

## Part 1 – Agency Profile

### Agency Overview

The Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 were signed into law by President George Bush on October 30, 1992, and required the establishment of State Independent Living Councils (SILCs). Idaho's SILC was created by Governor Cecil Andrus by Executive Order 93-01 on May 28, 1993 with its membership appointed by the Governor. The SILC became an independent governmental entity as required by Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act with the passage of House Bill 711 on July 1, 2005.

The council members hire and direct the SILC Executive Director regarding policy, goals and objectives, and the strategy and implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The Executive Director is responsible for regular daily business and is in charge of the SILC staff two (2) full-time employees. The SILC has one office located in Boise.

The SILCs revenue primarily comes from the Federal Workforce Investment Act (Title VII, Part B from the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) and Title I from the Idaho Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ICBVI)) and State General Funds appropriated by the Idaho Legislature. Additional revenue sources include funds obtained from a sub-lease of office space, interest accrual, and revenue received from contractual projects such as the statewide independent living conference and the Boise State University (BSU) Needs Assessment Survey of Idahoans with Disabilities.

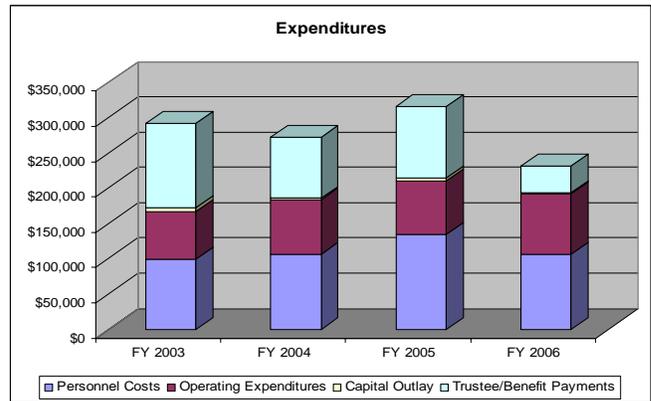
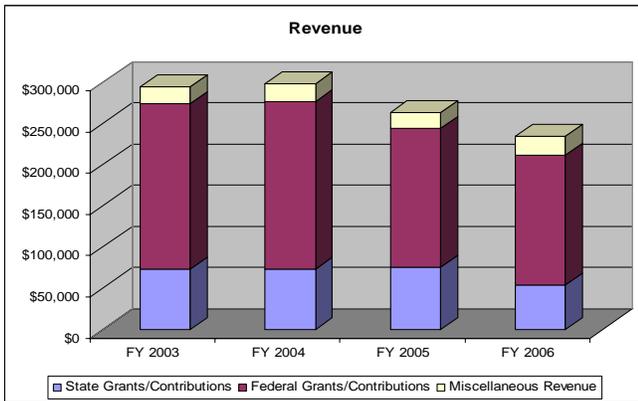
Since its inception, the SILC has been actively engaged in activities that assist in providing Idahoans with disabilities a greater voice in obtaining services that are consumer-responsive, cost-effective and community-based. The SILC is known nationwide as an innovative leader in the independent living movement.

### Core Functions/Idaho Code

Federal mandate (**29 U.S.C. section 796d(c) and 34 CFR 364.21**) requires the SILC to 1) Develop, sign and submit, in conjunction with the IDVR and the ICBVI, the SPIL for people with disabilities. It must monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL; 2) Support the centers for independent living (CILs) and advocate for independent living (IL) services provided through state and federal programs for people with disabilities; 3) Gather and disseminate information, conduct studies and analyses, develop model policies, conduct training on IL philosophy, and work to expand and improve IL services. Additionally, **Chapter 12, Title 56, Idaho Code**, requires the SILC to 1) Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers; 2) Supervise and evaluate such staff as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the council; 3) Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the council are open to the public and that sufficient advance notice of meetings is provided pursuant to the open meeting law; 4) Prepare reports and make recommendations, as necessary; 5) Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently; 6) Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.

### Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
State Grants/Contributions	\$73,100	\$73,300	\$74,800	\$53,800
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$200,700	\$203,000	\$169,100	\$157,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$20,300	\$21,800	\$19,100	\$22,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$294,100</b>	<b>\$298,100</b>	<b>\$263,000</b>	<b>\$233,900</b>
Expenditure	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personnel Costs	\$99,300	\$106,700	\$133,900	\$106,682
Operating Expenditures	\$67,500	\$76,300	\$76,400	\$85,158
Capital Outlay	\$5,200	\$2,500	\$4,400	\$849
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$119,800	\$86,000	\$101,300	\$38,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$291,800</b>	<b>\$271,500</b>	<b>\$316,000</b>	<b>\$231,552</b>



**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Federal Requirements:</b> 1. Develop, Sign and Submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.		Completed '05-'07 SPIL		
2. Support CILs	\$92,000	\$45,000	Hired RDS	1. Submitted several grants. 2. Conducted Leadership Trainings.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote legislation
4. Gather and Disseminate Information	1. Legislative Updates 2. Display Booths 3. Regional Conference 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.	1. Town Hall Mtgs. (SPIL) 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs. 5. Begin working on Statewide IL Conf.	1. Statewide IL Conference 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.	1. Begin working on Statewide IL Conference 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.
5. Conduct Studies and Analysis		Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	Completed Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Submitted grant proposal for domestic violence and sexual abuse project. 2. Submitted and received Christopher Reeve's Grant
6. Develop Model Policies	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees

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	task forces		task forces	and task forces
7. Expand and Improve IL Services			Continued a ten year process of developing Medicaid Buy-In Rules	1. Begin development of improved fiscal intermediary legislation

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<b>State Statute Regulations</b> 1. Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research for grant proposals
2. Prepare reports and make recommendations as necessary	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report
3. Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently			Trainings provided at the Statewide IL Conference	1. Leadership Trainings 2. Reconvened the Building Code Committee re: approval and enforcement process
4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code				

In 2005 the SILC was prohibited from passing through Part B funds to the Centers for Independent Living (CILs). Instead, the funds will be passed through to the CILs from IDVR. To off-set any loss of funds, the SILC hired a Resource Development Specialist to research funds for the CILs, the SILC and other advocacy organizations.

Examples of legislation drafted by the SILC include:

**2003:** Termination of Parental Rights, Child Protection and Accessible Parking

**2004:** HB711 separating the SILC from other state agencies and Accessible Parking

**2005:** Adding disability as a protected class within the Human Rights Act

**2006:** Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities

Model Policies include a grant opportunity that the SILC applied for to develop policies, procedures and training opportunities for domestic violence safe houses and their staff, police officers and courts. Examples of committees and task forces that the SILC Executive Director participates in include: The Governor’s Council on Homelessness, Help America Vote Act (HAVA), The National Center for Accessible Transportation (NCAT),

Youth Leadership Development Summit, A Better Way Coalition (formerly the End of Life Coalition), Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Task Force, Medicaid Buy-In, Idaho Coordinated Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence, Workplace Domestic Violence Working Group, the State Agency Emergency Working Group and the Assistive Technology Information Technology Task Force (ATIT).

**Performance Highlights:**

Due to the direct influence and advocacy of the SILC, HB 664, Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities, was passed into law. The SILC gathered grass roots participation from people with disabilities who testified in front of the legislature. For example, many individuals are forced to accept only part-time, minimum wage employment to ensure the maintenance of disability and Medicaid benefits which allows them to keep the personal services they require to live, work and play as does everyone else. One individual was forced to turn away raises so she wouldn't lose her benefits.

The Resource Development Specialist researched the Idaho statistics for women with disabilities who are physically or sexually abused and found that only 14 facilities that claim to be wheelchair accessible exist in the state. Additionally, many barriers to access exist in Idaho for women with disabilities seeking refuge from domestic violence or sexual abuse including attitudinal barriers, resentment from shelter program staff at compliance with federal anti-discriminatory laws given inadequate resources, rural and geographical isolation, lack of accessible shelters, misconceptions, lack of trained providers, under-funded shelters, lack of reporting and tracking, and reliance by women with disabilities on spouses, intimate partners, caregivers, personal care attendants, and/or family members for personal care though these may be the very people instigating violence. In collaboration with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Boise State University Women's Genders Study Program, the SILC submitted a proposal to provide education and technical assistance, critical components to increasing accessibility. The grant team and non-lead partners propose to increase accessibility by creating a seamless continuum of care and agency coordination for women with disabilities.

**Part II – Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide conference to promote leadership development.			250 participants at SILC state conference with statewide representation.	1. 60 participants at statewide Leadership Trainings April 10, 12, 14, 2006. 2. 2007 Statewide IL Conference preparations.	Participants from northern, southern, eastern and western parts of Idaho. 80% of target audience reached.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	Legislative Updates Legislative session held	Legislative Updates Legislative session held	Legislative Updates Legislative session held	Legislative Updates Legislative policy session held Submit articles	10,000 legislative updates distributed. Legislative policy session held every January. Submit articles for publication in a variety of different venues.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Draft legislation for buy-in for workers with disabilities.	Support buy-in for workers with disabilities.	Support buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	Passage of buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	Implementation of Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (formerly Medicaid Buy In) and Health Care Parity legislation.

<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>
Initiate the process of writing a 2008-2010 State Plan for Independent Living				4 statewide focus groups scheduled; various meetings for development.	Focus Groups to obtain citizen input scheduled for Aug. 31 in Coeur d'Alene; Sept. 13 in Pocatello; Sept. 13 in Boise & Oct. 11 in Twin Falls.

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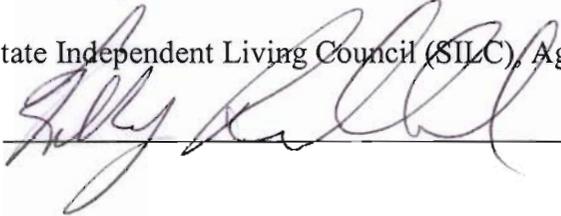
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## **Director Attestation for Agency Profile**

In accordance with *Idaho Code 67-1904*, I certify the data provided in the Agency Profile has been internally assessed for accuracy, and, to the best of my knowledge, is deemed to be accurate.

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