

Part I – 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 4 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, , 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:

Revenue	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
State General Funds	\$ 103,900	\$ 102,000	\$ 96,900	\$ 97,700
State Grants/Contributions	\$ 432,108	\$ 127,457	\$ 233,262	\$ 209,665
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$ 787,141	\$ 780,447	\$ 521,720	\$ 342,183
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,803	\$ 7,664	\$ 8,381
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 36,189	\$ 17,864	\$ 29,578	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$1,371,273	\$1,140,571	\$ 889,124	\$ 657,929
Expenditures	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personnel Costs	\$ 514,730	\$ 375,931	\$ 265,504	\$ 262,980
Operating Expenditures	\$ 412,276	\$ 195,882	\$ 178,753	\$ 165,424
Capital Outlay	\$ 22,629	\$ 628	\$ 1,136	\$ 560
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 335,738	\$ 385,805	\$ 374,063	\$ 212,790
ARRA Expenditures	\$ 40,117	\$ 29,618	\$ 8,676	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$1,285,373	\$ 987,864	\$ 828,132	\$ 641,754

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign, and Submit SPIL in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.	Completed 2011-2013 SPIL and submitted to RSA prior to July 1 deadline.	Reviewed the SPIL at the Quarterly Business Meetings to ensure compliance with plan.	Currently in the process of conducting focus groups across the state in preparation for the submission of the 2014 SPIL.	SPIL drafted, reviewed, approved by SILC. Signed by IDVR and ICBVI and submitted to RSA six weeks prior to deadline.
2. Support CILs.	OVW grant; MIG grant: regional workgroups, business leadership network, employment for PWD.	MIG Grant Partnership, regional workgroups, MFP Grant with Medicaid and CILs.	Contracted with CILs on the Idaho Home Choice Project and the Medicaid ADRC Supplemental Funding. MIG Grant contracts with CILs for implementation of MFP.	Contracted with CILs on the Idaho Home Choice Project and the Medicaid ADRC Supplemental Funding. MIG Grant contracts with CILs for implementation of MFP.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services.	Opposed Katie Becket Rules changes; worked with Dept of Medicaid to properly and consistently implement the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities legislation	Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impact to individuals with disabilities and the impact of the Medicaid services cuts.	Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities and the impact of the Medicaid services reductions. Information dissemination of the ACA.	Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities and the impact of the Medicaid services reductions. Information dissemination of the ACA. Provided information concerning the State Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents.
4. Gather and Disseminate Information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Update. 2. Display Booths. 3. Quarterly Business Meetings. 4. MIG regional workgroups. 5. Legislative Update. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Updates. 2. Quarterly Business Meetings. 3. Statewide Panel of Personal Assistants Group. (SPAWG) 4. Legislative Updates. 5. Personal Assistance Oversight Committee. 6. CID Monthly Meetings. 7. MIG Regional Workgroups 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Updates. 2. Quarterly Business Meetings. 3. Legislative Updates 4. CID Monthly Meetings 5. Implemented SILC Facebook 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Updates. 2. Quarterly Business Meetings. 3. Legislative Updates 4. CID Monthly Meetings 5. Implemented SILC Facebook 6. Employment Fairs, distributed ABLE to Work website information and MWD marketing and outreach materials.

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5. Conduct Studies and Analysis.	Began discussions to initiate an updated statewide needs assessment on Idahoans with disabilities.	This process continues to be discussed however budget constraints have prohibited the costs associated with independent analysis.	Contracted with Boise State University to conduct an assessment on Employment Related Supports: Opportunities and Challenges for the Idaho Home Choice Program. SILC also conducted a survey on volunteer and faith based community supports. The results of the studies offered and opportunity to contract with University of Idaho-Youth in Transition and All Seasons Mental Health on a Transition Management Pilot Project.	No contracts initiated this SFY due to budget limitations.
6. Develop Model Policies.	1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces.	1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces.	1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces.	1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces.
7. Expand and Improve IL Services.	OVW grant completed. AmeriCorps grant neared 2 nd year completion approved for 3 rd year. MIG approved for second year.	AmeriCorps Grant Year 3. MIG approved for third year. Contract with Medicaid on the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Grant.	Contract with Medicaid on the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Grant. Contracted with Medicaid on the ADRC Supplemental Funding and partnered with ICOA. Continuation of MIG through 12/30/2012 and seeking a No Cost Extension.	Contract with Medicaid on the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Grant. Contracted with Medicaid on the ADRC Supplemental Funding and partnered with ICOA. Continuation of MIG through 12/30/2013 awarded a No Cost Extension.

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State Statute Regulations 1. Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers.	Personal Experience; Consumers contact SILC and advocates; Grant implementation and proposals.	Consumer contact, Medicaid Partnership with MFP, employment opportunities for IWD with Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities through the MIG. Accessible Transportation requests.	Consumer contact, Medicaid Partnership with MFP, employment opportunities for IWD with Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities through the MIG. Accessible Transportation requests.	Consumer contact, Medicaid Partnership with MFP, employment opportunities for IWD with Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities through the MIG. Accessible Transportation requests. SILC partnership with IDHW BLTC on MFP/ADRC.
2. Prepare reports and make recommendations as necessary.	1.704 Report. 2. Annual Report.	1.704 Report. 2. Annual Report 3. Performance Measurement Report 4. Strategic Plan 5. Overview of SPIL	1.704 Report. 2. Annual Report 3. Performance Measurement Report 4. Strategic Plan 5. In process of drafting the SPIL.	1.704 Report. 2. Annual Report 3. Performance Measurement Report 4. Strategic Plan 5. SPIL submitted to RSA.
3. Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently.	OVW trainings to pilot sites, Council, and staff. Begin discussions to expand trainings to Personal Assistance Services (PAS) workers.	Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101, Intersection of Disability and Abuse.	Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101, Intersection of Disability and Abuse	Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101, Intersection of Disability and Abuse. Presented at the Texas Independent Living Conference, APRIL and NCIL.
4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation. Route 55 Bus Route Funded by MIG for pilot project June 6, 2011.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation. Route 55 Bus Route Funded by MIG for pilot project June 6, 2011-December 2012.	No rules promulgated on behalf of SILC this year, however monitor monthly Administrative Bulletin.

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 at its Quarterly Business Meeting reviews the SPIL to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of the SPIL. The SPIL is submitted every three years for a three year period based on the federal fiscal year of October through September and all the information contained in the SPIL is compiled by the SILC in partnership with IDVR and ICBVI. Ten focus groups were held throughout the state at the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to gather input for the 2014-2016 three year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). In cooperation with Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC), the SILC conducted focus groups in Boise, Twin Falls and Caldwell in May of 2012. In cooperation with Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE), the SILC conducted focus groups in Pocatello and Idaho Falls in July of 2012. In cooperation with Disability Action Center-Northwest (DAC-NW), the SILC held focus groups in Coeur D'Alene, Moscow and Lewiston in August of 2012. The CILs recruited individuals with disabilities to attend and provided logistical support to organize the focus groups. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) and the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) were asked to distribute information about the focus groups throughout their organizations. A total of 130 people attended the focus groups. The SILC also held a Three-Year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) one day planning session during the January 2013 SILC Quarterly Business Meeting and again in April 2013. Council members, including representatives from IDVR, ICBVI and the CILs voiced the concerns and priorities that they received from individuals with disabilities in their communities and the constituency that they serve. The SILC, IDVR and ICBVI's joint efforts in the development of the plan are evidenced by their participation in the two planning sessions. In each of the three year planning cycles, the IDVR and ICBVI participate fully in the planning sessions.

In addition, the SILC placed a survey, using the same focus group questions, on the SILC Website. Invitations to participate in the survey were sent to a listserv containing disability organizations, advocacy organizations, and individuals with disabilities. The SILC obtained 46 survey results. These results were included in the compilation of priorities and common themes.

A compilation of priorities and common themes from the focus groups and the website survey are as follows: (1) increased accessibility to statewide services for individuals with disabilities; (2) increased and enhanced employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and (3) strengthen partnerships within the disability community.

The SPIL was submitted to Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on Thursday, May 16th, six weeks prior to the deadline and is currently awaiting approval.

One of the goals and benchmarks of the SILC is to provide current and accurate information regarding issues that directly impact individuals with disabilities. Due to budget constraints the SILC did not provide any hard copy newsletters or legislative updates to constituents this fiscal year. In 2010 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 2015, the Council has postponed all plans for a future conference until the economy improves.

The SILC is also federally mandated to compile the information necessary to complete and submit the 704 Report in partnership with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The 704 Report is *the* data gathering tool used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine the effectiveness of all federally funded Title VII Part C Independent Living Centers and Statewide Independent Living Councils.

An additional 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 Office on Violence Against Women Subcontract, The Idaho Home Choice Project Subcontract, the Money Follows the Person/Aging and Disability Resource Center (MFP/ADRC) Subcontract, and the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.

TITLE 1 INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT

The Title 1 Independent Living Grant funds have been contracted for with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to ensure that the SILC can fund a full time Financial Technician as required during the 2010 FFY RSA Review. The SILC is utilizing these funds when appropriate, however because these funds require a 21.3% State General Fund match the SILC is only using these funds as a last resort. Other state and federal funds are being utilized to fund this position whenever necessary and documentation of each grant time coding is on file.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/DISABILITY GRANT PROJECT

The SILC has been selected as the disability partner for the 2011 OVW Domestic Violence/Disability Grant with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. The grant was awarded in October 2011 and is in the grant development process currently. Jami Davis will serve in a part time position on this grant and continue in the position of Assistant to Management.

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 have included 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. Because of the budget constraints faced by the Department of Health and Welfare, specifically Division of Medicaid, has provided the opportunity for increased collaboration with the SILC through the MIG. 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. The MIG/SILC is currently partnered with the Centers for Independent Living and the Idaho Division of Medicaid on the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Project.

This grant began January 1, 2009 and is cycled on the calendar year. Monique Johns is the Project Director. The SILC also received \$250,000 in MIG supplemental funding and requested and was granted a No-Cost Extension through December 2013.

IDAHO HOME CHOICE PROJCT-SUBCONTRACT WITH DIVISION OF MEDICAID BUREAU OF LONG TERM CARE

The SILC has a subcontract in place with Division of Medicaid Bureau of Long Term Care to coordinate Regional Transition Management Trainings in partnership with the three main Centers for Independent Living (CILs). The SILC also has a subcontract in place as the fiduciary between Medicaid and the CILs to provide the Quality of Life Surveys (QLS) necessary when an individual is transitioning out of an institutional setting into Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and also to provide an eleven (11) month QLS to determine the benefits or problems potentially associated with the transition process.

The *Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration* is a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Demonstration designed to help states try new ways of delivering Medicaid services. The Demonstration is designed to help people to move, also called transition, from an institution into home- and community-based living settings, such as a home or an apartment. In Idaho, the *Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration* is known as *Idaho Home Choice*. The goals of the demonstration are:

- Increase the use of HCBS and reduce the use of institutionally- based services;
- Eliminate barriers and mechanisms in state law, state Medicaid plans, or state budgets that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds to enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive long-term care in the settings of their choice;
- Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to assure continued provision of HCBS to those individuals who choose to transition from institutions; and,
- Ensure that procedures are in place to provide quality assurance and continuous quality improvement of HCBS.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide I L conference to promote leadership development.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference will not be hosted by the SILC in SFY11.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2011.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2012.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2013.	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.	All updates and newsletters were posted on-line. A postcard was mailed to constituents explaining new electronic procedure.	We have continued to post newsletters on our website, urgent updates and information on both SILC Twitter & Facebook.	We have continued to post newsletters on our website, urgent updates and information on both SILC Twitter & Facebook.	We have continued to post newsletters on our website, urgent updates and information on both SILC Twitter & Facebook.	This benchmark has been met.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Completed year one and began year two of this grant. Applied for a third year grant to ensure sustainability	We have collaborations that are continually meeting. We are also partnered with Medicaid MFP.	We have collaborations that are continually meeting. We are also partnered with Medicaid MFP Idaho Home Choice Project as well as the ADRC Supplemental Funding for MFP.	We have collaborations that are continually meeting. We are also partnered with Medicaid MFP Idaho Home Choice Project as well as the ADRC Supplemental Funding for MFP.	This benchmark has been met. Collaborations are in place to continue this objective.
Initiate the process of writing a 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)	Completed three statewide focus groups to garner input for the 2011-2013 SPIL	This benchmark has been met and will start the process for the 2014-2016 SPIL in late 2012.	This process has been initiated. To date the SILC has conducted six focus groups and will have completed a total of nine by August 16, 2012.	The process was completed with a total of 10 focus groups held statewide. The SPIL was submitted to RSA six weeks prior to the deadline and is currently awaiting approval.	This process is complete. The SILC will review at each July Quarterly Business Meeting.

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