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New Staff Introduction to the SILC and the SPIL

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What we will discuss

- IL Network partners (CILs, SILC, and DSE) and the role of the SILC and the SPIL.

*CIL – Center for Independent Living

*SILC – Statewide Independent Living Council

*DSE – Designated State Entity

Resources for later review

- The Rehabilitation Act: <https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/about-acl/2020-07/rehabilitation-act-of-1973-amended-by-wioa.pdf>
- SILC Indicators and SILC and DSE Assurances: <https://www.ilru.org/sites/default/files/publications/SILC%20Indicators%20and%20SILC%20and%20DSE%20Assurances%201.2018.pdf>
- Independent Living Regulations: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-XIII/subchapter-C/part-1329>

Purpose of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act – our focal point



§ 1329.2 Purpose.

The purpose of title VII of the Act is to promote a philosophy of independent living (IL), including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and to promote the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society...

This is all about ALL of us changing society



- This is something we do together as a network
- Each has a role, but all must work in sync
- A goal of today's conversation is to bring us together for the benefit of the people with disabilities in your state – people with disabilities for those with disabilities
- A goal of today's conversation to keep us focused on the IL Philosophy to the benefit of the IL network in OK.

45 CFR § 1329.15 Duties of the SILC.

- The SILC develops a plan every three years called the State Plan for Independent Living or SPIL
- The SPIL is developed with input from people with disabilities in the state, and with the CILs.
- The SILC monitors the implementation of the SPIL.
- The plan specifies how a specific pot of money, called Part B funds, are to be spent in the state.
- The SILC members are appointed by the governor. The SILC is a public entity, and meets regularly with open or public meetings. These may or may not include public comments.

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

§ 1329.16 Authorities of the SILC.



- a) SILC **may** conduct the following **discretionary** activities, as **authorized & described** in approved State Plan:
- 1) Work with Centers for Independent Living to coordinate services with public and private entities to improve services provided to individuals with disabilities;
 - 2) Conduct resource development activities to support the activities described in the approved SPIL and/or to support the provision of independent living services by Centers for Independent Living; and
 - 3) Perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of this part and comparable to other functions described in section 705(c) of the Act, **as the Council determines to be appropriate and authorized in the approved SPIL (including advocacy and disaster planning).**

§ 1329.16 Authorities of the SILC. cont'd.

- b) In undertaking the foregoing duties and authorities, the SILC shall:
- 1) Coordinate with the CILs in order to avoid conflicting or overlapping activities within the CILs' established service areas;
 - 2) Not provide IL services to individuals, including the IL core services; and
 - 3) Comply with Federal prohibitions against lobbying.

Questions?



Input into the SPIL – decisions

- How will the CIL participate with the SILC in garnering consumer input?
- How are the CILs involved in the development of the SPIL?
- How unified are the CILs in the content of the SPIL?

Do the CILs see the SPIL as important? Because in the big picture it is the plan for all the state's IL work, both Part B and Part C funded as well as potential expansion into other funding areas.

An interesting fact...

The SILC cannot provide any direct services except referring someone to the CIL.

- So if the SPIL you develop addresses service needs for your state and for your unserved or underserved folks, the CIL will have to provide those services.
- New funding for those expanded services may be developed as a resource development activity of the SILC for state-wide services by the CILs.

So if the CIL is doing a lot of the work...

- How can the SILC monitor the implementation of the SPIL?
- The plan probably has items that the CILs conduct and report on?
- The SILC doesn't monitor the effectiveness of the CILs, but there has to be a relationship here in order to monitor the agreed-to plan.

Comments? Questions?

- Your state is probably working on the next SPIL now.
- The current plan is a four-year plan which ends September 30, 2024 since states filed a technical amendment to extend your SPIL another year. (Typically plans are for three years.)
- Your next three year plan should be drafted now so that the state can get input on its content from the public.
- The next plan is due by June 30, 2024.
- The new three-year plan goes into effect October 1, 2024.

A SILC is fully operational if —

- There is a current, complete and approved SPIL
- The Council is properly constituted (meeting the membership requirements of 51% people with disabilities who don't work for a CIL or the state).

The SILC can continue to do business as it works with the appointing authority (Governor) to fill all the SILC positions. The Rehabilitation Act states in Section 705.b.7: (B) any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. **The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Council.**

Questions?



How do you apply these and other regulations?

- Call Paula if you aren't sure, 559-250-3082 or Paulamcelwee.ilru@gmail.com
- Or ask your Program Officer.
 - The Program Officers are assigned by federal region and are listed in contacts. Go to <https://acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/centers-independent-living> scroll down to the bulleted OILP Program manager list at the bottom of the page.

Evaluation

Please take a few moments to go to this link and provide a quick evaluation.



https://uthtmc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eRJ7L83YJVE5Dy6

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