

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title VII requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as reauthorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS), Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), the District of Columbia Statewide Independent Living Council (DCSILC) and the District of Columbia Center for Independent Living, Incorporated (DCCIL) hereby give notice of a public hearing to be held to obtain input into the Rehabilitation Services Administration 2021 to 2023 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

A public hearing on the new SPIL to solicit community input will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Due to the declared COVID-19 public health emergency in the District of Columbia, which currently has been extended by Mayor's Order 2020-063 through May 15, 2020, and by statutory authority set forth in the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (D.C. Act 23-247) may be further extended by the Mayor to June 9, 2020, and in order to meet requirements for social distancing, this public hearing will be held virtually by telephone conference call and by Webex videoconferencing.

Recommendations are sought from consumers, service providers, advocacy organizations and other interested individuals on how to expand and improve independent living services to District of Columbia residents with significant disabilities.

The access instructions for participating either through the telephone conference call or the Webex videoconferencing are set forth below. The public meeting starts promptly at 10:00 am on June 3, 2020, so please try the access instructions at least fifteen (15) minutes earlier than the start time in case you experience difficulties and require assistance.

In order to participate in the telephone conference call, you may join the conference bridge by: (1) dialing 202-724-2000; (2) when prompted, enter the conference number of 2065; and (3) when prompted, enter the conference pin number of 5602#. You will have joined the telephone conference call. Please be sure to mute the call if you are not speaking.

In order to participate in the Webex videoconference, you may (1) go online to <https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=me03e80317c22bea0fabd6e91d3e7be24>; (2) if you have the Webex application, go to it and enter the meeting number (access code) of 473 359 059 and meeting password of ZwVMAiVC525; (3) join by telephone by dialing the call-in number of 1-650-479-3208; (4) join from another video system or application by dialing [473359069@dcnet.webex.com](mailto:473359069@dcnet.webex.com) or dialing 173.243.2.68 and entering the meeting number; or (5) join by using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business by dialing [473359059.dc.net@lync.webex.com](mailto:473359059.dc.net@lync.webex.com).

Individuals who wish to present recommendations are limited to ten (10) minutes during the public meeting and are asked to contact the Department on Disability Services, Quality

Assurance and Performance Management Administration, at (202) 442-8670 (Voice and TDD), before 4:45 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, to sign up. Two (2) copies of Microsoft Word typed testimony should be submitted at the time of the hearing. The copies will be made available by electronic means on the DDS website. Individuals desiring to submit written statements for the record should mail them prior to the scheduled June 3, 2020 public hearing, but no later than May 25, 2020, to:

Department on Disability Services  
Rehabilitation Services Administration  
Attn: Kirk Dobson, Deputy Director  
Quality Assurance and Performance Management Administration  
250 E Street SW, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20024  
Email: [dds.qapma@dc.gov](mailto:dds.qapma@dc.gov)

The 2017-2020 SPIL is available on the DDS Rehabilitation Services Administration's website at <http://www.dds.dc.gov>. A copy of the 2017-2020 SPIL also is available at: <https://dds.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dds/publication/attachments/DC%20SPIL%20FY2020.pdf>. An audio tape recording of the 2017-2020 SPIL is available at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Adaptive Services, 901 G Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20005, telephone 202-727-0321.

Participant accommodations are available upon request. Please provide name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and accommodation request, if needed, by Monday, June 1, 2020, to Ms. Darnise Henry Bush at (202) 442-8432 or [darnise.bush@dc.gov](mailto:darnise.bush@dc.gov), or Ms. Dahlia Johnson at (202) 442-8748 or [dahlia.johnson@dc.gov](mailto:dahlia.johnson@dc.gov).