

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. Membership continues to be appointed by the Governor.

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: 3 part time and 2 full time employees. The SILC has one office located in Boise.

The SILCs revenue comes from the Federal Workforce Investment Act (Title VII, 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 received have included a National Youth Leadership Network Grant, Christopher Reeves Foundation grant and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant.

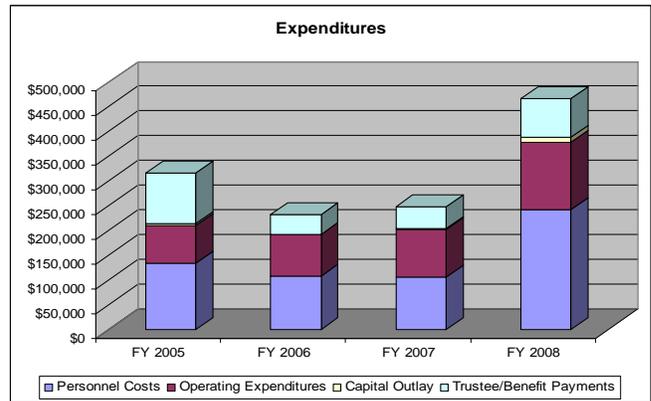
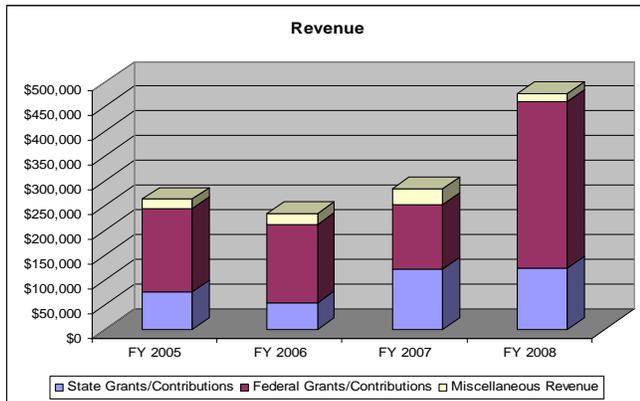
Since its inception, the SILC has been actively engaged in activities that assist in providing Idahoans with disabilities a greater voice in obtaining services that are consumer-responsive, cost-effective and community-based. The SILC is known nationwide as an innovative leader in the independent living 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 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
State Grants/Contributions	\$74,800	\$53,800	\$121,200	\$123,100
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$169,100	\$157,700	\$130,791	\$337,787
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$19,100	\$22,400	\$31,315	\$15,741
Total	\$263,000	\$233,900	\$283,306	\$474,628
Expenditure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personnel Costs	\$133,900	\$106,682	\$105,768	\$242,077
Operating Expenditures	\$76,400	\$85,158	\$95,792	\$136,834
Capital Outlay	\$4,400	\$849	\$2,860	\$9,479
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$101,300	\$38,863	\$43,895	\$77,698
Total	\$316,000	\$231,552	\$248,315	\$466,088



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign and Submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.			Completed 2008-2010 SPIL	
2. Support CILs	Hired RDS	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.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote Legislation
4. Gather and Disseminate Information	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.	1. Town Hall Meetings (SPIL) 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Business Meetings 5. Statewide IL Conference	1. Legislative Updates 2. Display Booths 3. Quarterly Business meetings 4. Needs Assessment re: women with disabilities involved in domestic violence/sexual abuse
5. Conduct Studies and Analysis	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	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.

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Advocate or oppose legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces
7. Expand and Improve IL Services	Continued a ten year process of developing Medicaid Buy-In Program	1. Begin development of improved fiscal intermediary legislation	Began application process for AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation.	Awarded AmeriCorps grant to facilitate rural transportation.
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. Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	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
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	Trainings provided at the Statewide IL Conference	Leadership Trainings around the state
4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code				

In 2008 the SILC worked to initiate programs that were awarded or began in fiscal year 2007. Disability History Month was a source of discussion between the SILC and various state agencies to determine how best to promote and support. The Idaho Historical Society has expressed support for the program and will participate in archiving and memorializing Idaho's history of Idahoans with disabilities utilizing photos and other means of documentation. Discussions continue with the Department of Education to include Disability History in Idaho State Testing (ISATs). The Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Department of Justice grant has progressed by completing pilot site reviews. Focus Groups will begin upon receipt of approval of the Needs Assessment and questionnaire by the Department of Justice. Leadership Trainings have taken place in the northern part of the state and the eastern and central centers for independent living have been preparing and completing logistics for Leadership Trainings in their areas. Legislative Updates are completed two to three times each legislative session.

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

2007: Disability History Month

2008: The SILC did not draft legislation for the FY 2008 legislative session. The SILC did, however, work to educate legislators regarding the pros and cons 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 addition to the Office of Violence Against Women grant to develop policies, procedures and training for domestic violence safe house staff, police officers and courts, the SILC was awarded an AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Network Grant through Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. This grant will allow people with disabilities to develop and initiate viable and sustainable accessible transportation in rural areas traditionally devoid of any transportation options.

Examples of committees and task forces that the SILC Executive Director participates in include: The National Council on Independent Living, State Steering Committee on the 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, Employment Resources of Idahoans with Disabilities (ERID), Idaho Coordinated Response on Domestic Violence (ICRDV) Staff Liaison meetings, and the Assistive Technology Information Technology Task Force (ATIT).

Performance Highlights:

The SILC was awarded an AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Network Grant, through Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. This grant is supported by the Idaho Transportation Department.

With the support of the Idaho Department of Medicaid, the SILC submitted an application for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, a \$500,000 two year Basic Infrastructure Grant to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	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.	Over 200 participants at SILC state conference with statewide representation.	Leadership Trainings completed by Disability Action Center Northwest (DAC).	No statistical information available at the time of report preparation.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	Legislative Updates. Legislative session held.	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.	10,000 legislative updates distributed. Legislative policy session held every January.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Support buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	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.	
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.		

For More Information Contact

Kelly Buckland
 State Independent Living Council
 816 West Bannock Street, Suite 202
 PO Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-9601
 Phone: (208) 334-3800
 E-mail: kelly.buckland@silc.idaho.gov