

## 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. SILC membership is made up of a minimum of 51% people from across the disability spectrum who do not work for another state agency, family members of and service providers for people with disabilities, including ex-officio members from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Idaho Commission on Aging. Membership is appointed by the Governor. SILC is the only statewide, cross disability organization in Idaho made up by a majority of people with disabilities.

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.

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. Additional small grants awarded in 2016 awarded included the Idaho Home Choice (Money Follows the Person project) through the Division of Health and Welfare Medicaid Bureau of Long Term Care, and the Aged and Disabled Resource Center project – No Wrong Door in partnership with Medicaid and the Idaho Commission on Aging. The SILC actively engages in statewide 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 conducts a statewide assessment with constituent groups to collect input for development of 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**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
State General Funds	\$ 98,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$124,100
State Grants/Contributions	\$ 201,633	\$233,487	\$184,410	\$223,419
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$ 288,817	\$13,374	\$9,000	\$4,680
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 419	0	0	0
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 588,869</b>	<b>\$346,861</b>	<b>\$293,410</b>	<b>\$352,199</b>

Expenditures	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	
Personnel Costs	\$ 264, 582	\$202,269	\$202,094	\$279,150
Operating Expenditures	\$ 141, 818	\$126,073	\$86,824	\$128,064
Capital Outlay	\$ 500	\$ 2,882	\$1,700	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 111,966	\$ 13,230	\$10,620	\$1,530
ARPA Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 518,866</b>	<b>\$344,455</b>	<b>\$301,238</b>	<b>\$408,744</b>

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Federal Requirements</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop (including statewide assessment), Sign, and Submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI 2014 under Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and the Centers for Independent Living 2016</li> <li>- Monitor the 2014-16 SPIL at least quarterly and provide review at public meetings</li> <li>- Develop (including statewide assessment), Sign, and Submit FFY 2017-19 SPIL in collaboration with IDVR, ICBVI and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) during SFY 2016-17 to the Administration on Community Living</li> <li>- Monitor the FFY 2017-19 SPIL at least quarterly and provide review at public meetings</li> </ul>	<p>Monitored the SPIL with the SILC at the annual business meeting in January 2014. Expectations met.</p>	<p>Monitored the SPIL with the SILC at the annual business meeting in January 2015. Expectations met.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitored the 2014-16 SPIL at SILC quarterly meetings. Expectations met.</li> <li>- Statewide assessment (10 public meetings in 8 locations, with 111 participants &amp; 118 electronic surveys submitted) completed in collaboration with the CILs during October &amp; November 2015; State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) drafted, reviewed, approved and submitted to ACL for approval (pending).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developed, signed and submitted the FFY 2017-19 to the ACL</li> <li>-Submitted technical amendments to the 2017-19 SPIL as required by ACL.</li> <li>- Monitored the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) SILC at quarterly business meetings: July, October, January and May.</li> <li>- SPIL progress monitored by SILC staff monthly.</li> <li>- Expectations met.</li> </ul>

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Support three Idaho Centers for Independent Living (CILs).	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued contract with the CILs &amp; Medicaid to complete Quality of Life surveys.</li> <li>- Successfully transitioned CILs/SILC from WIA to WIOA improving services &amp; implementation of additional transition services to PWD into their community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed contract with the CILs &amp; Medicaid to complete Quality of Life surveys 09/30/16. Three residents discharged into the community during the final three months of the contract.</li> <li>- Supported CIL, regional Independent Living (IL) conference (September 2016), near Moscow.</li> <li>- Developed, mentored, coordinated and supported CIL youth activities through the SILC Youth Advisory Committee.</li> <li>- Provided outreach and IL education to underserved areas in support of CIL activities and services.</li> </ul>
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. Provided information concerning the State Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents	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 Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid service restrictions.</li> <li>- Provided detailed, written input on HCBS waiver rule changes; testified against legislation potentially harmful toward the disability community; and supported partner agencies and organizations efforts toward greater community inclusion for people with disabilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid service restrictions and proposed cuts.</li> <li>- Provided detailed, written input on HCBS waiver rule changes; potential Medicaid restrictions; and Non-emergency Medical Transport (NEMT) contract; testified against legislation potentially harmful toward the disability community; and supported partner agencies and organizations efforts toward greater community inclusion for people with disabilities, across lifespan.</li> </ul>
Conduct Studies and Analysis	No contracts initiated this SFY due to budget limitations. The	Began contract negotiations with the ICOA for participation and	- Completed detailed review & analysis of Medicaid HCBS	- Participated in providing detailed review & analysis of Medicaid NEMT contract, working with

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	<p>SILC is currently working with the Life Span Respite Project in partnership with BSU and ICOA.</p>	<p>facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project for implementation in FY16. No additional contracts initiated this SFY due to budget limitations.</p>	<p>transition plan related to new CMS rules, working with Medicaid staff to resolve concerns.                      - Continued partnership with ICOA facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project to determine feasibility of project.                      (contract concludes early SFY17)</p>	<p>stakeholders and Medicaid staff in an effort to resolve concerns.                      - Reviewed and provided written analysis of emergency management systems and practices across the state regarding impact and inclusion of people with disabilities.                      - Reviewed, provided written analysis of, and participated in IDHW meetings and hearings related to the creation of a secure treatment facility for people with a dual diagnosis.                      - Completed partnership with ICOA facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project to determine feasibility of project.                      (contract concluded 09/30/17)</p>
<p>Participate in and led, regional &amp; local Workgroups related to the following: Transportation Opportunities for PWD; ADA Training; Employer Training; Fair Housing; Legislature 101; the Intersection of Disability and Abuse and emergency preparedness.</p>	<p>Annual trainings conducted for SILC members. Presented at the NCIL Annual Conference, the APRIL Conference and the SILC Congress Conference. Also provided advocacy and education to constituents.</p>	<p>Continued regional workgroups focusing on employment and barriers PWD face. Continued ADA training, Legislature 101, and Intersection of Disability and Abuse trainings. OVW grant concluded FY15 due to funding cuts.</p>	<p>Continued participation and leadership in regional/local workgroups focused on employment, housing, medical and transportation barriers and solutions. Provided community training on disability etiquette and history, relevant laws. Collaborated with the Idaho Health Department in related emergency management and preparedness activities for PWD.</p>	<p>- Continued participation and leadership in national, state, and local workgroups focused on employment, housing, community access, medical and transportation barriers and solutions.                      - Provided community trainings on disability awareness and history, housing, employment and relevant laws.                      - Collaborated with the Idaho Health Department, County emergency managers and volunteer organizations in related emergency mitigation, management and recovery activities for people with disabilities and their families.</p>

**FY 2017 Performance Highlights**

In May of 2017, SILC staff, Council members and our partner, Northwest ADA – Idaho Center, provided Disability Awareness training to nearly 400 enthusiastic employees at the Hewlett-Packard (hp), Boise campus. The training was the culmination of 12 month’s work with an hp employee group who sought out agencies to help bring more diversity and understanding to the hp community. The SILC’s work with the hp community has resulted in greater opportunities for partnership between the public and private sectors as we bridge the gaps between people with disabilities and jobs to help them live with increased independence.

SILC staff has become a part of, and are actively engaged with, the Idaho Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Our goal has been to help volunteer agencies such as the Red Cross and church groups understand the needs of the disability community during a disaster. The VOAD has been responsive to input from the disability community. The disability community welcomes the opportunity to learn and be involved in our communities before a disaster strikes.

The SILC, in partnership with the CILs, actively recruited members for the SILC statewide Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). At the close of SFY17, seven youth and young adults (14-26) from across Idaho actively participated in the YAC. The YAC connects youth from regional CIL youth groups via monthly calls coordinated through the SILC and community service learning activities and contests that teach young people the importance of community involvement while at the same time fostering disability awareness to the larger community. The YAC informs the Council of issues and concerns among Idaho youth with disabilities.

SILC staff developed and implemented an internal management information system/data base to record activities, outcomes and resources expended. Through continued use and system refinement, the SILC will be better positioned to determine activities and outcomes, and predict resources that may be required.

SILC develops, conducts and reviews a statewide needs assessment via public survey at least every three years. The survey is used in conjunction with public meetings to develop the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The survey is conducted electronically with an option for hard copy when requested. The last electronic survey was conducted in FY 2016. The next will be conducted in FY 2019.

**Part II – Performance Measures**

Performance Measure		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Goal 1</b>						
Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers.						
1. Develop, conduct and review statewide needs assessment public meetings at least every three years - used in conjunction with electronic surveys to develop the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)	actual	4	4	10	4	-----
	target	4 quarterly review of additional input	4 quarterly review of additional input	10 Statewide mtgs	4 quarterly reviews of additional input	4 quarterly reviews of additional input
2. Review SPIL for effectiveness and emerging issues at quarterly in SILC public meetings	actual	4	4	4	4	-----
	target	4 Mtg rvws	4 Mtg rvws	4 Mtg rvws	4 Mtg rvws	4 Mtg rvws
<b>Goal 2</b>						
Support the Centers for Independent Living and advocate for Independent Living services provided through state and federal programs.						
3. Contract with Medicaid and the CILs for the provision of Quality of Life Surveys aiding transition from institutions to community	actual	95	82	33	3	NA
	target	100 transitions	80 transitions	97 transitions	5, contract expires 9/30/16	Replaced with Goal #4
4. Coordinate with the CILs to establish and support local and statewide youth and young adult Independent Living programs and activities.	actual	NA	NA	NA	7	
	target	New goal FY17	New goal FY17	New goal FY17	4 statewide activities	7 statewide activities

Performance Measure		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Goal 3</b>						
Conduct training to people with disabilities and stakeholders on Independent Living (IL) philosophy and work to expand and improve IL services.						
5. Provide training on employment, healthcare, housing and transportation options; and community safety, participation and integration, including relevant laws, policies and rules that affect people with disabilities	actual	11	10	11	21	-----
	target	15 trainings	10 trainings	10 trainings	15 trainings	20 trainings
<b>Goal 4</b>						
Collaborate with disability service agencies/organizations and other stakeholders; advocating for expanded and improved Independent Living opportunities and services for Idahoans with disabilities across.						
6. Participate in existing, or initiate new, workgroups, committees and councils/boards to provide reports, data and policy guidance toward improving employment, education, training, housing, health care coverage and community access and safety opportunities	actual	7	2	8	13	-----
	target	10	10	8	8	12
7. Provide written testimony and/or policy review to successfully aid in the implementation of policies/laws that positively impact Idahoans with disabilities at the local, state and national level	actual	2	0	4	9	-----
	target	2	2	6	6	6

**Performance Measure Explanatory Notes**

Performance Measure 1:

Performance measure #1 is a combined process of information gathering methods for the statewide needs assessment, used in the development of the Idaho State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) as well as the SILC’s annual strategic plan. The assessment (conducted every three-years and reviewed quarterly) is required by Federal and State mandates. The FFY2017-19 Idaho SPIL was submitted June 24, 2016; approved September 1, 2016, implemented October 1, 2016. Final technical amendments sent to ACL June 6, 2017 at ACL request.

Performance Measure 3:

The SILC administered the contract from which funds pass through from the Medicaid – Money Follows the Person program to the Centers for Independent Living for the completion of Quality of Life Surveys. Participants are surveyed prior to community transition, 11 months after the first survey and again 24 months from the date of the first survey. The numbers provided in the performance measure indicate people who successfully transitioned from institutions to the community during the SFY. Quality of Life Surveys completed through the CILs were completed by September 30, 2016 with 3 transitions back to the community. The contract ended 09/30/2016. The program was successful, transitioning to a sustainable Medicaid fee for service activity in January 2017. Performance measure 3 was replaced by performance measure 4 in 2017.

Performance Measure 4:

Statewide activities include: Recruit, retain and mentor 1-2 young adults as Gubernatorial appointed SILC members, recruit and support Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members (up to 12), coordinate and support YAC monthly calls, coordinate statewide community service learning projects in the form of contests with prizes, the provision of youth IL workshops at a statewide youth conference, training and supporting youth to attend a National youth conference and the development of a statewide youth leadership forum which emphasizes civic responsibility, education/training and employment.

**Performance Measure 5:**

Potential community training opportunities are identified during the year, targeting populations and activities specifically identified in the SPIL. Trainings were provided to no fewer than 8 participants with most events average 19-42 attendees.

**Performance Measure 6:**

Target is based on the number of collaborative workgroups participating in activities specifically identified and targeted in the SPIL. Actual year numbers represent participation in more than 70% of meetings, calls for response and written correspondence.

**Performance Measure 7:**

Target is based on the number of specific policy reviews, rule changes, and laws or potential legislation identified by the SILC as impacting (positive or negative) Idahoans with disabilities, including: community access, such as accessible parking spaces (local work groups) or HCBS services, which help people access the community through Medicaid waiver services (public testimony and written analysis) and access to emergency management information through local, state and national programs. Activities are generally in collaboration with others. However, the provision of SILC written review, analysis or testimony is the basis of the measurement.

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