

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. SILC staff currently comprises 2 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 three 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 three-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

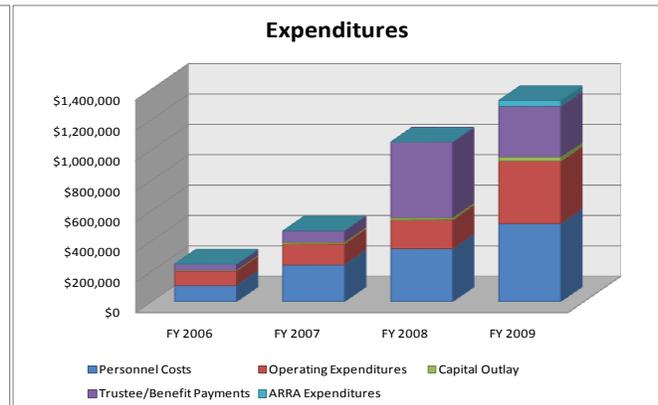
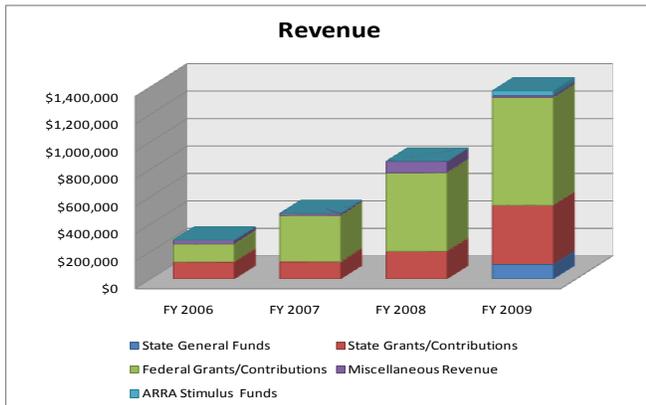
Federal and state mandates (29 U.S.C. section 796d(c) and 34 CFR 364.21) require the SILC to: 1) Develop, sign and submit, in conjunction with the IDVR and the ICBVI, the SPIL for people with disabilities. SILC must monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL. 2) Support the centers 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:

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

Revenue	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
State General Funds				\$ 103,900
State Grants/Contributions	\$121,200	\$123,100	\$200,248	\$ 432,108
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$130,791	\$337,787	\$572,178	\$ 787,141
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 31,315	\$ 15,741	\$ 84,158	\$ 11,305
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 36,189
TOTAL	\$283,306	\$474,628	\$856,584	\$1,371,273

Expenditure	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personnel Costs	\$105,768	\$242,077	\$349,837	\$ 514,730
Operating Expenditures	\$ 95,792	\$136,834	\$188,619	\$ 412,276
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,860	\$ 9,479	\$ 10,631	\$ 22,629
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 43,895	\$ 77,698	\$502,845	\$ 335,738
ARRA Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 40,117
TOTAL	\$248,315	\$466,088	\$866,278	\$1,285,373



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign, and Submit SPIL in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.	Completed 2008-2010 SPIL			Completed the 2011-2013 SPIL and submitted to RSA prior to July 1 deadline
2. Support CILs.	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 Person(s) With a Disability (PWD).	OVW grant; MIG grant: regional workgroups, business leadership network, employment for PWD.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services.	Promote Legislation.	Promote Legislation.	Oppose Secured Mental Health Facility (Prison) Legislation.	Opposed Katie Becket Rules changes; worked with Dept of Medicaid to properly and consistently implement the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities legislation
4. Gather and Disseminate Information.	1. Town Hall Meetings (SPIL). 2. Legislative Updates. 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Business Meetings. 5. Statewide I L Conference.	1. Legislative Updates. 2. Display Booths 3. Quarterly Business Meetings. 4. Needs Assessment re: women w/ disabilities involved in dv/sa.	1. Legislative Update. 2. Display Booths. 3. Quarterly Business Meetings. 4. MIG regional workgroups. 5. Statewide I L Conference.	1. Electronic Update. 2. Display Booths. 3. Quarterly Business Meetings. 4. MIG regional workgroups.
5. Conduct Studies and Analysis.	Received domestic violence and sexual abuse grant. 1. 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.	1. Completed the Needs Assessment Report. 2. Strategic Plan for the OVW grant. 3. MIG grant created regional grassroots workgroups for employment.	Began discussions to initiate an updated statewide needs assessment on Idahoans with disabilities.
6. Develop Model Policies.	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.	1. Oppose legislation. 2. Participate on committees and task forces.

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7. Expand and Improve IL Services.	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.	OVW grant completed. AmeriCorps grant neared 2 nd year completion approved for 3 rd year.
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 and grant proposals.	1. Personal Experience. 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates. 3. Research and grant proposals.	Personal Experience; Consumers contact SILC and advocates; Grant implementation and 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.	Leadership Trainings around the state.	Trainings provided at the "We Are Family" statewide IL conf.: Home Modifications, ADA 101, Legislation 101, among others.	OVW trainings to pilot sites, Council, and staff. Begin discussions to expand trainings to Personal Assistance Services (PAS) workers.
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.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation.

Performance Highlights:

TITLE 7 PART B INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT

The Title 7 Part B Independent Living grant is the primary program of the SILC even though the funding from the other grants exceeds the funding for this grant. The SILC focused much energy and time during state fiscal year 2010 in the development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), a federal requirement of this grant. The SPIL is submitted every three years for a three year period based on the federal fiscal year of October through September. The SILC submitted the 2011-2013 SPIL to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) prior to July 1 2010. All activities of the SILC including determining which grants to continue or apply for are dependent upon the approved SPIL. Approval for the 2011-2013 SPIL is expected in September 2010.

One of the goals and benchmarks of the SILC is to provide current and accurate information regarding issues that directly affect individuals with disabilities. Due to budget constraints the SILC did not provide any hard copy newsletters or legislative updates to constituents this fiscal year. During the April 2010 Quarterly Business Meeting and repeated during the June 2010 Quarterly Business Meeting, the Council voted to post all future newsletters on the SILC website unless specifically requested for a hard copy format. Traditionally, the SILC has hosted a statewide conference on independent living every two years. The last conference was held January 2009. Due to a lack of funding in this fiscal year and an anticipated lack of funding for state fiscal year 2011, the Council has postponed all plans for a future conference until the economy improves.

Another goal of the Council is to provide an updated statewide survey involving Idahoans with disabilities. Past

SILC surveys have been consistently used by multiple state and private entities for their own research and grant applications. The Council has delayed contracting with Boise State University (as with all previous surveys) due to budget constraints and plans to utilize the 2010 US Census to supplement its own survey and to minimize costs.

All other goals and benchmarks were carefully drafted into the AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation, Office of Violence Against Women, and the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant grants.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/DISABILITY GRANT PROJECT

This very successful grant program ended on June 30, 2010. An OVW Summit was held June 1 - 2, 2010 to discuss sustainability and use of the disability and safety tools. The SILC was unable to fulfill all wish list items (to fulfill accessibility requirements) but was able to provide each pilot site with \$3,500 to use toward wish list items, future training, or safe housing. This grant has had definite positive impacts within each pilot site region. Each region reported that lives have been saved and people who may not have received services have been able to access services in safety.

AMERICOPRS ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

The purpose of this grant is to identify viable and sustainable solutions to improve mobility for individuals with disabilities. Brooke Green replaced Kim Steinberg as the project director for this unique and innovative grant program. During this second year of the grant, collaborations were developed with local and state transportation initiatives to ensure continued awareness of barriers in transportation for individuals with disabilities and advocating for both institutional and behavioral changes. The tangible results of the collaborations will extend beyond the life and scope of this grant to provide accessible statewide transportation.

At a ceremony in Washington DC June 2010, this program was honored as one of the best AmeriCorps programs in the nation. Ms. Green was identified in the Idaho Business Review as one of the Idaho Accomplished Under 40 recipients (p. 23) for 2010. A third year grant application was submitted focusing on sustainability after grant end and member development. This program's grant cycle is September through June.

MEDICAID INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Medicaid Employment Empowerment Project continues its work to increase the competitive employment of people with disabilities by disseminating accurate information about Idaho's Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program (Medicaid Buy-In) and promoting employment for people with disabilities. Challenges include working with the Department of Health and Welfare Division of Medicaid to provide accurate and consistent information about this program and in providing hard data and statistics regarding participants as contracted. Budget constraints forcing lay-offs and furloughs have forced multiple state agencies to end many programs. The budget constraints faced by the Department of Health and Welfare have affected this grant as noted above. Successes have been observed in the Personal Assistance Services (PAS) program and in the recruiting of individuals with disabilities to be trained as personal care assistants for people with disabilities.

This grant began January 1, 2009 and is cycled on the calendar year. By the end of state fiscal year 2010 this grant has been in progress for 1-1/2 years (6 months into its second grant cycle). Donna Maier replaced Rachel Johnstone as the Project Director January 2010.

Momentous Changes

November 24, 2009 Robbi Barrutia became the Interim Executive Director.

June 21, 2010 the full Council offered Ms. Barrutia the permanent position as Executive Director.

The SILC received its first site review from its primary funder, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The review was a very positive experience and enlightened staff and council members alike regarding grant requirements and prohibitions. The review committee recommended that the SILC hire a staff member specifically to handle the financial functions of the SILC.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide I L conference to promote leadership development.	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.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference will not be hosted by the SILC in SFY11. Therefore, no preparations	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. Town Hall meetings to develop and 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.	All updates and newsletters were posted on-line. A postcard was mailed to constituents explaining new electronic procedure.	Fiscal holdbacks prevented this goal from being met.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Presentations to inform and 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.	Completed year one and began year two of this grant. Applied for a third year grant to ensure sustainability	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)	Four statewide focus groups scheduled; various meetings developed.	Completed the 2008-2010 SPIL.		Completed three statewide focus groups to garner input for the 2011-2013 SPIL	This process will begin in SFY 10.

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