Good Sources of New York State disability legislative advocacy

- Mental Health Association in New York State: MHANYS.org
- New York Association on Independent Living: ILNY.org
- New York Association on Psychiatric Rehabilitation: NYAPRS.org

National Resources

- National Council on Disability: NCD.gov
- National Council on Independent Living: NCIL.org

NYS Senate, Assembly and Governor:

- www.nysenate.gov
- www.assembly.state.ny.us/
- www.governor.ny.gov/


Systems Advocacy and Disability Rights

Making Independence a Way of Life

The Finger Lakes Independence Center
215 Fifth Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
607.272.2433
What are the Goals?
Improving the quality of life for all people with disabilities and their families.
Removing barriers and opposing all forms of systemic segregation. Promoting full community integration and equal participation in every aspect of society.

What is the FLIC Systems Advocacy Team?
A network of local volunteers dedicated to making change through advocacy and action on in regards to disability related issues. Part of the larger Statewide Systems Advocacy Network (SSAN) funded and supported by the NY Association on Independent Living.

What is Systems Advocacy?
Influencing and changing legislation, public policy and practices in ways that will benefit people with physical, sensory, psychiatric and developmental disabilities as a group within society.

What do Systems Advocacy Team members do?
Receive periodic email Action Alerts that indicate pressing disability related issues and urge recipients to take action. Call, Write, email or fax elected representatives. Communicate one’s views for the purpose of policy and social change.

What are the priority issues?
• Health Care
• Employment
• Housing
• Education
• Civil Rights
• Election Reform
• Transportation
• Funding

How do I Join the FLIC Systems Advocacy Team?
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