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## **NYSILC 3-year Public Policy Agenda 2016-2018**

NYSILC conducted a Statewide Needs Assessment in 2015. Three overall themes emerged from the findings: Gaps and Barriers, State Institutionalized Population, and Priority Unserved Populations and Related Issues. These themes serve as the framework of the 3-year agenda for 2016-2018.

Download the agenda: [NYSILC 3-year Public Policy Agenda 2016-18](#)

In order to promote public education and awareness, the NYSILC public policy committee works to develop an agenda that articulates and supports important issues that are common to the statewide network. It is imperative to engage and collaborate with other disability stakeholder organizations in defining the needs of New Yorkers with disabilities.

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## **Public Policy Highlights**

### **Employment**

Employment Initiative: NYSILC requests full implementation of Governor Cuomo's Employment First Commission Report:

- [NYS Employment First Commission Report and Recommendations March 2015](#)
- [Employment First Press Release](#)
- [Executive Order #136](#) to address the employment of New Yorkers with disabilities.
- [Governor Cuomo launches online tool](#) for state job seekers who are veterans or disabled.
- [NYSILC Letter to Governor Cuomo](#) Encouraging Action Regarding the Employment of New Yorkers with Disabilities.

Disability Inclusion in MWBE Program

Cross Disability Small Business Tax Credit

Communication Support Services for Vocational Rehabilitation

### **Transportation**

## Energy Efficient, Accessible Transportation Services

OPPOSED: Digitally connected companies providing a transportation network of private drivers.

Cap on fares for paratransit transportation.

Statewide accessible livery vehicle service.

Transportation service providers to be accessible.

Rental discrimination based on source of income.

Introduction of visitability tax credit bill.

New home visitability tax credit bill.

## **State Institutionalized Population**

Authorize an exemption to the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) for advanced home health aides to perform certain advanced tasks under the supervision of a registered nurse.

Fund a wage premium for CDPAS attendants.

Support passage of the Federal Disability Integration Act.

\$5 million increase to the State Appropriation for Independent Living Centers

Establish an Office on Community Living (OCL).

## **Priority Underserved Populations & Related Issues**

Expand the availability of transition age youth and young adult peer support and advocacy services.

Strengthen the housing subsidy program for foster youth.

Raise the age of youthful offender status to 21.

Strengthen LGBTQIA

Support local government employment of veterans with disabilities

## **Other**

OPPOSED: Patient Self-Determination Act

OPPOSED: New York End of Life Options Act

### **Other Related Policy Links:**

Governor Markell's Blueprint for Employment

National Governor's Association (NGA) "A Better Bottom Line: Employing People with Disabilities Blueprint for Governors."

- [NGA 2013 Blueprint for Employment](#)

### **Related Employment Resources**

Employment Assistance and Resource Network (EARN) Documents:

- [States as Model Employers of People with Disabilities](#)
- [Advancing Economic Opportunities for Business Owners and Jobseekers with Disabilities](#)

Change.org Petition

Visit the following petition on Change.org: [PETITION to sign the petition to encourage Governor Cuomo to improve the employability of New Yorkers with disabilities.](#)

Forward the petition to your friends and networks!

### **Active Online Media Buzz Generated by Governor Cuomo's Executive Order**

Click on the following link to view the [Cision Dashboard Summary](#) of online media activity related to the announcement of the Governor's Employment First Executive Order.