

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 1 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.

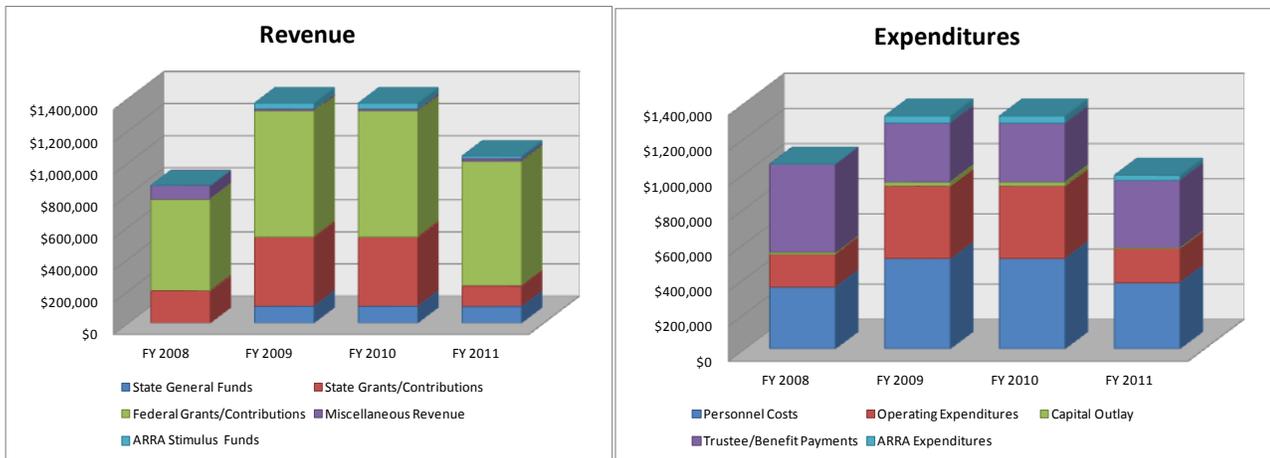
The SILC actively engages in activities that assist in providing Idahoans with disabilities a greater voice in obtaining services that are consumer-responsive, cost-effective, and community based. Every three years the SILC seeks significant input from constituent groups to gather real-world input when 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:

Revenue	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
State General Funds			\$ 103,900	\$ 102,000
State Grants/Contributions	\$123,100	\$200,248	\$ 432,108	\$ 127,457
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$337,787	\$572,178	\$ 787,141	\$ 780,447
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 15,741	\$ 84,158	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,803
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 36,189	\$ 17,864
TOTAL	\$474,628	\$856,584	\$1,371,273	\$1,140,571
Expenditures	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personnel Costs	\$242,077	\$349,837	\$ 514,730	\$ 375,931
Operating Expenditures	\$136,834	\$188,619	\$ 412,276	\$ 195,882
Capital Outlay	\$ 9,479	\$ 10,631	\$ 22,629	\$ 628
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 77,698	\$502,845	\$ 335,738	\$ 385,805
ARRA Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 40,117	\$ 29,618
TOTAL	\$466,088	\$866,278	\$1,285,373	\$ 987,864



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign, and Submit SPIL in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.			Completed the 2011-2013 SPIL and submitted to RSA prior to July 1 deadline.	Reviewed the SPIL at the Quarterly Business Meeting to ensure compliance with plan.
2. Support CILs.	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.	MIG Grant Partnership, regional workgroups, MFP Grant with Medicaid and CILs.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services.	.	Advocated on behalf of individuals with mental illness against the Secure 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	Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impact to individuals with disabilities and the impact of the Medicaid services cuts.
4. Gather and Disseminate Information.	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. Legislative Update.	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

5. Conduct Studies and Analysis.	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.	This process continues to be discussed however budget constraints have prohibited the costs associated with independent analysis.
6. Develop Model Policies.	1. Advocate for legislative policy decisions that impact independent living philosophy. 2. Participate in committees and task forces.	1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces, e.g. Parking legislation for FY09.	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.

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7. Expand and Improve IL Services.	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. 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.
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 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.	Consumer contact, Medicaid Partnership with MFP, employment opportunities for IWD with Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities through the MIG. Accessible Transportation requests.
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. Performance Measurement Report 4. Strategic Plan 5. Overview of SPIL
3. Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently.	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.	Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101, Intersection of Disability and Abuse.

<p>4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.</p>	<p>Work with ITD, the City of Boise and other advocates to update parking laws in the state.</p>	<p>Continue committee work re: parking laws.</p>	<p>Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation.</p>	<p>Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation. Route 55 Bus Route Funded by MIG for pilot project June 6, 2011.</p>
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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 state plan. 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. 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. The 2011-2013 SPIL was approved by RSA, without revision, in September 2010.

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. 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 2012, 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 AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Grant through Idaho Department of Labor/Serve Idaho, Office of Violence Against Women Grant, 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 applied for and received a 2006 Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant in the amount of \$750,000. The grant partnered Centers for Independent Living with Domestic Violence Programs in three pilot site areas of the state. The grant successfully ended in June of 2010 after a 180 day No Cost Extension. 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 application has progressed through the final review process and the application approval will be in October 2011.

AMERICOPRS ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

The purpose of this grant is to identify viable and sustainable solutions to improve mobility for individuals with disabilities. The SILC also partnered with the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities who provided additional financial resources to ensure that a full time Project Manager was on staff to administer this project. Monique Johns replaced Brooke Green as project director, six months later Monique was transferred to the position of Project Director of the MIG and Janette Rickman was hired as the project manager for this unique and innovative grant program. During this third and final 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 these collaborations will extend beyond the life and scope of this grant to provide accessible statewide transportation. The AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Program Achievements are: Volunteer Recruitment Goal of 110 volunteers, recruited 131; Advisory Groups Goal was met by creating 7 Accessible Transportation Advisory Groups; Action Plans Goal was 7 we created 8 Transportation Action Plans. The major success of this project was the implementation of 22 transportation options including the Franklin Smeed Route 55 Bus Route that was funded as a pilot project in the Caldwell area. The SILC through the MIG and AmeriCorps Partnership, in collaboration with Valley Regional Transit funded the entire cost of \$200,000 for this project and created a Transportation Management Organization to address sustainability. This new bus service was the largest project that the SILC had implemented to date. The AmeriCorps Volunteers networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation options with a sustainability component to all current projects.

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. Because of the budget constraints faced by the Department of Health and Welfare, specifically Division of Medicaid has provided 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. By the end of state fiscal year 2011 this grant has been in progress for 2-1/2 years (6 months into its third grant cycle). Monique Johns replaced Donna Maier as the Project Director in April 2011. The SILC has applied for \$250,000 in MIG supplemental funding and will ask for a No-Cost Extension through 2012.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Benchmark	FY 2011
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide I L conference to promote leadership development.	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.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2011.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	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.	This benchmark has been met.	We have continued to post newsletters on our website, urgent updates and information on both SILC Twitter & Facebook.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	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.	We have collaborations that are continually meeting. We are also partnered with Medicaid MFP.
Initiate the process of writing a 2008-2010 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)	Completed the 2008-2010 SPIL.		Completed three statewide focus groups to garner input for the 2011-2013 SPIL	This process is complete. The SILC will review at each July Quarterly Business Meeting.	This benchmark has been met and will start the process for the 2013-2016 SPIL in late 2012.

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