

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho State Independent Living Council's (SILC) mission is to promote the independent living philosophy for all Idahoans with disabilities: choice, self-determination and access for all. The Council is controlled and directed by Idahoans with disabilities.

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. Idaho's SILC was created by Governor Cecil Andrus by Executive Order 93-01 on May 28, 1993. The Idaho SILC became an independent governmental entity as required by Section 704 of the Rehabilitation Act with the passage of House Bill 711 on July 1, 2005. The Council is made up of 17-24 volunteers who are regional representatives, a minimum of 51% of whom are people from across the disability spectrum who do not work for a state agency or a Center for Independent Living (CIL); family members of and service providers for people with disabilities, and ex-officio members from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Idaho Commission on Aging. Council membership is appointed by the Governor. The SILC is the only statewide, cross disability organization in Idaho made up by a majority of people with disabilities, serving Idahoans across disabilities and lifespan.

Council members hire and direct the SILC Executive Director, who in turn, manages the day-to-day operation of the SILC. SILC staff comprises four 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 federally mandated plan is developed every three years and sets the goals and objectives of the organization. The Council meets quarterly with meeting dates prescheduled annually. All meetings are open to the public in accessible locations. Meetings include ASL interpreters and materials are provided in multiple formats. The SILC often partners with state and local agencies, advocacy organizations and nonprofits to effect positive systems change.

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. The transition from RSA to ACL commenced immediately. The 2017-2019 SPIL, approved by ACL with minor amendments, reflects subtle changes resulting from WIOA. We anticipate additional shifts within the 2019-2021 SPIL which is currently under development.

Idaho SILC revenue comes from Federal WIOA, Title VII, Subpart B and Title I Section 101(a)(18)(A)(ii)(II) Innovation and Expansion state grants, administered by the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR), State General Fund appropriations, interest accrual, revenue received from grants and contractual projects, and limited fundraising. Small grants from the Idaho Home Choice – Money Follows the Person project through the Division of Health and Welfare, Medicaid Bureau of Long Term Care; and the Aging and Disability Resource Center, No Wrong Door project, in partnership with Medicaid and the Idaho Commission on Aging both concluded in 2017 with no further activity.

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 collaborates with the CILs to conduct a statewide assessment to collect input from constituents 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.

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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$124,100	\$214,700
State Grants/Contributions	\$233,487	\$184,410	\$223,419	\$232,291
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$13,374	\$9,000	\$4,680	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	0
ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	0
TOTAL	\$346,861	\$293,410	\$352,199	\$446,991
Expenditures	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Personnel Costs	\$202,269	\$202,094	\$279,150	\$290,675
Operating Expenditures	\$126,073	\$86,824	\$128,064	\$139,510
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,882	\$1,700	0	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$ 13,230	\$10,620	\$1,530	0
ARPA Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
TOTAL	\$344,455	\$301,238	\$408,744	\$430,185

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Federal Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Monitor the 2014-16 SPIL at least quarterly and provide review at public meetings - 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 - Monitor the FFY 2017-19 SPIL at least quarterly and provide review at public meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitored the SPIL with the SILC at the annual business meeting in January 2015. Expectations met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitored the 2014-16 SPIL at SILC quarterly meetings. Expectations met. - Statewide assessment (10 public meetings in 8 locations, with 111 participants & 118 electronic surveys submitted) completed in collaboration with the CILs during October & November 2015; State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) drafted, reviewed, approved and submitted to ACL for approval (pending). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed, signed and submitted the FFY 2017-19 to the ACL -Submitted technical amendments to the 2017-19 SPIL as required by ACL. - Monitored the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) SILC at quarterly business meetings: July, October, January and May. - SPIL progress monitored by SILC staff monthly. - Expectations met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitored the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) at quarterly business meetings: July, October, January and April. - SPIL progress monitored by SILC staff monthly. - Initiated statewide assessment planning group for SFY19 statewide assessment. - Expectations met.

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<p>Support three Idaho Centers for Independent Living (CILs).</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued contract with the CILs & Medicaid to complete Quality of Life surveys. - Successfully transitioned CILs/SILC from WIA to WIOA improving services & implementation of additional transition services to PWD into their community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed contract with the CILs & Medicaid to complete Quality of Life surveys 09/30/16. Three residents discharged into the community during the final three months of the contract. - Supported CIL, regional Independent Living (IL) conference (September 2016), near Moscow. - Developed, mentored, coordinated and supported CIL youth activities through the SILC Youth Advisory Committee. - Provided outreach and IL education to underserved areas in support of CIL activities and services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported CIL, regional Independent Living (IL) conference (September 2017), in Idaho Falls. - Developed, mentored, coordinated and supported CIL youth activities through the SILC Youth Advisory Committee. - Provided outreach and IL education to underserved areas in support of CIL activities and services. - Developed and provided organizational emergency preparedness training to CIL staff. - Expectations met.
<p>Advocate for Independent Living Services.</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid service restrictions. - Provided detailed, written input on HCBS waiver rule changes; testified against legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid service restrictions and proposed cuts. - Provided detailed, written input on HCBS waiver rule changes; potential Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with and provided information to policymakers on the impacts to individuals with disabilities due to Medicaid service restrictions, reimbursement rates and potential cuts. - Provided detailed, written input on HCBS waiver rule changes; potential Medicaid restrictions; and Non-emergency Medical

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	<p>State Insurance Exchange and Medicaid Expansion to SILC constituents.</p>	<p>potentially harmful toward the disability community; and supported partner agencies and organizations efforts toward greater community inclusion for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Transport (NEMT) contract; testified about legislation potentially harmful toward the disability community; and supported partner agencies and organizations efforts toward greater community inclusion for people with disabilities, across lifespan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Through participation with stakeholder groups, provided input on proposed rule changes for the Extended Employment Services (EES) program administered by the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. - Through participation with stakeholder group, provided detailed written and verbal input around potential inappropriate application of IDHW rules in the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program. - Provided written and verbal concerns to policy makers and workgroups related to affordable, accessible housing issues across Idaho. - Expectations met.
<p>Conduct Studies and Analysis</p>	<p>Began contract negotiations with the ICOA for participation and facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project for implementation in FY16. No additional contracts</p>	<p>- Completed detailed review & analysis of Medicaid HCBS transition plan related to new CMS rules, working with Medicaid staff to</p>	<p>- Participated in providing detailed review & analysis of Medicaid NEMT contract, working with stakeholders and Medicaid staff in an effort to resolve concerns.</p>	<p>- Participated in providing detailed review & analysis of concerns related to the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center, working with stakeholders, policy makers, the Office of Performance Evaluations and IDHW</p>

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	<p>initiated this SFY due to budget limitations.</p>	<p>resolve concerns. - Continued partnership with ICOA facilitation of No Wrong Door (NWD) project to determine feasibility of project. (contract concludes early SFY17)</p>	<p>- 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>staff in an effort to resolve concerns. - Reviewed and provided written analysis of emergency management systems and practices across the state, with a focus on counties, regarding impact and inclusion of people with disabilities. - Reviewed, provided written analysis of, and participated in IDHW meetings related to new rules for Idaho hospitals. Reviewed and provided written input at the Federal level in support of the continuation of the Idaho Home Choice-Money Follows the Person (administered by IDHW-Medicaid), Empowering Care Act. - Expectations met.</p>
<p>Participate in and led, regional & local Workgroups related to the following: Transportation Opportunities for PWD; ADA Training; Employer Training; Fair Housing; Legislature 101; the Intersection of Disability and</p>	<p>Continued regional workgroups focusing on employment and barriers PWD face. Continued ADA training, Legislature 101, and Intersection of Disability and Abuse trainings. OVV 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</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</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, financial literacy, ABLE accounts, emergency preparedness, housing,</p>

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Abuse and emergency preparedness.		etiquette and history, relevant laws. Collaborated with the Idaho Health Department in related emergency management and preparedness activities for PWD.	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.	employment and relevant laws. - Collaborated with the Idaho Health Departments, County emergency managers and volunteer organizations in related emergency mitigation, management and recovery activities for people with disabilities and their families. - Established the Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition. The group is made up of a majority of people with disabilities from across the state and includes leaders from the Red Cross and county emergency managers. - Expectations met.

FY 2018 Performance Highlights

In FY2018, Idaho SILC staff trained 776 people through 53 workshops in 29 Idaho communities and at three national conferences. The SILC trained youth and adults with disabilities, family members, Medicaid managers, county emergency managers, housing providers, volunteer organizations and others how to open ABLE Accounts, increase accessibility, prepare for emergencies, create inclusive communities, manage resources and live more independently. The SILC reached small communities like Kamiah, Wallace and Rexburg as well as larger communities in Kootenai County and the Treasure and Magic Valleys. Through this concerted outreach effort and ongoing assessment of statewide needs, the SILC will be better positioned to target future resources in collaboration with our CIL partners.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Goal 1						
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	10	4	4	-----
	target	4 quarterly review of additional input	10 Statewide mtgs	4 quarterly reviews of additional input	4 quarterly reviews of additional input	10 Statewide mtgs
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

Performance Measure		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Goal 2						
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	82	33	3	-----	-----
	target	80 transitions	97 transitions	5, contract expires 9/30/16	Replaced with Goal #4	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	7	15	-----
	target	New goal FY17	New goal FY17	4 statewide activities	7 statewide activities	15
Goal 3						
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, resources, participation and integration, including relevant laws, policies and rules that affect people with disabilities	actual	10	11	21	53	-----
	target	10 trainings	10 trainings	15 trainings	20 trainings	25 trainings
Goal 4						
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	2	8	13	14	-----
	target	10	8	8	12	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	0	4	9	10	-----
	target	2	6	6	6	10

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. The next statewide assessment begins September 1, 2018.

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. Statewide youth programs are rapidly expanding.

Performance Measure 5:

Potential community training opportunities are identified during the year, targeting populations and activities specifically identified in the SPIL. Trainings noted were provided to no fewer than 6 participants with most events ranging from 12 - 73 attendees. The exponential growth of SILC community trainings in SFY 2018 is the result of a concerted effort to evaluate training methods, needs and resources. More than half of the trainings provided in SFY 2018 were specific to opening ABLE accounts. The SILC does not anticipate the continued provision of such numerous events in coming years.

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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