

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 were signed into law by President George Bush on October 30, 1992, requiring the establishment of State Independent Living Councils (SILCs). Idaho's SILC was created by Governor Cecil Andrus by Executive Order 93-01 May 28, 1993 with its membership appointed by the Governor. The SILC became an independent governmental entity as required by 704 of the Rehabilitation Act with the passage of House Bill 711 on July 1, 2005. Membership continues to be appointed by the Governor.

Council members hire and direct the SILC Executive Director, who in turn, manages the day-to-day operation of the SILC. Our staff currently comprises 2.5 part time and 5 full time employees. The SILC has one office that is located in Boise. On-going council activities are directed by the State plan for independent Living (SPIL). This plan is developed every 3 years and sets the goals and objectives of the organization.

SILC revenue comes from the Federal Workforce Investment Act (Title 7, Part B through the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR)), State General Funds appropriated by the Idaho Legislature, a sub-lease of office space, interest accrual, and revenue received from grants and contractual projects. Grants awarded have included National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN), the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant, the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG), and the AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Network grant.

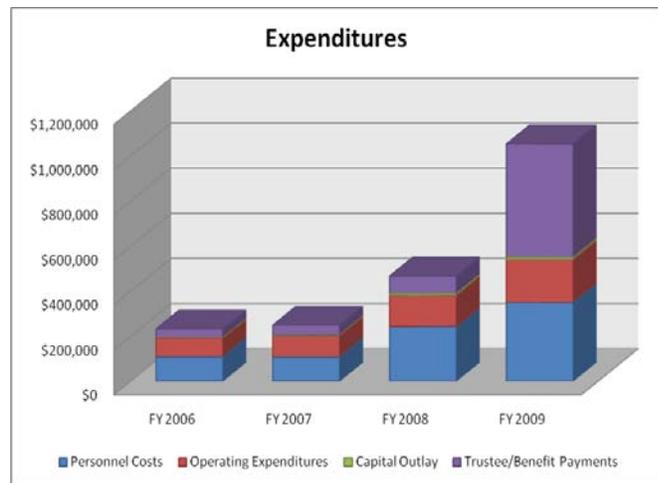
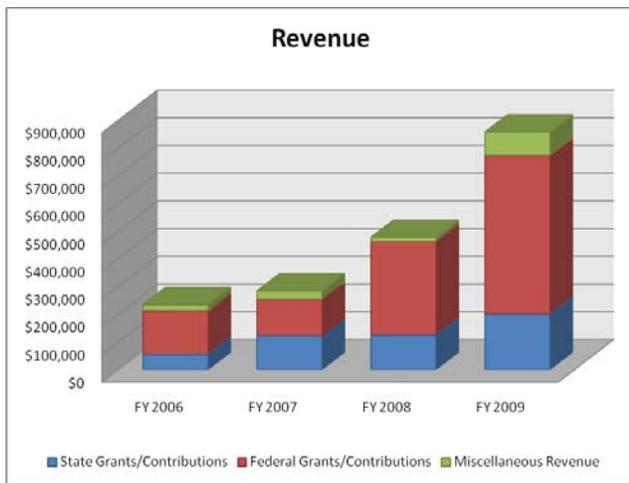
The SILC actively engages in activities that assist in providing Idahoans with disabilities a greater voice in obtaining services that are consumer-responsive, cost-effective, and community based. Every three years the SILC seeks significant input from constituent groups to gather real-world input when developing the 3-year SPIL. The core functions of the SILC are specific to both the federal mandates and Idaho Code and are the rationale behind the SPIL. To meet the goals and objectives of the SPIL the SILC has applied for various federal and non-federal grants and has partnered with state agencies and advocacy organizations to effect positive change.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Federal and state mandates (29 U.S.C. section 796d(c) and 34 CFR 364.21) require the SILC to: (1) Develop, sign and submit, in conjunction with the IDVR and the ICBVI, the SPIL for people with disabilities. SILC must monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL. (2) Support the centers for independent living (CILs) and advocate for independent living (I L) 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 I L philosophy, and work to expand and improve I L 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 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
State Grants/Contributions	\$ 53,800	\$121,200	\$123,100	\$200,248
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$157,700	\$130,791	\$337,787	\$572,178
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 22,400	\$ 31,315	\$ 15,741	\$ 84,158
Total	\$233,900	\$283,306	\$474,628	\$856,584
Expenditure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personnel Costs	\$106,682	\$105,768	\$242,077	\$349,837
Operating Expenditures	\$ 85,158	\$ 95,792	\$136,834	\$188,619
Capital Outlay	\$ 849	\$ 2,860	\$ 9,479	\$ 10,631
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 38,863	\$ 43,895	\$ 77,698	\$502,845
Total	\$231,552	\$248,315	\$466,088	\$866,278



NOTE: Above graph does not include \$65,000 reimbursement invoices sent but not received by fiscal year end.

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign, and Submit SPIL in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.		Completed 2008-2010 SPIL		
2. Support CILs	1. Submitted several grants. 2. Conducted Leadership Trainings.	Began application process for AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation.	1. Awarded AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation. 2. Began Leadership Trainings.	OVW grant; MIG grant: regional workgroups, business leadership network, employment for PWD.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote Legislation	Oppose Secured Mental Health Facility (Prison) Legislation
4. Gather and Disseminate Information	1. Begin working on Statewide IL Conf. 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.	1. Town Hall Meetings (SPIL) 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Meetings 5. Statewide I L Conference	1. Legislative Updates 2. Display Booths 3. Quarterly Business meetings 4. Needs Assessment re: women with disabilities involved in dv/sa	1. Legislative Update 2. Display Booths 3. Quarterly Business meetings. 4. MIG regional workgroups. 5. Statewide I L Conf.
5. Conduct Studies and Analysis	1. Submitted grant proposal for dom. violence and sexual abuse project. 2. Submitted and received Christopher Reeve's Grant	Received domestic violence and sexual abuse grant. Began needs assessment for pilot sites.	1. Needs Assessment for pilot sites re: domestic violence / sexual abuse grant. 2. Preparations for focus groups re: grant.	Completed the Needs Assessment Report, Strategic Plan for the OVW grant. MIG grant created regional grassroots workgroups for employment.
6. Develop Model Policies	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Advocate or oppose legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Oppose legislation. 2. Participate on committees and task forces, e.g. parking legislation for FY09.
7. Expand and Improve IL Services	1. Begin development of improved fiscal intermediary legislation	Begin application process for AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation.	Awarded AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation.	Continue OVW grant; Implement AmeriCorps grant; Awarded & begin implementation MIG.

State Statute Regulations				
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 3. Research for grant proposals	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research for grant proposals	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research and grant proposals	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research and 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	1. Leadership Trainings 2. Reconvened the Building Code Committee re: approval and enforcement process	Trainings provided at the Statewide IL Conference	Leadership Trainings around the state	Trainings provided at the "We Are Family" statewide IL conf.: Home Modifications, ADA 101, Legislation 101, among others.
4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code			Work with ITD, the City of Boise and other advocates to update parking laws in the state.	Continue committee work re: parking laws

Performance Highlights:

The SILC is in the final year of the 3-year OVW grant (federal grant that ends September 30 2009) but will be filing for a 90 day no-cost extension to complete implementation. The Strategic Plan was approved by DOJ near the end of June leaving little time for full implementation. A continuation grant was applied for in June 2009. Each of the 3 regions celebrated a success prior to official authorization for implementation. The pilot sites collaborated to provide accessible services for victims of domestic violence in a shelter facility. All pilot sites have showed overwhelming support and enthusiasm for this program.

The AmeriCorps grant has developed 11 new transportation options (out of a goal of 22), applied for and was awarded \$70,000 for 2 accessible vans for taxi service through VRT (pass through money going through ITD).

The MIG grant began January 2009 and has already surpassed one of many goals by hiring 152 new PAS workers (goal of 100 by end of 2 year grant). The Business Leadership Network is off to a great start with key local businesses supporting the program (examples: St. Alphonsus Hospital, Key Bank). A media campaign is under development to promote hiring people with disabilities and to encourage people with disabilities to search gainful employment. A good working relationship has developed between the SILC and Health and Human Services to educate and train employees and the public regarding the Workers with Disabilities (Medicaid Buy-In) program. The SILC actively worked to educate legislators regarding the pro's and con's of legislation affecting people with disabilities. For example, the SILC opposed legislation to provide \$70 million to build a prison to house non-adjudicated individuals who have a mental illness in the same facility as those convicted of crimes.

In partnership with Idaho Parents Unlimited (IPUL) and Federation of Families, the SILC sponsored a statewide independent living conference entitled "We Are Family".

Almost 250 people including attendants, people with disabilities, advocates, and friends and family attended the conference June 13-16, 2009. From October 2008 to June 2009 the SILC Council met to review applications for a new Executive Director. Todd DeVries was hired in June 2009 to replace Kelly Buckland.

As with all other state agencies, fiscal difficulties affected the SILC's capacity to meet all goals and objectives for this fiscal year. Holdbacks prevented the printing and mailing of 2 legislative updates providing current and important information to Idahoans with disabilities; a full time position was left unfilled to cover FY10 salary cuts and to ensure that FY09 holdbacks were covered. The SILC is in desperate need for a financial specialist and had hoped to utilize salary savings from the open position for this purpose.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide conf. to promote leadership development.	1. 60 participants at statewide Leadership Trainings April 10, 12, & 14, 2006. 2. 2007 Statewide IL Conference preparations..	Over 200 participants at SILC state conference with statewide representation.	3 Leadership Trainings completed by Disability Action Center Northwest (DAC).	250 people attended. It is believed that over 600 attended the march to the Capital Annex to speak with legislators.	Desired goal was 300 participants. It is possible that a poor economy prevented additional participation and sponsorship.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	Legislative Updates. Legislative policy session held. Submit articles.	Legislative Updates. Legislative policy session held. Town Hall mtgs. To develop & approve SPIL.	Legislative updates. Legislative policy session held in January.	A single legislative update was mailed (5,000 instead of 10-15,000). Legislative information session held.	Fiscal holdbacks prevented this goal to be met.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Passage of buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	Presentations to inform& update buy-in to workers with disabilities. Passage of Disability History Month.	Opposed the Secure Mental Health Facility legislation that will imprison non-adjudicated individuals with mental illness.	Began implementation of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant and building collaborations with employers.	This benchmark has been met. Collaborations are in place to continue this objective.
Initiate the process of writing a 2008-2010 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)		4 statewide focus groups scheduled; various meetings developed.	Completed the 2008-2010 SPIL.		This process will begin in SFY 10.

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