

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.

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The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014 (WIOA), signed into law by President Obama on July 22, 2014, transferred the Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living programs funded under title VII, Chapter 1 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by WIOA (P.L. 113-128) (Rehabilitation Act) from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), U.S. Department of Education, to the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The transfer of the Independent Living (IL) programs aligns with the mission of ACL to maximize the independence, well-being and health of individuals with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers. The transition from RSA to ACL commenced immediately; however the 2014-2016 SPIL remains in effect through its completion, unless amended by the SILC and approved by ACL. The SILC has not, nor does it plan to seek amendments to the current SPIL.

SILC revenue comes from the Federal WIOA (Title VII, Subpart B and Title I Section 101(a)(18)(A)(ii)(II) I & E 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 included the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Grant, the Idaho Home Choice (MFP Project) through the Division of Health and Welfare Medicaid Bureau of Long Term Care, and the ADRC Project in partnership with Medicaid and the Idaho Commission on Aging. 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 (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.

WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and retains and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Under WIOA, SEC. 474. STATE PLAN, Section 704 (29 U.S.C. 796c) regarding future SPIL development and implementation is amended as follows:

(A) developed by the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, and the directors of the centers for independent living in the State, after receiving public input from individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders throughout the State; and

(B) Signed by--

(i) the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, acting on behalf of and at the direction of the Council;

(ii) the director of the designated State entity described in subsection (c); and

(iii) not less than 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living in the state;

(o) Promoting Full Access to Community Life - The plan shall describe how the State will provide independent living services described in section 7(18) that promote full access to community life for individuals with significant disabilities.

Legislative Text:

SEC. 475. STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL.

Section 705 (29 U.S.C. 796d) is amended--

(c) Functions-

(1) DUTIES- The Council shall--

(A) develop the State plan as provided in section 704(a)(2);

(B) monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State plan;

(C) meet regularly, and ensure that such meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice of such meetings is provided;

(D) submit to the Administrator such periodic reports as the Administrator may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Administrator finds necessary to verify the information in such reports; and

(E) as appropriate, coordinate activities with other entities in the State that provide services similar to or complementary to independent living services, such as entities that facilitate the provision of or provide long-term community-based services and supports.

(2) AUTHORITIES- The Council may, consistent with the State plan described in section 704, unless prohibited by State law--

(A) in order to improve services provided to individuals with disabilities, work with centers for independent living to coordinate services with public and private entities;

(B) conduct resource development activities to support the activities described in this subsection or to support the provision of independent living services by centers for independent living; and

(C) perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of this chapter and comparable to other functions described in this subsection, as the Council determines to be appropriate.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
State General Funds	\$ 96,900	\$ 97,700	\$ 98,000	\$100,000
State Grants/Contributions	\$ 233,262	\$ 209,665	\$ 201,633	\$233,487
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$ 521,720	\$ 342,183	\$ 288,817	\$13,374
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 7,664	\$ 8,381	\$ 419	0
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 29,578	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
TOTAL	\$ 889,124	\$ 657,929	\$ 588,869	\$346,861
Expenditures	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Personnel Costs	\$ 265,504	\$ 262,980	\$ 264, 582	\$202,269
Operating Expenditures	\$ 178,753	\$ 165,424	\$ 141, 818	\$ 126,073
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,136	\$ 560	\$ 500	\$ 2,882
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 374,063	\$ 212,790	\$ 111,966	\$ 13,230
ARRA Expenditures	\$ 8,676	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 828,132	\$ 641,754	\$ 518,866	\$344,455

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Federal Requirements:				
1. Develop, Sign, and Submit SPIL in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.	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.	Monitored the SPIL with the SILC at the annual business meeting in January 2014. All expectations were met.	Monitored the SPIL with the SILC at the annual business meeting in January 2014. All expectations were met.
2. Support 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.	Continued contracts until May of 2014 with the CILs on the ADRC Project and the Idaho Home Choice Project. Contracts ended in May of 2014 with the exception of the Quality of Live Surveys.	Continued support to CILs with Quality of Life surveys. Began the process of transitioning from the WIA to WIOA, providing for more input from the CILs to the SILC.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services.	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	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	Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid services reductions. Dissemination of information about the ACA to constituents. Provided information concerning the State

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		Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents.	Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents	Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents.
4. Gather and Disseminate Information.	<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. 	<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 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Updates. 2. Quarterly Business Meetings. 3. Legislative Updates 4. CID Monthly Meetings 5. Update SILC Facebook 6. Employment Fairs, distributed ABLE to Work website information and MWD marketing and outreach materials
5. Conduct Studies and 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.	No contracts initiated this SFY due to budget limitations. The SILC is currently working with the Life Span Respite Project in partnership with BSU and ICOA.	Began contract negotiations with the ICOA for participation and facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project for implementation in FY16. No additional contracts initiated this SFY due to budget limitations.
6. Develop Model Policies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on committees and task forces. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide input to policymakers on model policies. 2. Participate on local and national committees and task

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7. 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 12/30/2013 awarded a No Cost Extension.	OVW grant continuing. MIG ended December 30, 2013. Contracts with IHC/MFP and the ADRC continuing.	OVW Grant continuing. The Idaho Home Choice Project Contract ended. The ADRC Grant was concluded in May 2014. All projects are continuing without funding from contracts and will remain part of the SPIL.	OVW grant concluded at the end of SFY15 due to funding cuts. Implemented policy changes in partner agencies surrounding accessibility and accommodations for individuals with disabilities. All projects are continuing without funding from contracts and will remain part of the SPIL.
8. 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.	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. SILC partnership with IDHW BLTC on MFP/ADRC.	MIG funding concluded FY14 Continued support with Medicaid MFP through Quality of Life surveys, Member of Idaho Employment First Consortium to continue improving employment opportunities for IWD, Continued support to regional transportation projects conducted via workgroup and stakeholder meetings.
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Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101,	Regional Workgroups, Transportation Opportunities for IWD. ADA Training, Employer Training, Legislature 101,	OVW trainings to pilot sites, Council, and staff. Begin discussions to expand trainings to Personal Assistance Services (PAS)	Annual trainings conducted for SILC members. Presented at the NCIL Annual Conference, the APRIL Conference	Continued regional workgroups focusing on employment and barriers IWD face. Continued ADA training, Legislature

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Intersection of Disability and Abuse.	Intersection of Disability and Abuse. Presented at the Texas Independent Living Conference, APRIL and NCIL.	workers.	and the SILC Congress Conference. Also provided advocacy and education to constituents.	101, and Intersection of Disability and Abuse trainings. OVW grant concluded FY15 due to funding cuts.
Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation. Route 55 Bus Route Funded by MIG for pilot project June 6, 2011.	No rules promulgated on behalf of SILC this year, however monitor monthly Administrative Bulletin.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation.	Networked with local and regional transportation organizations to create accessible transportation. Ongoing discussions on viable resources for accessible transportation opportunities.	Funding concluded FY14, continued to support regional transportation projects conducted via workgroup and stakeholder meetings.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide I L conference to promote leadership development.	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.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2014.	Due to budgetary constraints a conference was not hosted by SILC in SFY2015.	Desired goal would be 300 participants if budgetary resources were available to fund a conference.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	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.	We have continued to post newsletters on our website, urgent updates and information on SILC Facebook.	We continue to post the CIL quarterly statewide newsletter on our website (avg. monthly visitors 1346). Urgent updates and information are posted to the SILC Facebook page (348 likes) and sent out via workgroups, stakeholder meetings and electronic mailing lists (approximately 100 groups and individuals). Goal: increase website visits by 10%, increase Facebook likes by 10%. Increase distribution via workgroups and electronic mailings by 5%.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	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.	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.	The SILC collaborates with stakeholders such as the Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) in discussions related to Medicaid expansion. We are partnered with Medicaid and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to provide Quality of Life Surveys – the entry

			Medicaid Expansion discussions with the CID.	Medicaid Expansion discussions with the CID.	point for people wishing to transition from institutional to community living for more than 150 individuals in SFY15. Our goal is to keep this number constant. We continue working with the ADRC and stakeholders to implement No Wrong Door, a collaborative effort to provide consistent person centered planning/counseling to individuals looking for alternatives to institutionalized care in the event of disability, injury or illness. SILC staff trained approximately 120 individuals in SFY 2015 regarding health care options, employment and community living. Our goal for SFY 2016 is to train 300 individuals on the same or similar topics.
<p>Initiate the process of writing a 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)</p> <p>Initiate the process of writing a 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 has been approved without amendments or changes.</p>	<p>This process has been initiated for the 2017-19 SPIL. Due to the implementation of WIOA, the process was delayed; however SILC plans to conduct a minimum of ten community meetings throughout the state in September and November as well as provide</p>	<p>The SILC is in the final year of the 2014-2016 SPIL. The SILC will review at each July Quarterly Business Meeting. We continue to monitor the current SPIL and have initiated the process for development of the 2017-2019 SPIL.</p>

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