

Friday 10/23/26

Pre-Conference / Youth Conference Day

8:00 AM (Foyer) Registration for Pre-Con and Youth Events <u>ONLY</u> Sensory Free Room Opens (Tesla)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast (Foyer)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Red Jacket) Youth Conference Panel / Various Activities
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM (Cataract) Pre-Conference AM Session: <i>Disability Rights New York : Olmstead discussion</i> Presenters: AAPD, Bazelon Center, DRNY PM Session: <i>Protecting Your Disability Rights Under Olmstead, the ADA, and Section 504</i> Presenters: AAPD, Bazelon Center, DRNY
Noon - 1:30 PM LUNCH (Cascade Ballroom)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Foyer) Registration opens for All Attendees
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Porter / DeVeaux) Annual Membership Meeting
7:00 PM- 9:00 PM (Cataract) Welcome Reception Light snacks provided

Saturday, 10/24/2026

8:00 AM (Foyer)

Registration Opens, Vendor Booths Set Up, T-Shirts go on Sale,
Sensory Free Room opens (**Tesla**)

9:00 - 11:00 AM (Cascade Ballroom)

Welcome Session (Ellis, Gibson, Local Reps, Blessing)
National Grassroots Partner Panel: APRIL, NCIL, NASILC

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Foyer) Break and Visit Vendor Booths

12:00 - 1:30 PM (Cascade Ballroom) Plated Luncheon

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Transition to Workshops

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Workshops Block 1

Olmsted

Powerful Podcasting for Pennies

Presenter: Jim Whalen

Porter

Doing More With Less: Practical AI and Everyday Tech for Lean IL Organizations

Presenter: Larry Wanger

DeVeaux

*Youth Workshop Strategy (**Youth focus**)*

Presenter: Jem Moore

Red Jacket

Life Lessons from a Cupcake: The Sweet Side of Self-Advocacy

Presenter: Addie Loerzel

Schoellkopf

From Stable to Skills: Horse-Assisted Employment Training for Individuals with IDD in South Texas

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Atterberry

Whitney

Expanding the Circle: Supporting Our Independent Living Cousins

Presenter: Ericka Glick, co-presenters

3:00 PM- 3:30 PM BREAK**3:30 PM-5:00 PM Workshops Block 2****Olmsted**

SILC FAQ/Q&A Jam session

Presenter: Mellie Adu / Panel

Porter

Steps to Setting Up Rural Transportation Programs

Presenter: Rehan Hyder

DeVeaux

Connecting to Community Through Engagement Specialists

Presenter: Sapphire Murphy

Red Jacket

*Beyond the Uniform (**Veteran focus**)*

Presenter: Sela Mata-Gomez

Schoellkopf

*Mental Health as a Disability from a disabled youth perspective
(**Youth focus**)*

Presenter: Arias Cruse

Whitney

Disability-led disaster preparedness and resiliency model

Presenter: Bambi Polotzola

Castellani Gallery

Environmental Impacts to Disability within Tribal Communities

Jill Sherman-Warne

8:00 PM – 11:45PM (Cataract)

Dance for Youth and Young at Heart (Light snacks provided)

Sunday, 10/25/2026

8:30 AM (Foyer) T-Shirts Go on Sale! Vendors Open!

Sensory Free Room- (**Tesla**)

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast (**Foyer**)

9:00 - 10:00 AM (Cascade Ballroom)

General Session: National Stakeholder Updates: ACL

10:00 AM- 10:30 AM: Break / Transition to Workshops

10:30am – 12:00pm Workshops Block 3

Olmsted

Including Next Generation IL Leaders (Youth focus)

Presenter: Davina Patterson

Porter

Inclusive Emergency Planning - Collaborative Planning and Preparedness

Presenter: David Whalen, NYS DHSES Office of Emergency Management Panel

DeVeaux

The intersections of CILs and Rural Libraries

Presenter: Jeff Gutierrez, U of MT Panel

Red Jacket

Rural Homelessness and Rapid Rehousing (HUD)

Presenter: Rae Frank

Schoellkopf

*IL T&TA Center – **topic TBD***

Presenter: IL T&TA Center Panel

Whitney

Elevating Independent Living in ADA Implementation

Presenter: Kristen Newman

Castellani Gallery

Indigenous Perspectives of "Disability"

Jim Warne

12:00-1:30 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Sunday, 10/25/2026 Continued

1:30 PM- 2:30 PM Workshops Block 4

Olmsted

The Transportation Voucher Toolkit

Presenter: Gabriela Luke Santore

Porter

*Far From Everything What Youth in Rural Alaska Need You to Know
(Youth focus)*

Presenter: Mica Stewart, Alaska SILC

DeVeaux

Opening Doors with Data and Stories

Presenter: Lillie Greiman

Red Jacket

Importance of speaking to elected officials through public comment

Presenter: Anaid Zapata

Schoellkopf

Neighorly Pain Experiences of Rural Older Adults with Autism

Presenter: Elias Mpofu

Whitney

More Than Camp: Creating Transformational Leadership Experiences for Disabled Youth

Presenter: Stephanie Woodward

2:30 PM-3:00 PM BREAK

3:00 PM- 4:30 PM Workshops Block 5

Olmsted

Rethinking Rural Outreach and Community Partnerships

Presenter: Cam Cardinale

Porter

Integrating Disaster Concepts into Core Services

Presenters: Germán Parodi and Shaylin Sluzalis

DeVeaux

Supporting Recovery and Independence

Presenter: April Fearby

Red Jacket

Supporting the forgotten about population in re-entry: the disabled

Presenter: Sharif Brown

Schoellkopf

*Beyond Geography: Innovative Independent Living Strategies for **Youth** with Disabilities Across Urban, Rural and Frontier Communities*

Presenter: Dionne Wilson, Panel

Whitney

Building Healthy Relationships

Presenter: Wendi Nelson

Castellani Gallery

Disability and Environmental Injustice: Unpacking the Disproportionate Impacts

Presenter: Stephanie Miller, AZ SILC

6:30 - 9:00 PM (Cascade Ballroom)

Awards Banquet and Plated Dinner, Raffle, Youth Final Word

Music by **TBD**

That's a Wrap!