

# Notes from the Navigator....

A Monthly Newsletter about Serving Customers with Disabilities in the One-Stop System

## LONG ISLAND FAMILY SUPPORT CONSUMER COUNCIL

The Long Island Family Support Consumer Council operates as a consumer organization in support of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. They are affiliated with the Long Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office and New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. The membership is open to any volunteers who have a family member with a developmental disability living full time in their home. The Family Support Services Coordinator in your local area can provide information on how you may participate.

The goal of the Consumer Council is to evaluate current Family Support Services programs to determine whether they meet the needs of families and individuals who are

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receiving services, and to provide direct input regarding program viability and program results.

To achieve this goal, the Consumer Council members review Requests for Proposals submitted by participating agencies seeking to continue program funding. The Community Council seeks to increase community outreach and to promote awareness of Family Support Services programs in their local areas. Services include, but are not limited to: Information, referral, outreach, respite, family and individual counseling, service coordination, advocacy etc.

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