy Committee to address the education and treatment needs of youth and families with neurobehavioral disorders in Erie and Niagara Counties. Assemblyman Schroeder represents the

145th Assembly District with his district office in Buffalo.

OLEAN - DIL Allegany-Limestone Central School District adopted DIL's Disability Sensitivity

Awareness Program as a regular part of its student and school personnel

curriculum.

OLEAN - DIL Hinsdale Central School adopted the Center's Disability Sensitivity Awareness

Program as a regular part of its curriculum for students and school personnel.

OLEAN - DIL Olean City School District adopted the Center's Disability Sensitivity Awareness

Program as a regular part of its curriculum for students and school personnel.

PLATTSBURGH - NCCI NCCI's Executive Director became a member of the Board of Directors of the

Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County.

PLATTSBURGH - NCCI Plattsburgh School District changed its procedures to include in the curriculum

for its "21st Century Learning Centers" after-school program for grade school students NCCI's series of PowerPoint presentations for third, fourth, and fifth grade students that are designed to facilitate discussion of people with disabilities.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Cornwall Central School District Special Education Parent Teacher Organization

made its services accessible to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing by

providing sign language interpreter services.

PUTNAM - PILS Center established a special education advocacy network, through its Educational

Advocacy Program, to address ongoing education service issues in the

community. The group meets periodically for training and information sharing, to respond to Action Alerts regarding education legislation, and to act on current

issues.

PUTNAM - PILS

Brewster Central School District posted PILS information on the District's website and changed its practices to provide information about the Center to students who are disabled when discussing transition planning.

PUTNAM - PILS

Haldane Central School District posted PILS information on the District's website and changed its practices to provide information about the Center to students who are disabled and their families when discussing transition planning.

PUTNAM - PILS

Center is a member of the Putnam Partnership for Special Needs, a committee comprised of school district personnel and local agencies. The group established an annual Transition Fair for parents, professionals and students in Putnam County.

PUTNAM - PILS

PILS was a catalyst for the Mahopac Central School District to establish a Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO) that meets monthly,

PUTNAM - PILS

PILS applied for and was awarded a 5 year Federal grant for \$210,808 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to work with youth with disabilities and their families.

QUEENS - CIDNY

Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that resulted in the NYS Education Department issuing guidance during April 2010 regarding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma to ensure that students, families, and school personnel understand the differences between a regular high school diploma and an IEP diploma.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Newark Central School District changed its practices to include RCIL staff as well as materials on Independent Living Centers, NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR), and community based services in the development of transition plans for students with disabilities.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Rochester Institute of Technology Disability Service Office changed its classroom interpreter policy form requiring the student to choose between an interpreter or captioning (CPrint) to allowing the student to have both an interpreter and captioning in classroom settings and changing the interpreter's background every 30 minutes.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Lyons Central School District changed its practices to include RCIL staff as well as materials on Independent Living Centers, NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR), and community based services in the development of transition plans for students with disabilities.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Williamson Central School District changed its practices to include RCIL staff and materials on Independent Living Centers, NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR), and community based services in the development of transition plans for students with disabilities.

ROCKLAND - RILC RILC is a member of the Suffern Collaborative that works with Rockland CARES

Integrated County Planning to improve services to children, youth and families

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ROCKLAND - RILC RILC is a member of the Haverstraw Collaborative that works with Rockland

CARES Integrated County Planning to improve services to children, youth and

families.

ROCKLAND - RILC RILC is a member of the Nyack Collaborative that works with Rockland CARES

Integrated County Planning to improve services to children, youth and families.

ROCKLAND - RILC RILC is a member of the Spring Valley Collaborative that works with Rockland

CARES Integrated County Planning to improve children, youth and family

services.

SUFFOLK - SILO Stony Brook University, State University of New York (SUNY), Occupational

Therapy Department adopted the Center's Disability Awareness training as a

regular part of its curriculum for students.

SYRACUSE - ARISE Center staff member with a disability was appointed to the Board of Directors of

the Oswego County-City Youth Bureau.

TROY - ILCHV Questar III in Castleton changed the admission policy for its Career and Technical

Education (CTE) programs from not accepting high school seniors into the two year program to offering "special circumstances" for qualified students with disabilities to enter the program the senior year with a transition plan that includes NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational

Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) funding for the 2nd year. Questar III provides instructional and support services to 23 school districts in Rensselaer, Columbia

and Greene Counties.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL Gouverneur Correctional Facility changed its procedures to allow the Center to

regularly conduct a series of parenting training classes at the facility to prepare

inmates who are fathers with a disability for their transition back to the

community.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL Watertown Correctional Facility changed its procedures to allow the Center to

regularly conduct a series of parenting training classes at the facility to prepare

inmates who are fathers with a disability for their transition back to the

community.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL Mannsville Manor Elementary School changed its practices to allow the Center to

conduct a dedicated support and educational group for parents and caregivers of

children with disabilities.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL Watertown City School District changed its procedures to allow Center staff to

participate in the development of transition plans and attend the Individual

Education Plan (IEP) conferences for children 15 years and older.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC WILC applied for and was awarded a 5 year Federal grant for \$176,653 through

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to work with

youth with disabilities and their families.

YONKERS - WDOM Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District established an agreement

with WDOM to conduct two ongoing Youth Leadership groups for students with significant developmental disabilities to develop leadership and pre-employment

skills for students participating in community service projects.

YONKERS - WDOM Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District changed its policies and

procedures to establish more appropriate transition plans with enhanced student

internships that include appropriate use of job coaches and additional connections

with community based resources.

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EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
ALBANY - CDCI	Dress for Success (DFS) in Albany established a written agreement with CDCI to assist low income women with disabilities who are seeking employment and cannot afford appropriate clothing. The Center will provide all needed employment services, and DFS will provide clothing for the job interview and when a job has been accepted. DFS is an international not-for-profit organization offering services designed to help low income women find jobs and remain employed.
ALBANY - CDCI	Center established a contract with the US Social Security Administration (SSA) to serve as an Employment Network to provide employment services under the Ticket To Work Program.
ALBANY - CDCI	Center was invited to join the Employment Workshop group, specifically as the benefits advisor component of the group. The group's purpose is to plan a series of workshops regarding employment and individuals living with mental illness.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Hillcrest Spring Residential Adult Care Retirement Homes in Amsterdam changed its employment application to eliminate illegal questions.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Gift Shop and Information Center in Fultonville changed its reasonable accommodation procedures for employees who are disabled to permit them to alternate between sitting and standing throughout their work shift. Previously, employees were required to stand throughout their entire shift.
BATAVIA - GRILC	Genesee County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department made its employment application available in large print for job applicants who are visually impaired.
BINGHAMTON - STIC	Center established a contract with the US Social Security Administration (SSA) to serve as an Employment Network to provide employment services under the Ticket To Work Program.
BRONX - BILS	Center established a written agreement with the NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) Bronx District Office to conduct on-site outreach and benefits advisement services to

individuals applying for vocational rehabilitation services.

CORNING - AIM Center established a contract with the US Social Security Administration (SSA) to serve as an Employment Network to provide employment services under the Ticket To Work Program. **CORNING - AIM** Center established a fee-for-service contract with the NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) to provide supported employment services. **CORNING - AIM** NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR), Southern Tier Elmira District Office changed its practices to include AIM's benefit advisement information materials at all Unified Contract Services (UCS) orientations for new consumers. **CORNING - AIM** Center established a fee-for-service contract with the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) to provide supported employment services. **CORTLAND - ATI** Cortland Community Re-Entry Program (CCRP) changed its staff training procedures to include an ATI disability awareness and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) component in its training program. **CORTLAND - ATI** Home Care For Cortland County, Inc. in Cortland changed its staff training procedures to include an ATI disability awareness and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) component in its training program. **CORTLAND - ATI** SUNY (State University of New York) Cortland changed its staff training procedures to include an ATI disability awareness and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) component in its training program. **CORTLAND - ATI** Cortland Transit changed staff training procedures to include an ATI disability awareness and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) component in its training program. GLENS FALLS - SAIL Queensbury Union Free School District changed the job classification and title of "Handicapped Student Interpreter" to "Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired". This position provides sign language interpreter services for students in the classroom. HERKIMER - RCIL Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center in Herkimer made available a pocketalker (an assistive listening device) to assist individuals who are hard of hearing as they meet with their staff. HERKIMER - RCIL Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center in Herkimer changed its staff training procedures to include an RCIL-Herkimer developed disability sensitivity training for all new employees. **HERKIMER - RCIL** Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) changed procedures to include mailings on Social Security Work Incentives

transition process.

Planning & Assistance to all transition age students and their parents as part of the

HERKIMER - RCIL Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center in Herkimer changed its procedures

to include a Center component relating to Social Security Work Incentives Planning & Assistance as an annual training for consumers, the community, and

One-Stop staff.

ITHACA - FLIC Tompkins County changed its recruitment process to eliminate questions that

discriminate in regards to a person's disability.

ITHACA - FLIC City of Ithaca changed its recruitment process to eliminate questions that

discriminate in regards to a person's disability.

JAMESTOWN - SILC Chautauqua Works One-Stop in Dunkirk changed its practices to permit SILC

staff to meet with consumers on a monthly basis at the facility.

JAMESTOWN - SILC Jamestown One-Stop changed its practices to permit SILC staff to meet with

consumers on a monthly basis at the facility.

KINGSTON - RCAL Ulster County Department of Social Services (DSS) changed its procedures to

establish a single point of contact for all Medicaid Buy-In for Working Disabled

applications to prevent applications being delayed or lost.

KINGSTON - RCAL RCAL was approved for grant funding through the NYS Office For People With

Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Taconic Developmental Disabilities Service Office (DDSO) to provide an Enhanced Supported Employment Program

(ESEMP).

KINGSTON - RCAL NYS Department of Health (DOH) changed the Access NY Health Care

Application to have Supplement A (For Age 65+, Disabled, or Blind Medicaid Applicants) include the question "If you are a disabled and working, are you interested in applying for the MBI-WPD program?" to better inform applicants about the Medicaid Buy-In for Working Disabled (MBI-WPD) program and to expedite the processing of applications by local Department of Social Services

(DSS) offices.

KINGSTON - RCAL Gateway Community Industries in Kingston changed its intake procedures to

include information about obtaining a Benefits Planning Query (BPQY) from the US Social Security Administration to improve employment services to person

with disabilities.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational

Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) established a "Procedure For Purchasing Language Interpreter and Written Translation Services for Consumers with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)" during August 2010 to address the needs of vocational

understand English.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational

Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) revised service policy 1375.40 Work-Try-Out

rehabilitation consumers who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or

(WTO)/On-The-Job Training (OJT) Policy (July 2009) to include Rehabilitation Technology with statement "Rehabilitation technology, adaptive tools and devices are separate and distinct from ordinary tools and equipment required for a specific job. For ACCES-VR to provide required adaptive tools and equipment necessary, follow guidelines and procedures described in 1370.00 Rehabilitation Technology Policy and Procedures".

MASSENA - MILC

Center established a contract with the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services to conduct the county-wide Personalized Employment Pathways (PEP) program, which is a peer mentor based job search, development and readiness training program.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Orange County Department of Social Services and the Orange County Employment & Training Administration established an agreement with ILI to provide "special evaluation services" for consumers with significant disabilities.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Center established a contract with the US Social Security Administration (SSA) to serve as an Employment Network to provide employment services under the Ticket To Work Program.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Children's Corner Learning Center in New Windsor changed its reasonable accommodation policy to enable employees with developmental disabilities to better perform the assigned job duties.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Joe's Pizza in Newburgh changed its hiring criteria so that people with disabilities can now fill job vacancies that were previously not available to them.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Boys and Girls Club in Newburgh changed its hiring criteria so that people with disabilities can now fill job vacancies that were previously not available to them.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Elant in Newburgh, providing healthcare and housing programs, modified its hiring and reasonable accommodation policies to allow appropriately qualified individuals who are Deaf to receive training and serve as Certified Home Health Aides.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Unitex Textiles Rental Services in Newburgh changed its hiring criteria so people with disabilities can now fill job vacancies that were previously not available to them.

OLEAN - DIL

Employment Connection, a division of the Rehabilitation Center, in Olean changed the staff training procedures to include the Center's Disability Sensitivity Awareness Training as a regular part of the Job Readiness and Support curriculum for its staff.

OLEAN - DIL

United Way of Cattaraugus County in Olean changed the staff training procedures to include the Center's Disability Sensitivity Awareness Training as a regular part of the employee orientation program.

PLATTSBURGH - NCCI

One Work Source, One-Stop Career Center in Plattsburgh, installed automatic doors at its main entrance.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI

Dutchess County Human Rights Commission (DCHRC) added TRI to its website under Advocacy Services & Related Resources and changed its procedures to recommend the Center's Disability Etiquette Training Program to all employers and places of public accommodations that request such training and when complaints to the DCHRC require employers and places of public accommodations to receive training.

QUEENS - CIDNY

NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) established a "Procedure For Purchasing Language Interpreter and Written Translation Services for Consumers with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)" during August 2010 to address the needs of vocational rehabilitation consumers who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English.

QUEENS - CIDNY

NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) revised service policy 1375.40 Work-Try-Out (WTO)/On-The-Job Training (OJT) Policy (July 2009) to include Rehabilitation Technology with statement "Rehabilitation technology, adaptive tools and devices are separate and distinct from ordinary tools and equipment required for a specific job. For ACCES-VR to provide required adaptive tools and equipment necessary, follow guidelines and procedures described in 1370.00 Rehabilitation Technology Policy and Procedures".

SUFFOLK - SILO

SILO was awarded by the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to establish a Mobile Computer Lab that will provide assistive technology and advanced computer training to individuals and small groups with the goal of employment. Based on program success, CBVH will continue funding the project through Vocational Rehabilitation fee-for-service funds.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District changed its online employment applications to eliminate an illegal question for job applicants who are disabled.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Monroe-Woodbury Central School District changed its online employment applications to eliminate an illegal question for job applicants who are disabled.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Sullivan West Central School District changed its online employment applications to eliminate an illegal question for job applicants who are disabled.

UTICA - RCIL

Center's Executive Director is a member of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties.

UTICA - RCIL

Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center in Utica changed its staff training procedures to include the RCIL developed "Ten Commandments" DVD

(discusses various preferred communications techniques for interacting with persons with disabilities) in the personnel training program.

UTICA - RCIL

NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) Utica District Office changed procedures to inform consumers who are deaf of an option to be assigned to another Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and to routinely provide a list of local Employment Service Providers.

UTICA - RCIL

Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center in Rome changed its staff training procedures to include the RCIL developed "Ten Commandments" DVD (discusses various preferred communications techniques for interacting with persons with disabilities) in the personnel training program.

UTICA - RCIL

RCIL established a contract with the NYS Office of Mental Health through Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center in Utica to provide employment services to "in-patient" youth at the Pinefield Children & Adolescent Unit that include vocational training (job seeking and job retention skill development) and community supports (ongoing integrated supported employment and assisted competitive employment).

UTICA - RCIL

RCIL established a written arrangement with Hope House, a local soup kitchen for the homeless and poverty stricken in East Utica, to provide onsite outreach including benefits advisement and employment services for the participants who are disabled.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL

NRCIL applied for and was awarded a 5 year Federal grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to conduct an employment support program for persons with disabilities. The program is designed to improve employability, assist job seekers with training and job placement services, and address barriers to finding employment.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

WILC staff became a member of the Coordinating Committee for the Westchester County Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. FSS is a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help families enrolled in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, also known as Section 8, to obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

WILC partnered with the VIVE School in Yonkers through its Pathways to Success program, a General Educational Development (GED) certificate program for at risk minority populations in lower Westchester County, to provide on-site outreach including employment related services and benefits advisement for students who are disabled.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Greenburgh Academy in Yonkers changed practices to incorporate into the curriculum an ongoing WILC program that assists students to successfully transition from high school and develop post high-school goals (i.e. employment, vocational training, college, etc.).

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

WILC applied for and was awarded a 5 year Federal grant for \$208,038 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to conduct an employment support program for persons with disabilities. The program is designed to improve employability, assist job seekers with training and job placement services, and address barriers to finding employment.

NYS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME INVENTORY OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
ALBANY - CDCI	Bradley Bush Dental Office in Schoharie now provides its materials in alternative formats for patients with disabilities.
ALBANY - CDCI	Hudson Mohawk Recovery Center in Troy changed is practices to permit the Center to regularly work with consumers who are in the outpatient rehabilitation program.
ALBANY - CDCI	Center was requested to join the Schenectady County Mental Health Subcommittee that is affiliated with the Schenectady County Office of Community Services.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Center was active in national ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during March 2010 of Federal health care reform legislation known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that includes among its provisions: Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act (create national, affordable long-term care insurance program); Community First Choice (CFC) option (create a new home and community-based service within the Medicaid state plan); gradual reduction and eventual elimination of the Medicare Part D coverage gap (Medicare donut hole); and improvement of the quality and efficiency of health care across health disparity populations.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Center was active in national ILC effort that led to Congress extending three quarters of the funding for the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that was originally passed as part of the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009 and that increased the Federal share of Medicaid to New York State.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Governor rescinded the proposed cap on Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services at 84 hours per week and removed Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) services from the cap in the 2010-2011 State Budget.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Nathan Littauer Nursing Hospital and Home in Gloversville changed its procedures to have discharge planners include the Center's programs and services materials in their discharge planning packets that are provided to patients.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	US Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of Disability Determination in Baltimore, Maryland changed its practices to ensure that claimants with Limited

English Proficiency (LEP) are given the same assistance during the Social Security claims process as English speaking claimants. The changes included providing forms and other correspondence in languages other than English, issuing reminders to Regional SSA Commissioners and their respective state Department of Social Services Administrators, and providing specialized training for disability examiners.

AUBURN - OFI

Lakeview Mental Health Services in Seneca Falls changed its practices to regularly provide the Center's "Representative Payee/Benefits Administration" flyer to its consumers. It provides safe, affordable housing, support, and rehabilitative services to individuals recovering from mental illness.

AUBURN - OFI

Hope Starts Here in Auburn changed its practices to regularly provide the Center's materials to its consumers. Hope Starts Here serves persons who have mental disorders and is a cooperative project of: Cayuga Counseling Services, Auburn Memorial Hospital, Cayuga Community Health Network, East Hill Family Medical, Inc. and Cayuga County Mental Health.

BINGHAMTON - STIC

Center staff served on the Schuyler County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Schuyler County Office for the Aging in Montour Falls.

BINGHAMTON - STIC

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BINGHAMTON - STIC

STIC was a catalyst for the NYS Department of Health (DOH) drafting regulations to establish and Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) consumer directed program that will transition consumers from a Federal grant funded EISEP program. The DOH EISEP will be implemented and open to all eligible consumers statewide in December 2010.

BINGHAMTON - STIC

Governor vetoed bill S.7000 that would have weakened nondiscrimination provisions in current State insurance law while contributing no measurable improvement to autism coverage.

BINGHAMTON - STIC

STIC was approved as a service provider under the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver "Bridges to Health" (B2H) that serves children in foster care who have significant

in a home or community-based setting. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** NYS Department of Health (DOH) established the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver Program Vehicle Modification policy and guidelines to implement an existing allowable service that was previously unavailable and will include them in the updated NHTD Waiver Manual. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center was active in statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during July 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the public health law to require the reporting of newborn hearing screening results to the Department of Health. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the Local Early Intervention Coordination Council of Schoharie County, which was formed to advise the Schoharie County Department of Health in Schoharie on identifying families with infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities so appropriate intervention services can be provided. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the Broome County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Broome County Office for the Aging in Binghamton. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** STIC is a member of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver "Bridges to Health" (B2H) Regional Providers group. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** NYS Department of Health (DOH) streamlined the provider application process for the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver Program to expedite the review and approval of applications. Dr Armando Matta, plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Binghamton now **BINGHAMTON - STIC** provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Diabetes Care Associates in Binghamton now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the Onondaga County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Onondaga County Office for the Aging in Syracuse. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Governor rescinded the proposed cap on Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services at 84 hours per week and removed Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) services from the cap in the 2010-2011 State Budget. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the NYS Department of Health (DOH) Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver Program Advisory Committee. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the Otsego County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Otsego County Office for the Aging in Cooperstown.

mental health, developmental disabilities, or health care needs to help them to live

BINGHAMTON - STIC Center staff served on the Tompkins County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Tompkins County Office for the Aging in Ithaca. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff served on the Delaware County Long-Term Care Committee affiliated with the Delaware County Office for the Aging in Delhi. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center is a member of the Broome County Home Care Coalition affiliated with the Broome County Health Department **BRONX - BILS** Center's Systems Advocate became a member of the Turning Point South Bronx Neighborhood Network that is a group of community based, non-profit, and faith based organization dedicated to promoting health in nutrition for residents who are low income. The group also works to promote economic development and self-sufficiency. **BUFFALO - WNYIL** Center staff member was appointed to serve on the P² (Pursuing Perfection) Collaborative of Western New York Consumer Advisory Team to address the health issues of Erie County residents who are disabled. The P² Collaborative in Williamsville received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to undertake a major research initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of primary care providers in the health care delivery system in the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties). **CORNING - AIM** Allegany County NY Connects/Office for the Aging in Belmont now has a wheelchair to make the site more accessible to consumers with mobility disabilities. **CORNING - AIM** Center became a member of the NY Connects Long-Term Care Council of Allegany County, affiliated with the Allegany County Office for the Aging. **CORNING - AIM** Center became a member of the Allegany County Caregivers Coalition, affiliated with the Allegany County Community Partnership on Aging. **CORNING - AIM** The existing Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) Program in Allegany County reached a stable foundation by enrolling 13 new consumers. **CORTLAND - ATI** Doctor Kristin Clark-Lowell moved her general dentistry office in Cortlandville to a fully Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant facility that includes a special treatment operatory for wheelchairs. **DELAWARE - CCFI** Center established an agreement with the Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC) in Binghamton to serve as a subcontractor under the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Identification of and Outreach to Nursing Home

Residents Project grant that STIC was awarded by the NYS Department of Health. The grant term is from 10/08 to 9/11 and will be funded at over \$105,000. CCFI will serve 6 of the 13 counties to be served by the grant.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL NYS Department of Health (DOH) adopted a revised Initial Comprehensive Service Plan form to decrease applicant enrollment time in programs using a Comprehensive Case Management Model. The revised form was developed by SAIL in collaboration with 2 other ILCs.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Carpenter Physical Therapy in Warrensburg improved the access of its waiting area by re-configuring the room and changed its practices to provide SAIL materials for all patients.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Doctors Meyer and Malin Family Practice in Ballston Spa installed accessible parking spaces with striping for patients who are disabled.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Maxim Healthcare Services in Albany became a provider of services through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver Program. Southern Adirondack Independent Living in Glens Falls serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Center staff was appointed to the Essex County NY Connects Point of Entry to Long-Term Care Council affiliated with the Essex County Office for the Aging.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Center staff started serving on the Health Systems Navigator Workgroup for Warren and Washington Counties.

GLENS FALLS - SAIL Center staff was appointed to Montgomery County NY Connects Point of Entry to Long-Term Care Council affiliated with the Montgomery County Office for the Aging.

> Center staff started serving on the Open Door Mission Steering Committee. The Open Door Mission in Glens Falls serves the homeless and unfortunate by providing on-site meals and distributing bagged lunches, ready-to-eat meals and other food items to agencies and individuals in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties.

> Alpine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Little Falls changed its procedures to have discharge planners include information about the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver Program in their discharge planning packets that are provided to patients.

> FLIC Executive Director was invited to serve on the new Women's Advisory Committee at the Guthrie Clinic regional office in Ithaca. Guthrie Clinic provides a variety of medical services at 23 regional offices in the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

> Center was active in national ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during March 2010 of Federal health care reform legislation known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that includes among its provisions: Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act (create

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ITHACA - FLIC

Center was approved to provide consumer directed personal aides to individuals who are not Medicaid eligible through the Tompkins County Community Living Program administered by the County Department of Social Services and Office for Aging.

ITHACA - FLIC

Governor rescinded the proposed cap on Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services at 84 hours per week and removed Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) services from the cap in the 2010-2011 State Budget.

JAMESTOWN - SILC

Family Health Medical Services at 42 Dunham Avenue in Jamestown relocated to its new facility that is fully accessible.

JAMESTOWN - SILC

Western New York Urology Association at 103 Allen Street in Jamestown relocated to its new facility that is fully accessible.

KINGSTON - RCAL

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KINGSTON - RCAL

Center Executive Director became a member of the Ulster County Partnership for Healthy Aging, a coalition of Ulster County agencies that coordinates agency cooperation and trainings for agencies serving seniors.

KINGSTON - RCAL

Center staff serves on the Ulster County Long Term Care Council to address the medical and service needs of individuals with disabilities to remain independent in the community.

KINGSTON - RCAL

Ulster County Department of Social Services changed its application procedures for services through the NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Medicaid waivers to expedite the review process and reduce the amount of time people with disabilities were waiting for disability determinations.

KINGSTON - RCAL

Mental Health Association in Ulster County in Kingston changed the intake process for the NYS Medicare Savings Program to include an inquiry about eligibility criteria to ensure applicants are informed of the program and how to apply for services. The Program is funded through NYS Department of Health and administered by local Departments of Social Services and the Human

Resources Administration in New York City and can assist individuals/couples in paying for their Medicare Premiums.

KINGSTON - RCAL

NYS Department of Health (DOH) changed the Access NY Health Care application to include an option box for identifying "another person you would like to receive your Medicaid notices" to provide people with disabilities who are applying for Medicaid with a systematic way to have another person assist them with their applications.

KINGSTON - RCAL

NYS Department of Health (DOH) changed the Medicaid Scope of Benefits to permit consumers to have "regular" Medicaid Managed Care and Medicaid Advantage while enrolled in the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver program, which had previously denied Medicaid Advantage Plus coverage to people under NHTD because the services duplicated waiver services.

KINGSTON - RCAL

NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) changed its initial redesign of Medicaid Service Coordination from consumers being locked into receiving services from the service provider to being allowed to change vendors and have the allocation move with them to a new provider.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL

Center's Director of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) Program was appointed to serve on the Long Island Patient Safety Advisory Council (PSAC) that is affiliated with PULSE of NY, a grassroots patient safety advocacy organization headquartered in Nassau County.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL

Dental office of Dr. Paul D. Verdi in Port Washington removed a barrier in the hallway leading to the examination chair to allow for equal access for patients with disabilities who utilize wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that restored prior approval of health insurance premiums.

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State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that that amended the Governor's proposal to raise the medical loss ratio to 85% to increase the loss ratio to 82% in order to reduce windfall profits to insurers and to reduce higher premiums for consumers.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYS Department of Health's was approved for a \$1.75 million dollar grant to establish a statewide consortium to provide independent consumer assistance to access health coverage with a focus on serving people with disabilities. CIDNY's New Yorkers for Accessible Health Coverage project (statewide coalition of consumers and health advocacy organizations) was a catalyst DOH's funding application.

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State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that amended the Governor's proposal to require prior approval of physical therapy (PT)/occupational therapy (OT) for Medicaid beneficiaries to allow a specified number of visits pending approval of the recommended treatment plan.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYS Insurance Department established the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP): NY Bridge Plan to provide a temporary statewide insurance pool for high risk individuals. The Bridge Plan is administered by Group Health Incorporated (GHI). The PCIP is funded by the Federal 2010 health care reform law with coverage available until 2014 when other provisions of health care reform will go into effect and state health benefit exchanges will be available for individuals to purchase coverage.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYS Department of Health completely revised the Medicaid client notices for the Medicaid Spenddown program to improve the program's access for people with disabilities and to simplify its administration.

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MASSENA - MILC

Franklin County Department of Social Services Home Health Care Unit changed its practices to include Consumer Directed Personal Attendant materials for each of the three provider agencies in the County with the recertification notices that are sent to current recipients of home health care.

MIDDLETOWN - ATI

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NEWBURGH - ILI TEAM Newburgh, local coalition serving the Newburgh Enlarged City School District that works to lower substance abuse among youth, changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Hudson Valley Down Syndrome Association, Orange County Chapter in Gardiner changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish. **NEWBURGH - ILI** NYS Office of Children and Family Services Spring Valley Regional Office changed its mandatory child care program training curriculum to include "Laws and Regulations concerning Inclusion". Child Care Council of Orange County in Goshen changed its mandatory child **NEWBURGH - ILI** care program training curriculum to include "Laws and Regulations concerning Inclusion". NEWBURGH - ILI Middletown Community Health Center changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Arden Hill Campus in Goshen, of Orange Regional Medical Center, Mental Health Unit changed its practices to make culturally competent ILI Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted (MICA) Bridger Program services available to Spanish speaking consumers. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Community Health Hudson River Center, with sites in Poughkeepsie and Beacon, changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Dutchess County Department of Health changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish.

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Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis Mental Health Unit changes its practices to permit onsite ILI peer advocacy services on a 24/7, as-needed basis.

Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis Mental Health Unit changed its practices to make culturally competent ILI Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted (MICA) Bridger Program services available to Spanish-speaking consumers.

NYS Department of Health changed its procedures to provide demand responsive technical support to the Dutchess County Medicaid Division to reduce confusion by consumers and caseworkers regarding Medicaid eligibility issues.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Center is a member of the Ulster County NY Connects Point of Entry to Long
Term Care Council that is affiliated with the Ulster County Office for the Aging.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Newburgh Healthy Families, affiliated with Occupations, Inc. changed its practices to include as part of the informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services in English and Spanish.

NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC Center staff member was appointed to serve on the P² (Pursuing Perfection)

Collaborative of Western New York Consumer Advisory Team to address the health issues of Niagara County residents who are disabled. The P² Collaborative in Williamsville received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to undertake a major research initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of primary care providers in the health care delivery system in the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties).

OLEAN - DIL Olean General Hospital Marie Lorenz Dialysis Center changed its practices to include the Center's materials in community resource packets provided to its patients.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Victory Lake Nursing Center in Hyde Park now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard

of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI

Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine (affiliated with St. Francis Hospital) in Poughkeepsie now provides sign language interpreter services to

effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Rockland Pulmonary & Medical Associates in West Nyack provided sign

language interpreters to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or

hard of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Columbia County Department of Social Services (DSS) in Hudson now provides

sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who

are deaf or hard of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Alzheimer's Association in Poughkeepsie now provides sign language interpreter

services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Ramapo Manor for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Suffern provided sign language

interpreters to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of

hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Grand Street Medical Associates in Kingston now provides sign language

interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard

of hearing.

POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Ramapo Medical Associates in Suffern now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Elant Nursing Home in Wappingers Falls now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Northeast Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center in Brewster provided sign language interpreters to better communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Hudson Heart Associates in Suffern now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Mid Hudson Pain Management (affiliated with St. Francis Hospital) in Poughkeepsie now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI North Road Surgery, P.C. in Poughkeepsie now provides sign language interpreter services to effectively communicate with patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. **PUTNAM - PILS** Center consumer is a member of the Putnam Mental Health Single Point of Access (SPOA) Committee for children services, which is a Putnam County Department of Mental Health initiative. **QUEENS - CIDNY** State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that rejected Governor's proposal to eliminate the Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Review Panel. **QUEENS - CIDNY** NYS Insurance Department established the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP): NY Bridge Plan to provide a temporary statewide insurance pool for high risk individuals. Bridge Plan is administered by Group Health Incorporated (GHI). PCIP is funded by the Federal 2010 health care reform law with coverage available until 2014 when other provisions of health care reform will go into effect and state health benefit exchanges will be available for individuals to purchase coverage. **QUEENS - CIDNY** NYS Department of Health completely revised the Medicaid client notices for the Medicaid Spenddown program to improve the program's access for people with disabilities and to simplify its administration. **QUEENS - CIDNY** State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that restored prior approval of health insurance premiums. **QUEENS - CIDNY** State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that that amended the Governor's proposal to raise the medical loss ratio to 85% to increase the loss ratio to 82% in order to reduce windfall profits to insurers and to reduce higher premiums for consumers.

QUEENS - CIDNY

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QUEENS - CIDNY

State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that amended the Governor's proposal to require prior approval of physical therapy (PT)/occupational therapy (OT) for Medicaid beneficiaries to allow a specified number of visits pending approval of the recommended treatment plan.

QUEENS - CIDNY

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ROCHESTER - RCIL

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ROCHESTER - RCIL

State Legislature approved a 2010-2011 State budget that restored the Governor's proposed cuts to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for community-based health care services and retained Personal Care Level I services.

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ROCHESTER - RCIL

State Legislature approved 2010-2011 State budget that restored prior approval of health insurance premiums

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Center was active in statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during 2010 of NYS legislation that stopped the "sunset" of Kendra's Law

(enacted 1999, renewed in 2005) and extend it for another five years from 2010 to 2015 with no improvements. The legislation provides for court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment for certain people with mental illness that, in view of their treatment history and present circumstances, are unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

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ROCKLAND - RILC

Center staff serves on the Rockland County Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force, which is affiliated with the Mental Health Association of Rockland County that serves persons who receive mental health services and their families.

ROCKLAND - RILC

Rockland Family Shelter in New City installed a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) to enhance its communication when providing services to deaf and hard of hearing women who are victims of crime, abuse and/or domestic violence.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL

Staten Island University Hospital changed its policies to provide regular disability sensitivity training for its nurses, doctors, and Emergency Department personnel.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Hudson Community Health Building in Monticello installed "No Parking Anytime" signs for handicapped parking access aisles to improve access for the existing handicap parking spaces.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Center staff serves on the Social Marketing Workgroup that is affiliated with the Orange County System of Care in Montgomery, an initiative to improve services for youth with complex mental health needs, and their families. The workgroup was established to develop a Social Marketing Plan for the provision of services through a wraparound approach that uses formal and informal services and supports.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Sullivan County Office for the Aging/Sullivan NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care in Monticello made its brochure in an accessible format on disc.

SULLIVAN - ATI

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SULLIVAN - ATI

Healthy Beginnings (Families) of Sullivan in Monticello made its brochure available in large print for consumers who are visually impaired. Healthy Beginnings is a comprehensive primary prevention program that focuses on the safety and healthy development of children while at the same time preserving and supporting families, which is part of the Healthy Families New York program.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Governor rescinded the proposed cap on Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services at 84 hours per week and removed Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) services from the cap in the 2010-2011 State Budget.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists (SOS) on Seneca Turnpike in Syracuse created an adequate number of handicapped accessible parking spaces. SOS operates eight facilities throughout Onondaga County.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Oswego Hospital changed its procedures to have discharge planners include the Center's materials in their discharge planning packets that are provided to patients.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

North Medical PC Family Physicians in Liverpool resurfaced and restriped 20 handicapped parking access aisles to the proper width and installed vertical signs to correct oversight when the entire parking lot was previously resurfaced and restriped.

TROY - ILCHV

Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP) health maintenance organization (HMO) now provides sign language interpreter services at its member meetings for persons who are deaf.

TROY - ILCHV

Center was active in national ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during March 2010 of Federal health care reform legislation known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that includes among its provisions: Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act (create national, affordable long-term care insurance program); Community First Choice (CFC) option (create a new home and community-based service within the Medicaid state plan); gradual reduction and eventual elimination of the Medicare Part D coverage gap (Medicare donut hole); and improvement of the quality and efficiency of health care across health disparity populations.

UTICA - RCIL

Mercy Of Northern New York, a nursing home and skilled nursing facility in Watertown, changed its procedures to have discharge planners include information about the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver Program in their discharge planning packets that are provided to patients.

UTICA - RCIL

Center staff serves on the Oneida County Health Coalition, which is affiliated with the Oneida County Health Department. The Coalition's mission is to collaborate, educate, advocate, and promote health and quality of life for people in Oneida County by building a partnership of diverse representatives who are committed to improving the public's health and well-being.

UTICA - RCIL RCIL is a member of Oneida County Stop ACES (adverse childhood

experiences). Its goal is to promote a community dialogue that pulls

professionals, agencies, media, religious communities, together in a united effort

to combat issues of abuse and neglect.

UTICA - RCIL Resource Center for Independent Living in Utica became a provider of services

through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion

(NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program.

UTICA - RCIL RCIL established a contract with the Oneida County Office for the Aging to

provide Consumer Directed In-home Services (CDIS), which is the Medicare funded equivalent of Medicaid funded Consumer Directed Personal Assistant

programming (CDPAP).

WATERTOWN - NRCIL NRCIL's Mental Health Advocate was appointed to the Lewis County's Single

Point of Accountability (SPOA) Committee for the adult population, which is a

NYS Office of Mental Health initiative.

WATERTOWN - NRCIL NRCIL's Parent Partner was appointed to the Fort Drum, in Taylorsville and

home of US Army 10th Mountain Division, SNAP Committee (Special Needs Assessment Program) to address child care issues for families with children who

are disabled and live on base.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC Elite Home Care Services, main office in New City, provides health care

personnel to Rockland, Westchester and the New York metro area, became a service provider under the NYS Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Medicaid Waiver program. WILC in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the TBI Waiver and was a catalyst for

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WHITE PLAINS - WILC Alchemy of Aging with offices in Tarrytown and Kingston became a provider of

services through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program. WILC in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD Waiver and was

a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC VIP Healthcare Services in New Rochelle became a provider of services through

the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program. Westchester Independent Living Center in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD

Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Westchester Jewish Community Services in White Plains became a provider of services through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program. WILC in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Sunshine Home Care in Nanuet became a provider of services through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program. Westchester Independent Living Center in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Living Life Home Care (dba Comfort Keepers in Peekskill) serves Westchester, Bronx, Dutchess and Putnam Counties became a service provider under NYS Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Medicaid Waiver program. WILC in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the TBI Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Center established the Westchester Peer Network, through its Mental Health Advocacy Project, to address ongoing mental health service issues in the community. The group meets monthly for training and information sharing, to respond to Action Alerts regarding mental health legislation, and to act on current issues.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Family Service Society of Yonkers became a provider of services through the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver program. Westchester Independent Living Center in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the NHTD Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, main office in Albany and serves 22 counties in Northeastern New York, became a service provider under the NYS Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Medicaid Waiver program. WILC in White Plains serves as a Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the TBI Waiver and was a catalyst for organization's application to be a service provider.

YONKERS - WDOM

St. Johns-Riverside Hospital in Yonkers corrected problems with the handicapped accessible parking spaces by redesigning the parking lot.

YONKERS - WDOM

Medical Building at 141 South Central Park Avenue in Hartsdale created a curb cut and handicapped accessible parking spaces with access aisles that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the State Buildings Code.

YONKERS - WDOM

Center was active in national ILC effort that led to Congress extending three quarters of the funding for the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that was originally passed as part of the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act

(ARRA) of 2009 and that increased the Federal share of Medicaid to New York State.

YONKERS - WDOM

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains modified its handicapped accessible parking spaces to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

YONKERS - WDOM

Governor rescinded the proposed cap on Personal Care Attendant (PCA) services at 84 hours per week and removed Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) services from the cap in the 2010-2011 State Budget.

YONKERS - WDOM

Center was active in statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during 2010 of NYS legislation that stopped the "sunset" of Kendra's Law (enacted 1999, renewed in 2005) and extended it for another five years from 2010 to 2015 with no improvements. The legislation provides for court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment for certain people with mental illness that, in view of their treatment history and present circumstances, are unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision.

NYS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME INVENTORY OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

COMMERCE ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	COMMERCE ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
ALBANY - CDCI	Center was requested to join the Schenectady County Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Subcommittee that is affiliated with the Schenectady County Office of community Services.
ALBANY - CDCI	Center became a member of a committee of the NYS Interagency Partnership on Assistive Technology (IPAT) Advisory Board, which oversees the TRAID (Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities) Program. TRAID is a federally funded program administered by the NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities.
ALBANY - CDCI	Center established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Albany Community Action Program (ACAP) to provide Independent Living services to persons with disabilities who receive home modification services through the ACAP Access to Home program funded through the NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR).
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Fuel and Food gas station/convenience store in Mayfield now displays signs to inform customers with disabilities that it offers assistance pumping fuel.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Amsterdam City Hall improved the access of the bathroom by installing grab bars.
AMSTERDAM – RCIL	Center established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amsterdam Housing Authority (AHA) to provide all needed Independent Living services to participants in the AHA Non-Elderly Disabled Program, which serves non-elderly persons who are disabled and in need of Section 8 housing in Montgomery County.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Friendly's Ice Cream Shop in Johnstown modified its bathrooms so they are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
AUBURN - OFI	OFI consumer began serving on the Community Food Security Assessment Committee that is affiliated with the Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County. The Committee's purpose is to improve access to nutritious food for low-income residents, help communities provide for food needs and respond to local food, farm and nutrition issues.
AUBURN - OFI	Center staff member serves on the Cayuga County Point-in-Time Committee of the Cayuga County Homeless Task Force, which is affiliated with the Human

BATAVIA - GRILC Genesee County Chamber of Commerce in Batavia changed its monthly meeting scheduling policy to hold meetings at accessible businesses that are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Hopler & Eschbach Funeral Home in Binghamton made its services accessible to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing by providing sign language interpreters. **BINGHAMTON - STIC** Center staff serves on the Board of Directors of the Empire State Association of the Deaf (ESAD), which is a non-profit organization that provides services to the community to help all deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people. **BRONX - BILS** Golden Eagle III Diner at 545 East 183rd Street in the Bronx now provides large print menus for patrons who are low vision. **BRONX - BILS** Jade Stone Pizzeria at 4457-59 Third Avenue and East 82nd Street in the Bronx now provides large print menus for patrons who are low vision. **BROOKLYN - BCID** Apartment building at 125 Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn installed two portable ramps for its residents; one at the main entrance and the other one in the lobby. Borough of Brooklyn constructed a curb cut on the corner of 5th Avenue and 17th **BROOKLYN - BCID** Street. Green Light Bookstore in Brooklyn installed a portable ramp at the entrance. BROOKLYN - BCID **BROOKLYN - BCID** Apartment building at 455 Carlton Avenue in Brooklyn installed an accessible entrance for its residents. **BUFFALO - WNYIL** Center in collaboration with Belmont Shelter Corporation created the New York Makes Work Pay Committee of WNY a subcommittee of the CA\$H (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Coalition, which is an initiative of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County and seeks to increase the financial stability of lowincome families.

annually.

Services Coalition of Cayuga County. The Committee focuses on collecting and analyzing data reflective of the homeless and/or housing populations twice

BUFFALO - WNYIL

Center's Mental Health Peer Connection (MHPC) program established a written agreement with the Buffalo Urban League to regularly participate in its Erie County Re-Entry Task Force monthly Parole Community Orientations. The Re-Entry Task Force is affiliated with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.

CORNING - AIM

City of Corning completed the Vital Link Rehabilitation Project to increase access in downtown Corning along the sidewalk system on Denison Parkway from Conhoncton to Cedar Streets and on Market Street from Wall to Bridge Streets, which included curb cut improvements and sidewalk ramp repairs.

CORNING - AIM Food Bank of the Southern Tier in Elmira improved its access by relocating a water dispenser and raising a VCR shelf. The Food Bank serves as a distribution hub supplying food to the shelters, etc. and provides food stamps application assistance and information regarding local food pantries and soup kitchens. **CORNING - AIM** Center is a member of the Allegany County Universal Design and Home Modification Committee. **CORNING - AIM** Radisson Hotel in Corning improved the access of its bathrooms by installing automatic paper towel and soap dispensers and placing them in an accessible location on the wall, installing automatic faucets, and installing automatic door openers. **CORTLAND - ATI** City of Cortland upgraded the crosswalk pushbuttons to large print at the intersection of Main Street, Clinton Avenue, and Groton Avenue. **DELAWARE - CCFI** Center's Systems Advocate was appointed to the Village of Unadilla Planning Board. **DELAWARE - CCFI** Hilton Garden Inn in Troy made the following changes to improve its access: a. established a contract with an accessible transportation provider for its guests who are disabled; b. altered key cards for guests who are blind or visually impaired so they are better able to determine which direction to insert them into the door and elevator lock mechanisms; c. lowered pull force pressures on accessible public restroom facilities; d. will not use scented deodorizes in public areas upon request; and e. improved handicapped accessible parking to comply with NYS standards. **GLENS FALLS - SAIL** Blue Moose Tavern and Restaurant in Lake George installed an entryway ramp. **GLENS FALLS - SAIL** Harvest Restaurant in Queensbury installed a ramp and modified the bathroom. GLENS FALLS - SAIL Center staff started serving on the NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Behavioral Board, as a parent representative GLENS FALLS - SAIL Charlie's BBQ in Queensbury installed a ramp and added accessible tables. GLENS FALLS - SAIL Glens Falls Civic Center added appropriate striping to existing handicapped accessible parking spaces. HARLEM - HILC Nicole Boutique located on West 125th and St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem made available a movable ramp for patrons who are disabled with a universal disability symbol displayed prominently in the front glass window. HARLEM - HILC Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits restaurant at West 125th and St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem changed is practices to keep the door to the accessible entrance unlocked during business hours.

HARLEM - HILC Rite Aid Pharmacy Corporate Office in Pennsylvania changed its policies to

require all stores (nearly 4,800 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia) to provide purchase receipts with alternate contact information for internet or

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) to assist customers who are Deaf

or hard of hearing.

ITHACA - FLIC City of Ithaca Department of Public Works revised and updated its Handicapped

Parking Policy.

ITHACA - FLIC United States Postal Service, main office on Warren Road in Ithaca, changed the

location and size of signage to direct people with disabilities to the accessible

entrance.

JAMESTOWN - SILC James Prendergast Library in Jamestown removed security gates at the front of

the library that had been a problem for wheelchair users.

JAMESTOWN - SILC Hometown Wings Sports Grill & Bar in Jamestown constructed a ramp to make it

accessible for customers who use wheelchairs.

KINGSTON - RCAL RCAL established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rural Ulster

Preservation Company in Kingston to provide Independent Living services to participants in the Single Family Repair and First Time Homebuyer Club

programs.

KINGSTON - RCAL Enzo's Ristorante & Pizza on Boices Lane in Kingston remarked accessible

parking spaces and provided appropriate signage after the parking lot was

repaved.

KINGSTON - RCAL Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) changed its policies for issuing a fare

discount card to persons who are disabled from only accepting a Medicare card to indicate disability to now accepting documentation from either a medical

profession or the US Social Security Administration (SSA) in addition to a

Medicare card.

KINGSTON - RCAL Lake Shore Villa Apartments in Port Ewen changed its policies to designate

accessible parking.

KINGSTON - RCAL Quick Chek at 539 Albany Ave in Kingston, a retail food store chain, replaced

non compliant truncated domes at curb cuts with Americans with Disabilities Act

Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) compliant ones. Truncated domes are required for curb ramps to provide detectable warnings for determining the

boundary between the sidewalk and street by people with visual disabilities.

KINGSTON - RCAL Birches at Chambers on Maple Lane in Kingston, a senior housing complex,

changed its practices to allow persons who are disabled and not seniors to live

there.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL Quiznos Restaurant in Bethpage added a handicapped accessible parking space to

its parking lot for customers with disabilities.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL IHOP (International House of Pancakes) restaurant in Williston Park now provides Braille and large print menus for customers who are Blind or visually impaired. LONG ISLAND - LICIL Wantagh Fire Department posted the LICIL developed Residents with Disabilities Pre-Plan Form on its website so that local residents with disabilities can easily update their personal information online. LONG ISLAND - LICIL Long Island Bus Able-Ride paratransit system, which is part of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), modified its website to notify customers of the option to register a cell phone number on the website so that they may be contacted in the event of a service change. MANHATTAN - CIDNY New York City and State agencies restored funding for 3,000 Section 8 vouchers withdrawn due to budget cuts. Section 8, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, is sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). MASSENA - MILC Village of Potsdam Housing Authority rescinded its "No Pets Allowed" Policy to allow tenants who are disabled to have companion animals. MASSENA - MILC SeaComm Federal Credit Union in Malone created additional handicapped accessible parking spaces with signage and striping. MIDDLETOWN - ATI Center staff serve on the Leadership Orange Board of Directors and Health and Human Services Committee - private organization in Montgomery that conducts an annual 10-month leadership training program on topics important to Orange County residents and businesses. MIDDLETOWN - ATI Center staff serve on the Community Impact Council affiliated with the Orange County United Way in Montgomery. MIDDLETOWN - ATI Copperfield's Food & Spirits in Montgomery provided its menu in large print for customers who are visually impaired. MIDDLETOWN - ATI Middletown police Department installed a camera, a doorbell, and a speaker at the courthouse entrance to the police department for persons who are disabled. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Salvation Army in Poughkeepsie changed its practices to include as part of their informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Association For Hispanics To Obtain Resources & Assistance (AHORA) in Poughkeepsie changed its practices to include as part of their informational packet information about the ILI Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) services for children with disabilities in English and Spanish.

NEWBURGH - ILI Orange County Consolidated Plan was amended to include more specific language regarding housing for people with disabilities. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Newburgh Police Department established a cooperative agreement with ILI to provide training to supportive housing residents on responding to residential concerns when living independently. **NEWBURGH - ILI** Salvation Army of Newburgh changed its staff training practices to provide disability awareness training to its staff. NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC A local housing developer, Murray Defranco, formally committed to construction of integrated and accessible units with visitability and universal design in any construction project built by his company. **OLEAN - DIL** Allegany County Transportation Task Force established the Wellsville Express bus route that runs in a loop around Wellsville to address the travel needs of older adults and persons with disabilities. The route includes designated stops to access health care and community resources with weekday service between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. PLATTSBURGH - NCCI Skyway Shopping Center in Plattsburgh made curb cut improvements to its parking lot. PLATTSBURGH - NCCI McDonald's Restaurant on Margaret Street in Plattsburgh improved handicapped accessible parking by properly placing and marking the spaces. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI Center's Program Director was invited to be on the Hudson Valley CA\$H (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Coalition, which serves Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties and seeks to increase the financial stability of senior citizens and lower-income families by providing no-charge tax preparation assistance. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI City of Beacon Housing Authority made its services accessible to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing by providing sign language interpreter services. POUGHKEEPSIE - TRI ReMax Benchmark Realty Group in New Windsor made its services accessible to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing by providing sign language interpreters. **PUTNAM - PILS** Dunkin' Donuts in Brewster added proper handicapped accessible parking signs to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. **PUTNAM - PILS** Tilly Foster Farm's General store on Route. 312 in Brewster installed a wheelchair ramp over the two steps at the store's entrance. **PUTNAM - PILS** Putnam County District Attorney's Office established a Mental Health Court. The Court's mission is to improve public safety; link offenders with community based treatment services in lieu of jail or prison; and improve the court's ability to identify, help and monitor offenders working in conjunction with Social Workers

and Psychiatrists.

QUEENS - CIDNY

New York City and State agencies restored funding for 3,000 Section 8 vouchers withdrawn due to budget cuts. Section 8, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, is sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ROCHESTER - RCIL

NYS Office for Aging included RCIL's recommendations regarding livable communities in the manual for its Community Empowerment initiative, which is designed to enhance awareness of existing community assets, identify existing issues/barriers to create a livable community for older residents, and create a detailed action plan with stakeholders and interest groups to address concerns.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Governor's Office changed its practices to provide a sign language interpreter and captioning for the Governor's State of the State address and Budget speech through internet broadcasts.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Rochester Police Department in collaboration with the Center developed the Deaf Driver Communication Visor Card to assist in communication during a traffic stop between a police officer and a driver who is deaf. It is modeled after other successful programs used by drivers who are deaf in other states such as Maryland and Virginia.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

Your News Now (YNN) - Rochester changed its practices to improve documents before they are sent to the teleprompter as captioning was provided based on written reports on Teleprompters resulting in mistakes and missed information. YNN Rochester is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week local news service viewed on cable channel 9 in Rochester, channel 14 elsewhere.

ROCKLAND - RILC

RILC staff is a member of the Board of Directors of the Rockland County Disability Advisory Council that works with the Rockland County Office for People with Disabilities by acting as an advocate to protect the interests of persons with disabilities.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL

SICIL was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during July 2010 of NYS legislation that designates October 18 as Disabilities History Day.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL NYC Department of Transportation, Staten Island Ferry Division established a written agreement with SICIL to provide annual disability sensitivity training to all vessel and terminal employees.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL New Dorp Library in Staten Island now makes available computers with JAWS screen reading software to assist persons with visual impairment.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL Staten Island Ferry now provides menus in Braille at snack bars on all ferry boats for passengers who are blind.

SUFFOLK - SILO

SILO is a member of the Transportation Committee to address transportation issues for individuals with disabilities in Suffolk County. The Committee includes consumers and representatives from Suffolk County Transit (public

transit) and Suffolk Bus Corp in Bay Shore (private company providing local bus charter service). Sullivan County Agency Directory for County, Town, and Village Officials added SULLIVAN - ATI the Center to the annual listing of affiliated agencies as an official county-wide resource. The Directory is prepared by the Sullivan County Legislative Office. SULLIVAN - ATI Legislative Office Building in Albany installed high contrast strips on the edges of all stairs in hearing rooms A, B, & C so that people with visual impairments could safely distinguish the edges of the steps. SULLIVAN - ATI South Fallsburg Town Hall installed "No Parking Anytime" signs for handicapped parking access aisles to improve access for the existing handicap parking spaces. Home Depot, Thompson Square Mall in Monticello, installed "No Parking SULLIVAN - ATI Anytime" signs for handicapped parking access aisles to improve access for the existing handicap parking spaces. SULLIVAN - ATI Center staff serves on the Sullivan County Rural Housing Committee to identify priority housing issues for people with disabilities in Sullivan County. SULLIVAN - ATI Apartment building at 6 Harmony Lane in Monticello installed ramps to provide access to 4 garden Apartments on the ground level, which could only be accessed by stairs. SULLIVAN - ATI Doughboys Pizza and Charbroil Restaurant in Woodridge provided its menu in large print and posted a sign stating it is available for customers who are visually impaired. SULLIVAN - ATI Vino Restaurant and Wine Bar in Monticello provided its menu in large print and posted a sign stating it is available for customers who are visually impaired. SULLIVAN - ATI Center staff serve on the Guardianship Committee, affiliated with the Sullivan ARC in Monticello, which oversees the provision of the New York State Association for Retarded Children (NYSARC) Guardianship Program. **SYRACUSE - ARISE** ARISE Consumer Council member was appointed to the Mayor of Syracuse's Citizens Cabinet, an advisory body of city residents to represent people with disabilities. **SYRACUSE - ARISE** Onondaga County Department of Social Services changed its policy to require workers to assist in the completion of applications as well as conduct home visits when needed to expedite the application process. **SYRACUSE - ARISE** Onondaga County Department of Social Services installed a separate service window for Emergency Assistance to Adults on SSI (EAA) and provided dedicated staff to work the waiting line to ensure persons with disabilities who are unable to wait will get assistance more timely.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

McDonald's Restaurant, in the Walmart Supercenter in Camillus, amended its policy restricting the use of a Walmart electric wheelchair with attached shopping cart in the restaurant to allow people with disabilities access to the restaurant while using the Walmart electric wheelchairs and attached shopping cart.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Center Manager of Advocacy became a member of the Executive Committee of the Onondaga County-City Homeless Taskforce on the Continuum of Care.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Onondaga County-City Homeless Taskforce on the Continuum of Care changed its annual application for US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for homeless services to have review tool for permanent housing for homeless include criteria for assessing accessibility features included in the applications.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Bennett Manor Apartments in East Syracuse replaced a bench that had been removed as it is used mostly, by tenants with disabilities to wait for public and private transportation.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to the passage and signing into law during June 2010 of NYS legislation to remove the words "Mental Retardation" from State statute and regulation and to change the name of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) to the Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Center staff member with a disability was appointed to the Oswego County Fair Housing Council.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Geddes Plaza in Syracuse restriped the parking lot and provided eight (8) handicapped accessible parking spaces with access aisles at the proper dimension.

TROY - ILCHV

Troy Housing Authority changed its practices to make available Section 8 vouchers specifically for low income people with disabilities to obtain affordable housing. Section 8, also known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program, is sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

UTICA - RCIL

Mohawk Valley Perinatal Network (MVPN) in Utica improved the access of its tax preparation service by moving to the fully accessible YWCA (Young Men's Christian Association) on Cornelia Street since a small elevator at its previous location made the tax office not accessible. MVPN provides a variety of services to improve the health and well being of mothers and infants that includes free tax return preparation assistance under the US Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

UTICA - RCIL

Center is a member of the Community Coalition for Economic Justice that consists of private and public agencies and attacks the elements of poverty that pervade in the Greater Utica area.

UTICA - RCIL

Center staff serves on the Call-A-Bus paratransit Appeals Committee for Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) serving Oneida

County. Call-A-Bus is a public ride sharing transportation service for people with disabilities. UTICA - RCIL Center staff serves on the Board of Directors of the Oneida County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Utica. WATERTOWN - NRCIL Consumer with a mental health disability was appointed to the Mental Health Sub-committee of the Lewis County Community Services Board. WATERTOWN - NRCIL Salmon Run Mall in Watertown installed new signage for existing handicapped accessible parking spaces making them more visible for people with disabilities. WATERTOWN - NRCIL Ogdensburg Housing Authority changed its procedures to comply with regulations that require recognition of the income disregard for people with disabilities returning to work and living in subsidized housing. WHITE PLAINS - WILC Office building at 700 E. Post Road in Scarsdale issued a memo to all offices to make them aware there are accessible restrooms on the ground level and provided the security code for those restrooms to all offices. WHITE PLAINS - WILC India House Restaurant in Montrose installed an accessible bathroom and two handicapped accessible parking spaces with striping and signage. WHITE PLAINS - WILC Noda's Japanese Steakhouse in White Plains now displays appropriate access signage so customers with disabilities will know there is a portable ramp to traverse the two steps inside the lobby. YONKERS - WDOM Village of Ossining established a plan to improve handicapped accessible parking at the Ossining Metro North Railroad station in order to bring the municipal parking lot into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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SOCIAL ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	SOCIAL ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
ALBANY - CDCI	Center applied for and was awarded funding through the Healthy Hearts on The Hill Coalition (HHH) to establish the "Have Fun, Be Fit" fitness program at the Center and to purchase the equipment needed to start the program. HHH is a coalition in Albany's West Hill neighborhood that was founded by the Center for Excellence in Aging & Community Wellness at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany and Koinonia Primary Care.
AMSTERDAM - RCIL	Emerald Cinemas movie theater in Amsterdam mow displays signage to inform patrons who are hearing impaired of the availability of assistive devices at no extra charge.
BATAVIA - GRILC	Genesee County Interpretive Nature Center in East Bethany now provides its quarterly newsletter in large print and Braille for consumers who are visually impaired or blind.
CORNING - AIM	Founders Pavilion nursing home in Corning installed a temporary ramp to provide access for persons with disabilities to participate in its annual outdoor picnic and other recreational activities for that day.
CORTLAND - ATI	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Cortland made its reception area accessible and created a secure/accessible member entrance.
CORTLAND - ATI	Lime Hollow Nature Center for Environment and Culture in Cortland purchased a trail wheelchair, which is available to people with disabilities to navigate rough terrain.
DELAWARE - CCFI	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Oneonta installed a lift for the pool.
DELAWARE - CCFI	East Worcester United Methodist Church replaced a 50-foot ramp with a ramp built to Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) standards.
GLENS FALLS - SAIL	Fort Miller Wesleyan Church in Fort Edward widened a doorway to make the church accessible for parishioners who utilize wheelchairs or other mobility devices.
ITHACA - FLIC	Kitchen Theater Company in Ithaca moved to a building that is completely accessible to people with disabilities.

ITHACA - FLIC Hangar Theatre in Ithaca made its bathrooms fully accessible. JAMESTOWN - SILC Lillian Vitanza Renaissance Center in Jamestown installed a ramp to enter the building from the parking lot area that is covered with an awning to protect it from rain and snow. The Renaissance Center hosts a variety of social and recreations events as well as provides office space for local agencies and businesses. **KINGSTON - RCAL** Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) changed its paratransit scheduling policies from picking up/dropping off at the rider's door to a call-in customized scheduled pick up and drop off at the place/time of their need, which will enable consumers to participate in social activities as well as work, school, and shopping. **KINGSTON - RCAL** Sojourner Truth/Ulster Landing Park on Ulster Landing Road in Kingston created an accessible trail from the parking lot to an existing footbridge and corrected a lip on the footbridge. MASSENA - MILC St. Lawrence Centre Arena in Massena constructed a ramped, raised platform to provide accessible viewing for persons who use wheelchairs at arena activities and events. NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC City of Niagara Falls changed its event permit procedures to require all applicants to certify they are aware of and will comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) for all civic events. Failure to certify or to falsely certify will result in event cancellation. **ROCHESTER - RCIL** Gay Pride picnic, held annually in Rochester, provided wheelchair accessible portable restrooms. ROCHESTER - RCIL Center is a member of the newly established Deaf Blind Collaborating Committee in Rochester, which works to improve support services that will enable participation in community social, recreational and leisure activities. The Committee includes relevant deaf-blind services and related organizations. SUFFOLK - SILO Bay Shore Marina in Islip installed additional handicapped accessible parking spaces to have the appropriate number. SULLIVAN - ATI Center staff serves on the Autism Walk Committee that oversees the annual Walk now for Autism Speaks event. The Walk is sponsored by Autism Speaks that is an organization dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, (ASD) and to funding research into the causes, prevention and treatments. SULLIVAN - ATI Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council in Newburg provided accessible portable toilets at events as well accommodations for all summer camps.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, an outdoor performing arts center and museum in Bethel, installed "No Parking Anytime" signs for handicapped parking access aisles to improve access for the existing handicap parking spaces, a wheelchair accessible transport cart for travel from the parking lot to the paved area near the

SULLIVAN - ATI

stage, and additional benches at the parking lot transport terminal for those who have to wait for the carts. The venue also provided a parking lot designated solely for accessible parking when it is needed due to overflow.

TROY - ILCHV Palace Theatre in Albany now provides sign language interpreted movies, which

include an interactive piece with live performers.

YONKERS – WDOM` Gedney Park in Chappaqua modified the ramp to the 911 Memorial to correct the

slope so it would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

NYS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME INVENTORY OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

CITIZENSHIP ADVOCACY 2009-2010

Center	CITIZENSHIP ADVOCACY SYSTEM CHANGE OUTCOME
AUBURN – OFI	OFI Board of Directors member was newly appointed to the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC).
BINGHAMTON – STIC	Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.
BROOKLYN – BCID	New York City Council Member Steven Levin, newly elected to serve District 33, moved his office from the not accessible second floor walk-up of the previous Council Member to an accessible storefront at 410 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.
BROOKLYN – BCID	As a result of BCID's testimony at the New York City Board of Elections (BOE) hearing to select a vote scanner system, Nassau County BOE changed its selection from the not user friendly Dominion ballot marking device (BMD) to the user friendly AutoMark.
BUFFALO – WNYIL	Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.
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DELAWARE – CCFI	Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during July 2010 of NYS legislation that designates October 18 as Disabilities History Day.
HARLEM – HILC	NYS Senator Bill Perkins, representing District 30 with his district office in Harlem, made his website fully accessible for constituents who are blind or visually impaired.

HERKIMER – RCIL Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1010 in Ilion became an accessible polling site by

installing a ramp.

ITHACA – FLIC Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response changed its policies and

procedures for the development of emergency plans to include input from people

with disabilities in order to address their concerns.

ITHACA – FLIC Tompkins County Board of Elections (TCBOE) changed its poll worker training

practices to regularly show a disability awareness video, jointly produced by FLIC and TCBOE, which includes training on the use of the new Ballot Marking

Devices.

ITHACA – FLIC Center staff started serving on the City of Ithaca Emergency Planning Committee

to ensure that people with disabilities are included in the planning.

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KINGSTON - RCAL Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into

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persons with disabilities.

KINGSTON - RCAL Frog Alley Fire Station in Kingston improved its access as a polling site by

relocating the bell to press for assistance from an area that could only be accessed by rolling over grass to a place next to the temporarily designated accessible parking where a person could get out of their car and press the button without

rolling over inaccessible areas.

KINGSTON - RCAL Boys and Girls Club at 139 Greenkill Avenue in Kingston improved its access as

a polling site by relocating signs and cones to create accessible parking on the same side of the street as the polling place where an adjacent driveway was used as an access point. Previously, the parking was across the street where no curb

cuts were available on either side of the street.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into

law during July 2010 of NYS legislation that designates October 18 as Disabilities

History Day.

LONG ISLAND - LICIL Nassau County Board of Elections discontinued its practice of having polling site

Inspectors warn voters who are disabled of any time frame for usage of the new optical scanner electronic voting system and eliminated the discussion of time

frame "warnings" from all poll Inspector training.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY NYC Board of Elections improved access for persons who are visually impaired

by discontinuing the use of glossy paper in its mailings, by bringing the new Ballot Marking Devices for practice at expos and conferences for the visually

impaired, and by changing its voter notice to be more accessible to voters with low vision.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYC Board of Elections amended its Poll Worker Manual to include the Center's guidelines for poll workers and the procedures for providing custodians with schematics for the placement of signs and wireless doorbell systems.

MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYC Board of Elections changed its public education campaign by including a disability awareness element for each part of the public outreach plan (website, mobile outreach and advertisements), by providing onsite demonstrations of the new Ballot Marking Devices to disability organizations, and by establishing a policy to regularly seek input and feedback from disability and good government groups.

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MANHATTAN - CIDNY

NYC Office of Emergency Management contracted with the Center to provide specially developed Disability Awareness Training for hospital Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members to help responders accommodate people with disabilities during emergencies and disasters.

MASSENA - MILC

Center's extensive work with the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections over past four years resulted in 99 of 102 polling sites in St. Lawrence County' being brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG). The remaining 3 sites had been made accessible in prior report years.

MIDDLETOWN - ATI

Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Orange County Board of Elections established a new protocol to recruit and train poll workers for the new optical scanner electronic voting system.

NEWBURGH - ILI

Orange County Emergency Service Center changed its emergency preparedness training practices to periodically provide training to supportive housing residents at the Cornerstone Residence in Newburgh, owned by Safe Harbors of the Hudson.

NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC

US Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, representing New York State's 28th Congressional District that includes part of Erie, Monroe, Niagara, and Orleans Counties, installed signage to direct persons with disabilities to the accessible entrance of her district office in Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS - ILNC Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

OLEAN - DIL

Perrysburg Town Hall improved its access as a polling site by installing a railing on the ramp to the building and by resurfacing the parking lot with striping and signs for handicapped accessible parking.

PUTNAM - PILS

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QUEENS - CIDNY

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QUEENS - CIDNY

Public School 199 M. A. Fitzgerald Elementary School in Queens improved its access as a polling site by adding a temporary ramp to correct the 1:8 degree slope of the concrete ramp.

QUEENS - CIDNY

Public School 169 Bay Terrace Elementary School in Queens improved its access as a polling site by installing a wireless bell system for voters to use closed doors.

QUEENS - CIDNY

NYC Office of Emergency Management contracted with the Center to provide specially developed Disability Awareness Training for hospital Community

Emergency Response Team (CERT) members to help responders accommodate people with disabilities during emergencies and disasters.

ROCHESTER - RCIL

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ROCHESTER - RCIL

NYS Senator George Maziarz, representing Senate District 62, now provides sign language interpreter services for meetings and rallies. District 62 encompasses all of Niagara County except for the City of Niagara Falls, all of Orleans County, and the western portion of Monroe County.

STATEN ISLAND - SICIL

New York City Board of Elections, Staten Island Borough Office changed policies to allow SICIL to provide "train the trainers" disability sensitivity training to poll workers.

SULLIVAN - ATI

Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

Oswego County Board of Elections changed its training practices to include ARISE produced and endorsed materials in disability awareness training for poll workers.

SYRACUSE - ARISE

City of Oswego improved polling site access by moving a polling place from the McCrobie Building on Lake Street, a non-accessible site, to the Oswego Salvation Army building on West 3rd Street that is accessible.

TROY - ILCHV

Center was active in the statewide ILC effort that led to passage and signing into law during August 2010 of NYS legislation that amends the election law to require owners of buildings who obtain tax abatement exemptions or other public benefits to make available voting and registration rooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

TROY - ILCHV

Columbia County Board of Elections changed its training practices for poll worker who operate the new Ballot Marking Device (BMD) to include a videotape of a Disability Awareness Training conducted by a panel that included ILCHV.

WHITE PLAINS - WILC

WILC's extensive work with the Westchester County Board of Elections over several years resulted in 348 of 361 polling sites in the County' being brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG), temporary access solutions are implemented on election days to ensure accessibility for certain newer polling sites. The

remaining 13 sites had been made accessible in prior report years by WILC and another ILC, Westchester Disabled on the Move (WDOM).

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YONKERS - WDOM

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