

**STATE PLAN FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING
(SPIL)**

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter 1, Title VII

PART B - INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

PART C - CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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Executive Summary

This executive summary outlines a comprehensive State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) aimed at enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in Missouri. Recognizing the diverse needs of this population, our plan focuses on six key areas: emergency preparedness, housing, transportation, youth services, peer support groups, and SILC capacity. By addressing these critical items, we aim to empower individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling, independent lives while fostering a more inclusive and accessible society. The geographic scope of these goals are statewide.

Emergency Preparedness: In the face of natural disasters, public health emergencies, and other crises, individuals with disabilities are disproportionately vulnerable. Our SPIL prioritizes proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of people with disabilities during emergencies. The SPIL also aims to connect CILs and people with disabilities with local and state disaster recovery agencies and promoting consideration of people with disabilities when planning for disasters is conducted.

Housing: Access to affordable, accessible housing remains a significant challenge for individuals with disabilities. Our SPIL advocates for the expansion of housing options that meet the diverse needs of this population, including accessible, affordable design features. This involves collaborating with housing agencies, developers, and advocacy groups to increase the availability of integrated and community-based housing solutions. Additionally, we seek to implement policies that combat housing discrimination and promote inclusive housing practices statewide.

Transportation: Reliable transportation is essential for individuals with disabilities to access employment, education, healthcare, and social opportunities. Our SPIL emphasizes the development of an accessible and inclusive transportation infrastructure that removes barriers to mobility. This includes promoting innovative transportation solutions such as ride-sharing programs and accessible transportation services. By improving transportation accessibility, we aim to enhance the independence and integration of individuals with disabilities within their communities.

Youth Services: Transitioning from youth to adulthood can be particularly challenging for individuals with disabilities as they navigate educational, vocational, and social transitions. Our SPIL advocates for youth services that support the transition to adulthood and promote self-determination. This includes expanding access to transition planning services, vocational training programs, and mentorship opportunities. By promoting youth services, we aim to equip young individuals with disabilities with the skills, resources, and support networks necessary for successful independent living.

Peer Support Groups: Peer support plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, empowerment, and resilience among individuals with disabilities. Our SPIL prioritizes the establishment and enhancement of peer support groups across the state. This involves facilitating the development and sustainability of peer-led support networks. Additionally, we aim to

promote collaboration between peer support groups, service providers, and advocacy organizations to amplify the voices and experiences of individuals with disabilities.

SILC capacity: In focusing on SILC capacity building, both in membership and in a financial way, MO SILC will be able to assist centers for independent living to connect with the broader disability community in Missouri to work on common goals of independent living, inclusion, and equity.

In conclusion, our State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) outlines a comprehensive framework for promoting independence, inclusion, and empowerment among individuals with disabilities. By focusing on emergency preparedness, housing, transportation, youth services, SILC capacity and peer support groups, we seek to address the diverse needs of this population and create a more accessible and supportive environment for all. Through collaboration, innovation, and advocacy, we are committed to advancing the rights and opportunities of individuals with disabilities across our state.

Section 1 outlines the mission, goals, objectives, and activities of the SPIL in conjunction with the CILs.

Section 2 outlines the scope of services provided, outreach related to unserved and underserved populations, coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations to support inclusive community living by CILs and MO SILC.

Section 3 includes a detailed explanation of expansion of the network, minimum funding levels for CILs, and distribution of funds.

Section 4 represents the Designated State Entity's (DSE) response to their administrative responsibilities related to the SPIL.

Section 5 details the Statewide Independent Living Council's (SILC) establishment, autonomy, resource plan, appointment process, and staffing.

Section 6 provides legal certifications for the identified entities involved with authorities and responsibilities of the SPIL.

Section 7 identifies the DSE assurances and expresses the administrative role and responsibilities of the DSE.

Section 8 provides the SILC Assurances and Indicators of minimum compliance, detailing the functions, authorities, and requirements for operating as a SILC.

Section 1: Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Activities

1.1 Mission

To ensure that individuals with disabilities in Missouri live independently and participate as they choose in the community.

1.2 Goals –

Goal 1: Consumers will have access to peer support groups.

Goal 2: Youth in CIL coverage areas will have access to youth specific programs at their local CIL.

Goal 3: Increase SILC Capacity

Goal 4: Consumers and CIL staff will have the opportunity to connect with community non-profit organizations, housing developers and housing advocacy groups.

Goal 5: Information regarding transportation options in each CIL coverage area and regional transportation providers will be made available to consumers and CILs.

Goal 6: Missourians with disabilities will have an opportunity to connect with boards and commissions regarding Emergency Preparedness.

1.3 Objectives –

1. Goal 1 – Peer Support Groups

1.1 Consumers will have access to join peer support groups facilitated by their local CIL either in person or via virtual platforms.

1.1.1 Consumers participation in peer support groups through their local CIL will increase by 10% over the life of the SPIL.

1.2 Consumers will work with CILs to establish peer support groups facilitated by their local CIL.

1.3 CILs facilitating peer support groups in person or via virtual platforms will increase 5% (1) each year of the SPIL

2.1.1 SILC Youth Committee will conduct outreach to each CIL to determine what programs are available for youth and who the contact person for youth services is in each CIL. Add all goals are geographically statewide

2. Goal 2 - Youth Services

2.1 Create and distribute a list of CILs and the youth specific services they provide to school districts and counselors in their coverage area.

2.2 This list will be available for all CILs and provided electronically on the SILC website. Paper copies will be available at all events where information regarding CILs and MO SILC are provided.

3. Goal 3: SILC Capacity

3.1 MO SILC staff will identify at least two community representative(s) to apply to join MO SILC from the following underserved populations:

- a. Blind/low-vision
- b. Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- c. Youth (18-27)
- d. Hispanic/Latino
- e. LBGTQIA+
- f. Black/African American
- g. Rural Resident

3.2 Increase the SILC budget by 5% unrestricted funding over the life of the SPIL

4. Goal 4: Housing

4.1 Connect community non-profit organizations with housing developers and housing advocacy groups.

4.2 Add Housing advocates to SILC Housing Committee

4.3 Have SILC Housing Committee members participate with the Master Plan on Aging connecting with aging in place/universal design concepts.

5. Goal 5: Transportation

5.1: Collect and provide information regarding transportation options in each CIL coverage area and to connect CILs with regional transportation providers.

5.2: MOSILC will identify State Boards that should have a representation of people with disabilities regarding Emergency Preparedness.

6. Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness

6.1: Identify Boards and Commissions dedicated to Emergency Preparedness and share with CILs to encourage participation with local entities.

Timeline	Goal 1: Peer Support	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
Throughout the SPIL period	Consumers will have access to electronic means to join peer support groups facilitated by their local CIL	Consumer accessing assistive technology through their local CIL will increase by 10% over the life of the SPIL	Number of consumers accessing AT or referrals for AT for virtual participation with peer support groups	Survey results from CILs	CILs, SILC

Each year of SPIL	Consumers will work with CILs to establish peer support groups facilitated by their local CIL	CILs facilitating peer support groups will increase 5% each year of the SPIL	Number of CILs facilitating peer support groups each quarter	Survey results from CILs	CILs, SILC
Throughout the SPIL	Consumers will have access to affordable broadband, appropriate technology and/or assistive devices to participate with peer support groups	Consumer participation with peer support groups will increase by 10% over the life of the SPIL	Number of consumers participating virtually with peer support groups	Survey results from CILs	CILs, SILCs

Timeline	Goal 2: Youth Services	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
Throughout the SPIL period	Consumers will have access to information regarding youth services at their local CIL	Consumers accessing youth specific services will increase 10% over the life of the SPIL	Number of consumers accessing youth services at each CIL	Survey results from CILs	CILs, SILC, DSE
Each year of SPIL	CILs and SILC will host and/or participate in 4 youth events total each year of the SPIL	Expand youth services in CILs for community integration and leadership	Number of events attended with youth focus	Survey results from CILs	CILs, SILC, DSE

		Increase number of youth seeking CIL services			
Timeline	Goal 3: SILC Capacity	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
Each year of SPIL	MO SILC staff will identify at least two representatives to apply to join MO SILC	MO SILC will assist, as required, at least 2 people from the indicated groups to complete and submit the application to be appointed to MO SILC	Number of completed and submitted applications to join MO SILC	Copies of submitted applications	SILC

Timeline	Goal 3: SILC Capacity	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for collection
Throughout the SPIL cycle	Increase unrestricted funding by 5%	MO SILC staff will research partnerships with other disability committees and organizations	Increase over budget from beginning of SPIL to end of SPIL	Review of SILC budget year-to-year during SPIL cycle	SILC

Timeline	Goal 4: Housing	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
Each year of SPIL	Housing Committee will host at least 4 meetings with CILs and Community Housing Advocates	Connect local housing advocates and groups and funding sources with CILs to share information and education about accessible and affordable housing	Number of accessible and affordable housing information requests from the community (builders, advocates, consumers) to CILs	Surveys	CILs
Each year of SPIL	Add at least one member per year to housing committee	Recruit housing committee members from active participants in local communities	Number of new committee members attending at least one meeting per quarter	Attendance records from Housing committee chair	SILC Housing Committee
Over the lifetime of the SPIL	At least one member of the SILC Housing Committee will participate with the Master Plan on Aging (MPoA)	Assure accessibility and affordability are priorities during implementation of MPoA.	Number of housing committee members working on implementation of MPoA	Attendance records from Housing committee chair	SILC Housing Committee

Timeline	Goals 5: Transportation	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
First year of SPIL	Collect contact information for	Provide information to CILs and consumers	Names and contact information to access	Email and surveys	CILs, MO SILC, SILC Transportation Committee

	transportation options from each CIL	regarding transportation options (MO Rides)	transportation options for each CIL coverage area		
First year of SPIL	Distribute contact information for Missouri Association of Council of Government (MACOG) to facilitate partnership regarding transportation	Provide information to CILs regarding partnerships with local government regarding transportation funding opportunities	Number of CILs joining their local Missouri Association of Council of Government group	Survey	CILs, SILC
Second and Third year of SPIL	Distribute transportation information for consumers and update annually	Assure information provided is current	Updated contact information	Email and Surveys	CILs, MO SILC, SILC Transportation Committee

Timeline	Goals 6: Emergency Preparedness	Objectives	Indicator	Data Collection Method	Organization responsible for data collection
Throughout SPIL Period	Identify and update state and local boards for emergency management. (COAD)	Share identified boards with CILs and make information available on SILC website as resource information	Number of boards identified	SILC will provide this information to CIL and place on dedicated page on SILC website	SILC
End of SPIL Period	Emergency Preparedness Committee will work with CILs to gain access to boards and COADs	25% of CILs will have representation with state and/or local emergency management boards and/or	Number of CILs participating with boards and/or COADs	Surveys	SILC Emergency Preparedness Committee, CILs

		Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)			
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Section 1.4 – Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

To facilitate the SILC’s duty to monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living, the Missouri statewide IL Network agrees to the following performance measures.

Goals from Section 1	Method(s) that will be used to evaluate
<p>Goal 1: Increased access to peer support groups</p> <p>Goal 2: Increased access to youth services</p> <p>Goal 3: Increase the capacity of the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council.</p> <p>Goal 4: Connect community non-profit organizations with housing developers and housing advocacy groups</p> <p>Goal 5: Collect and provide information regarding transportation options in each CIL coverage area and to connect CILs with regional transportation providers.</p> <p>Goal 6: Expand emergency preparedness, response and recovery for people with disabilities in Missouri.</p>	<p><u>SPIL Evaluation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MOSILC SPIL Committee, which will include the following sub-committees, Transportation, Housing, Youth, Emergency Preparedness, will develop a quarterly survey to measure progress and collect data on SPIL goals 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. This survey will be completed by the 22 Centers for Independent Living. The survey will be designed by December 31, 2024. 2. MO SILC SPIL Committee will update the full SILC board on progress of goals in SPIL during each quarterly meeting. 3. The MOSILC SPIL Committee will train the 22 Centers for Independent Living on SPIL data collection to complete the Quarterly SPIL Report by January 31, 2025. 4. The MOSILC SPIL Committee and sub-committees will meet quarterly to review SPIL progress reports (CILs Quarterly SPIL Reports) and evaluate the data whether timelines are being met. If goals, action steps, objectives, and/or indicators are not showing progress, analyze why and determine whether adjustments need to be made to the SPIL.

5. The SILC will ensure the IL Outcomes Surveys are completed by the 22 Centers for Independent Living by November 15 of each reporting year. These surveys are completed on a 20% sample of consumers. Data collected will include demographic information on CIL consumers and measure overall satisfaction and positive change in the consumers lives for each service received.
6. Results of the IL Outcomes Survey will be reviewed by the MOSILC SPIL Committee by December 31 of each reporting year and shared with each Center for Independent Living.

Other Evaluation Methods for Evaluating Data:

7. The SILC will create and disseminate an Annual Needs Assessment to gather data on unmet needs of persons with disabilities in Missouri. Data from these surveys will be used for future SPIL development and shared with CILs for program development.
8. The SILC will review the Statewide Program Performance Reports (704) at the end of each federal fiscal year.
9. The SILC will create an Annual Progress Report based on the federal fiscal year on the state of IL in Missouri, including an analysis and recommendations and distribute to IL Network, state legislature, Governor's office and other interested parties by December 31 of each reporting year.

Section 1.5 – Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Fiscal Year(s): 2025					
Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					
Chapter 1, Part B	\$73,775 OALRS	\$52,029	\$206,913		\$6,000
Chapter 1, Part C			\$1,370,732		
Other Federal Funds					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	\$36,153				
Social Security Reimbursement		\$107,000	\$1,060,633		
Non-Federal Funds (include the match amount in non-federal funds)					
State Funds			\$3,459,200		
Other					

Fiscal Year(s): 2026					
Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					

Chapter 1, Part B	\$73,775 OALRS	\$52,029	\$206,913		\$6,000
Chapter 1, Part C			\$1,370,732		
Other Federal Funds					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	\$36,153				
Social Security Reimbursement		\$107,000	\$1,060,633		
Other					
Non-Federal Funds (include the match amount in non-federal funds)					
State Funds			\$3,459,200		
Other					

Fiscal Year(s): 2027					
Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					
Chapter 1, Part B	\$73,775 OALRS	\$52,029	\$206,913		\$6,000
Chapter 1, Part C			\$1,370,732		
Other Federal Funds					
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Other					

Non-Federal Funds (include the match amount in non-federal funds)					
State Funds			\$3,459,200		
Other					

The twenty-two CILs in Missouri are funded with a combination of state and federal funds. Missouri IL receives approximately \$1,370,732 Part C funds and \$338,717 in Part B funds, \$73,775 of which is used to support the SILC each year, \$206,913 to CILs in grants, \$34,135 to RSB for IL services each year, with the remaining \$6,000 to support DSE administrative IL expenses.

Through an MOU, a portion of the Chapter 1, Part B monies, referenced above, are spent through Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) to provide independent living services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

Social Security Reimbursement monies totaling \$1,167,633 are dedicated by the DSE to the independent living program. An amount of \$1,060,633 is distributed to the CILs in grants, leaving the remaining \$107,000 for required DSE administrative and oversight responsibilities.

State funding of approximately \$3,459,200 will be distributed to CILs each year. This amount more than satisfies the Part B federal match requirement of 10% or \$37,635. Thirteen CILs receive state funding only, while the remaining nine are funded with both state and federal funds through Part B or Part C. This funding is used to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities and to support the general operation of centers. As a 722 state, Part C funds are disbursed directly to the four CILs receiving Part C funding while the Part B and state funds are disbursed through state grants to the twenty-two CILs.

Five staff members of the MVR are assigned partial duties related to activities as defined in Chapter 1 of the Rehabilitation Act as Amended. The staff provide monitoring, guidance and training to the CILs. The SILC staff provide administrative duties for the operation of the council.

Section 2 – Scope, Extent, and Arrangement of Services

Section 2.1 – Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility and statewideness.

Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Core Independent Living Services, as required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information and referral – IL skills training – Peer counseling – Individual and systems advocacy – Transition services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition from nursing homes & other institutions ▪ Diversion from institutions ▪ Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life 	X	X	CIL
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services	X	X	CIL
Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities) Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.	X	X	CIL
Rehabilitation technology	X	X	CIL
Mobility training	X	X	CIL
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	X	X	CIL
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	X	X	CIL
Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services	X	X	CIL
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and independent living services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act	X	X	CIL
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	X	X	CIL

Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Supported living Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.	X	X	CIL
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation and training in the use of public transportation vehicles and systems	X	X	CIL
Physical rehabilitation	X	X	CIL
Therapeutic treatment	X	X	CIL
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	X	X	CIL
Individual and group social and recreational services	X	X	CIL
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options	X	X	CIL
Services for children	X	X	CIL
Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities	X	X	CIL
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with disabilities for similar services in the future	X	X	CIL
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	X	X	CIL
Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act	X	X	CIL

Section 2.2 – Outreach to Unserved and Underserved Populations

Unserved populations are those that do not have access to service delivery in the State of Missouri.

Underserved populations are those that have access to service delivery in the State of Missouri, however, those populations are considered disadvantaged because of ability to access services for reasons of race, religion, language group or social status.

Missouri does not consider any population as unserved as all 114 counties in the state are served by a CIL. The Missouri underserved IL populations targeted for outreach efforts include youth, Deaf and hard of hearing, veterans with disabilities, those with mental health diagnoses, cognitive, blind and low vision, and minority groups as determined by the region or community.

– How unserved and underserved are determined

CILs, as cross-disability organizations, will maintain contact with appropriate community organizations specific to outreach to the mental health community, veterans, senior citizens, and the community of persons who are blind or visually impaired. The populations indicated above are located throughout Missouri. The twenty-two CILs in Missouri serve every county and city in Missouri where the targeted populations reside.

– Targeted populations and/or geographic areas

All groups identified above as underserved live throughout the 114 counties and 1 independent city in Missouri. Each CIL has their own outreach plans. This section is to address statewide outreach efforts and is to be separate from, not inclusive of or replacing, the CILs outreach plans.

– Outreach activities and methods to be conducted and who will conduct each

1. CIL staff will establish and continue contact with local community partners that are minority focused to educate on CIL services and encourage referrals.
2. CIL staff will collaborate with youth and family focused organizations, e.g. the youth mentoring service provider, Special Education Cooperatives, schools, etc. to increase independent living opportunities to young people with disabilities.
3. CILs, as cross disability organizations, will establish and continue contact with appropriate community organizations specific to outreach to the mental health community, the blind or low vision community, the Deaf and hard of hearing community, and the cognitive disability community.

The following programs will continue to be provided: health fairs in underserved areas, presentations for outreach, outreach to senior citizens and nursing homes, outreach by SILC to the Veteran's Commission and issue invitations to attend SILC meetings, invitations to attend SILC meetings to State agencies for senior citizens. The SILC sponsors youth to attend the MO Youth Leadership Forum annually and participates a volunteer staff for the event. The SILC attends and participates with the Transition Training Institute sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for youth transitioning from high school.

Section 2.3 - Coordination

MOSILC and the CILs continue to pursue and develop partnerships and collaborations with other providers of IL or closely related services at the federal, state, county, municipal and public/private sector levels. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services/Division of Senior and Disability Services, and the Missouri Governor's Council on Disability representatives give

quarterly updates at the MOSILC quarterly meeting. The DSE holds quarterly meetings for the IL grantees and others to help increase collaboration and sharing of information for the IL programs across the state. MOSILC meets with and provides SPIL updates to members of MOCIL (an association of Missouri Centers for Independent Living). MOSILC holds a seat on and attends the State Rehabilitation Council meetings. The MOSILC facilitates IL network meetings as needed. CILs are invited to all MOSILC quarterly meetings.

Missouri has a history of coordination between agencies to ensure awareness of community needs while avoiding duplication of services. Much of the coordination and collaboration occurs at the local level when reviewing the services required to meet the needs of individuals in that community.

The Missouri IL program coordinates with the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, universities, developmental disability agencies, public health entities, Missouri Department of Social Services, Department of Environmental Health, Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI), state organizations and agencies handling housing, community mental health centers, transportation councils, VR programs and veteran's programs. Missouri IL programs make a concerted effort to use existing programs to gain maximum benefits of Title VII, Chapter 1 funds and to ensure no unnecessary duplication of services.

There is continuous collaboration in Missouri between the SILC, CILs, and the DSE to work together in the development of statewide trainings. The CILs will continue to capitalize on the knowledge of policy makers and officials on the needs of individuals with disabilities. The CILs will expand integration of individuals with disabilities into mainstream society through the enrichment of the IL philosophy. CILs will work to ensure that IL providers outside of the CILs have knowledge of the five core services to provide a responsive network of supports and services to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Section 3 – Network of Centers

The State of Missouri currently has a network of twenty-two independent CILs – each having their own Board of Directors. The CILs’ catchment areas cover all counties of the state.

Section 3.1 – Existing Centers

Centers that comprise the Missouri statewide network include:

Legal Name	Counties Served	Oversight Process	Oversight Entity	SPIL Signatory (yes/no)
Access II Independent Living @	Caldwell, Carroll, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Mercer,	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes

	Livingston, Ray			
Bootheel Area Independent Living Services @	Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Disabled Citizen Alliance for Independence ^	Iron, Crawford, Dent, Reynolds, Washington	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and DSE	ACL/OILP DSE	Yes
Delta Center for Independent Living @	Lincoln, Warren, St. Charles	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Disability Resource Association @	Jefferson	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Heartland Independent Living Center @	Franklin, Gasconade, Maries	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri @	Butler, Carter, Ripley, Wayne	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Independent Living Resource Center @	Cole, Camden, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, South Callaway	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Living Independently For Everyone @	Madison, St. Genevieve, St. Francois	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living #	Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt,	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes

	Nodaway, Worth			
North East Independent Living Services @	Marion, Pike, Clark, Ralls, Monroe, Lewis	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Ozark Independent Living @	Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Wright, Texas	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
On My Own, Inc. @	Bates, Cedar, Hickory, St. Clair, Vernon	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Paraquad ^	St. Louis City, St. Louis County	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and DSE	ACL/OILP DSE	Yes
Rural Advocates for Independent Living #	Adair, Chariton, Knox, Linn, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence #	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Perry, Scott	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Empower Abilities (formerly SCIL) #	Greene, Christian, Dallas, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
Services for Independent Living ^	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Howard,	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and DSE	ACL/OILP DSE	Yes

	Montgomery, Randolph			
Tri-County Center for Independent Living @	Phelps, Pulaski, Laclede Counties	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
The Independent Living Center #	Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Barton, Dade	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes
The Whole Person ^	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and DSE	ACL/OILP DSE	Yes
West-Central Independent Living Solutions @	Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Saline	DSE determines oversight process, which involves the CIL submitting Program Performance Report (PPR) to DSE.	DSE	Yes

@ State funding only.

Combination of State and Federal Part B funding.

^ Combination of State and Federal Part C funding.

Section 3.2 – Expansion and Adjustment of Network

There are twenty-two CILs receiving state funding (four of which are Part C and five Part B CILs, and eighteen state-funded only CILs). The Missouri CILs are funded so that each CIL receives an equal amount regardless if they receive all state funds or a mixture of state and federal funds. The process for redistribution of funds if funds are cut/reduced would be adjusting so that the reduction is equal across the 22 centers.

All Missouri counties are served by a CIL. Missouri has no geographically unserved areas. An increase in funding would be distributed so that the 22 centers continue to receive equal amounts of funding until all CILs are receiving at least \$570,000 in funding for IL Services.

The DSE, CILs and SILC prioritized the underserved areas in Missouri as listed below. The minimum annual funding level for establishing a new center should be \$570,000. This amount would be used for salaries and overhead in providing services in the underserved area. Should additional funding become available (beyond the required cost-of-living increase) but less than \$570,000 it would be distributed to the current CILs in Missouri proportional to the regular award amounts from ACL (federal) and/or state general revenue. If \$570,000 or more becomes available, it would be applied to the areas in the order listed to address underserved populations:

Priority 1: Catchment area: Greene, Christian, Dallas, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster Counties

Priority 2: Catchment area: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Perry, Scott Counties
Priority 3: Catchment area: Adair, Chariton, Knox, Linn, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan Counties
Priority 4: Catchment area: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth Counties
Priority 5: Catchment area: Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Barton, Dade Counties.

The process for distribution of funds if a Part C CIL relinquished its award or closed for some reason, would entail the SILC contacting ACL and requesting that a competition be conducted for the closed CIL in the same service area. The process for distribution of funds if one of the five Part B CILs and state-funded only CILs relinquished their funding or closed for some reason, would entail the SILC contacting the DSE and requesting that a competition be conducted for the closed CIL in the same service area. In the time where there is no center to serve consumers in the service area of the closed CIL, the CILs bordering the closed center would coordinate to provide services.

Section 4 – Designated State Entity

Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation will serve as the entity in Missouri designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State.

Section 4.1 – DSE Responsibilities

- (1) Receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) Provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) Keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;
- (4) Submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) Retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

Section 4.2 – Administration and Staffing: DSE Assurances

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

MVR administers Part B and State funding, listed in the resource page of this document as grants for the general operation of twenty-two CILs. In order to be eligible for a CIL grant, the organization must be consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential nonprofit program that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living services. RSB's IL funds are used to directly provide independent living services to individuals who are blind and visually-impaired through RSB staff. RSB does not provide any IL services through grants or contractual arrangements.

MVR distributes Grant applications seeking planning to meet the standards in Section 725(b) of the Act and the state standards listed in RSMO 178.654 annually, prior to upcoming year of service. MVR receives Grant applications from all 22 CILs annually by May 1 for review.

MVR does review each grant application for information that shows (1) evidence of demonstrated success in satisfying, or a clearly defined plan to satisfy, the standards in Section 725(b) of the Act and the state standards listed in RSMO 178.654 and (2) convincing evidence of demonstrated success in satisfying, or a clearly defined plan to satisfy, the assurances in Section 725(c) of the Act.

MVR conducts monitoring activities to evaluate performance and compliance of grantees, to include structured on site visits and quarterly reports to determine if additional assistance may be needed.

Section 4.3 – State Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including: (45 CFR 1329.17(g))

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE’s administration or operation of IL programs
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

There are no state imposed requirements on IL.

Section 4.4 – Grant Process & Distribution of Funds

The DSE will provide technical assistance to the SILC and the twenty-two CILs. No more than 5% of Part B appropriation will be used on administrative costs. There will be no conflict of interest because no DSE employees will serve as staff to the SILC and no SILC staff will serve as employees of the DSE.

The SILC’s administration duties will be carried out by SILC Board Members and SILC Staff as appropriate.

Section 4.5 – Oversight Process for Part B Funds

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (MVR) monitors monthly financial reports as well as quarterly and annual individual program performance reports submitted by all CILs receiving funding through MVR. Additionally, MVR also requires submission of independent auditor’s reports by MOSILC and all CILs annually.

Section 4.6 – 722 vs 723 State

Check one:

722 (if checked, will move to Section 5)

_____ 723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

Section 4.7 – 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

N/A

Section 5 – Statewide Independent Living Council

Section 5.1 – Establishment of SILC

The Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc. (MOSILC) was established in 1994 and then incorporated in March 2005 as a 501 (c)(3) entity. Its operations were housed within MO VR and utilized staffing from the DSE until 2017. In 2017, to comply with the changes made with the passage of WIOA, MOSILC separated from MOVR and MO RSB by signing a services contract with MO VR as MOSILC's designated state entity. The contract was approved during the May 2017 SILC Meeting. This contract includes assurances that both the DSE and MOSILC agree to establish and maintain independence and autonomy. At that time, the physical operations of the SILC moved outside of MO VR. MOSILC and the DSE review and renew this contract annually. The board of directors hired an executive director at that time to assist with the day-to-day requirements of compliance with the Statewide Plan for Independent Living and with the requirements of WIOA. If at any time the SILC staff position is vacant, the board may designate assignment of the required duties to governing board members. The MOSILC executive committee has the sole responsibility for the hiring, training, discipline and termination of paid staff, up to and including the executive director. The executive and finance committees of MOSILC are responsible for planning, implementing, and managing MOSILC's budget, planning and executing priorities and activities of MOSILC and MOSILC's staff.

Section 5.2 – SILC Resource Plan

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff, and other contracted services), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.

The MOSILC resource plan includes:

\$73,775 OALRS + \$36,153 Innovation and Expansion Funds for FFY 2025

\$73,775 OALRS + \$36,153 Innovation and Expansion Funds for FFY 2026

\$73,775 OALRS + \$36,153 Innovation and Expansion Funds for FFY 2027

The Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc. (MOSILC) was established as a not-for-profit corporation to coordinate the functions related to the planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) and other authorities as described in Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The MOSILC will maintain staff commensurate with the efforts necessary to carry out the work of the Council.

The resource plan outlined above identifies the federal and state funds provided by the DSE for the operation and management of the MOSILC in accordance with its federally designated duties and authorities.

The Resource Plan supports management and operation of the MOSILC, including but not limited to, staff, maintaining not for profit 501(c)3 status, contractual services necessary to meet the designated duties and authorities of a SILC, council training and development, and travel costs and reasonable accommodations for members and staff. The MOSILC is autonomous and responsible for managing its budget.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as Amended by WIOA of 2015, MOSILC and the DSE adhere to: SEC. 713. AUTHORIZED USES OF FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The State may use funds received under this part to provide the resources described in section 705(e) (but may not use more than 30 percent of the funds paid to the State under section 712 for such resources unless the State specifies that a greater percentage of the funds is needed for such resources in a State plan approved under section 706), relating to the Statewide Independent Living Council, may retain funds under section 704(c)(5), and shall distribute the remainder of the funds received under this part in a manner consistent with the approved State plan for the activities described in subsection (b).

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

As an independent and autonomous organization, MOSILC is responsible for management of its budget and any expenditures. As a grantee with the DSE, the MOSILC agrees, as follows, to be responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate procedures and internal financial controls governing the management and utilization of funds provided hereunder which will be in the form pursuant to generally accepted accounting procedures.

In addition, the MOSILC has in place fiscal policies and procedures which address internal controls, safe-guarding assets, expenditures, cash receipts, cash disbursements, bank statement reconciliation, compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations, and the annual budget process. MOSILC invoices VR for operating funds by the 10th of each month to ensure operations continue uninterrupted.

In the annual budget process, the MOSILC executive committee, along with the MOSILC Staff, develops a budget, based on existing net assets and anticipated assets under current agreements. This proposed budget is then voted on by the Executive Committee. After approval from the executive committee, the budget is presented to the full Governing Council for approval by vote. Budget revisions, both increases and decreases, are made, as needed, during the fiscal year through the same process.

The resource plan will support the Councils activities, including personnel, operations, and the following designated duties and authorities:

(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 like or complimentary 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; MOSILC leadership, in collaboration with all Missouri CILs and other entities whose standard operating practices actively support the IL philosophy, will provide education and awareness to public officials and public employees regarding the needs, priorities and emerging issues of CILs and Missourians with disabilities who need and use their services. This education and awareness can be achieved via public forums, electronic information sharing, and direct presentations at the local and state level.

(B) conduct resource development activities to support the activities described in this subsection or to collaborate and support the provision of Independent Living services by Centers for Independent Living; MOSILC will create a specific committee, subcommittee, or workgroup to who will address the identification of potential new and varied revenue and funding sources for the MOSILC. These new sources may be achieved through grants, partnerships, or other fund development measures.

(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.

(3) Limitation. – The Council shall not provide independent living services directly to individuals with significant disabilities or manage such services or programs.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

N/A

Section 5.3 – Maintenance of the SILC

How State will maintain SILC over the course of the SPIL.

All residents of Missouri over 18 are eligible to apply for appointment to the MOSILC Governing Council of Directors. Application for membership is available on the MOSILC website, as well as the Missouri Boards and Commissions website. Assistance to apply will be provided upon request. MOSILC communicates with the Missouri Boards and Commissions Division of the Governor's office to request gubernatorial appointments to the MOSILC Governing Council. Appointments include ex officio members of the DSE and partner organizations including Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and MO Protection & Advocacy.

The MOSILC executive committee is responsible for hiring, supervising, evaluating and dismissing the executive director. The SILC staff are considered employees of MOSILC. The SILC executive committee is responsible for hiring, supervising, evaluating, and dismissal of executive director. The MOSILC executive committee is responsible for designating supervisory responsibilities to the executive director. The current MOSILC policy manual outlines performance evaluations and allows the SILC staff to request an evaluation at any time by the executive team or designated supervisor.

As stated in section 5.1 of this document, the MOSILC was established as an independent entity in 2017. In 2017, to comply with the changes made with the passage of WIOA, MOSILC separated from MOVR and MO RSB by signing a services contract with MO VR as MOSILC's designated state entity. This contract includes assurances that both the DSE and MOSILC agree to establish and maintain independence and autonomy. MOSILC and the DSE reviews and renews this contract annually. The council hired an executive director to assist with the day-to-day requirements of compliance with the Statewide Plan for Independent Living and with the requirements of WIOA. The MOSILC executive committee has the sole responsibility for the hiring, training, discipline and termination of the executive director. The executive and finance committees of MOSILC are responsible for planning, implementing, and managing MOSILC's budget, planning and executing priorities and activities of MOSILC and MOSILC's staff.

Section 6 – Legal Basis and Certification

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation.

Authorized representative of the DSE, Elizabeth Smith, Director Independent Living.

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc.

6.3 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

1. Access II Independent Living
2. Bootheel Area Independent Living Services
3. Disabled Citizen Alliance for Independence
4. Delta Center for Independent Living
5. Disability Resource Association
6. Heartland Independent Living Center
7. Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri
8. Independent Living Resource Center
9. Living Independently For Everyone
10. Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living
11. North East Independent Living Services
12. Ozark Independent Living
13. On My Own, Inc.
14. Paraquad
15. Rural Advocates for Independent Living
16. SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence
17. Empower Abilities (formerly SCIL)
18. Services for Independent Living
19. Tri-County Center for Independent Living
20. The Independent Living Center
21. The Whole Person
22. West-Central Independent Living Solutions

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. YES (Yes/No)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carry out each provision of the SPIL. YES (Yes/No)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL. YES (Yes/No)

Section 7 – Signatures

Appendix A

Definitions

The following are definitions useful for completing this SPIL. Additional definitions related to independent living programs may be found in Titles I & VII of the Act and 45 CFR 1329.4.

Act means the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) means consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and that provide an array of independent living services.

Centers for Independent Living program (CIL program) means the program funded under Title VII, chapter 1, Part C of the Act.

Client Assistance Program (CAP) means the program, established by section 112 of the Act, to provide assistance in informing and advising all clients and client applicants of all available benefits under the Act, and, upon request of such clients or client applicants, to assist and advocate for such individuals in their relationships with projects.

Consumer means any individual with a significant disability who is eligible for IL services under section 703 of the Act and is currently receiving or has been provided any IL service(s) under the program.

Consumer control means, with respect to a center or eligible agency, that the center or eligible agency vests power and authority in individuals with disabilities, including individuals who are or have been recipients of IL services.

Consumer Information File (CIF) (formerly known as “Consumer Service Record”; see below) means the records that are maintained for an eligible consumer receiving IL services and meets the requirement that records demonstrate compliance with the standards and assurances in section 725(b) and (c) of the Act and the grant terms and conditions.

Consumer Service Record (CSR) (now known as “Consumer Information File”; see above)

Cross-disability means, with respect to a center, that a center provides IL services to individuals representing a range of significant disabilities and does not restrict eligibility to individuals who have one or more specific significant disabilities.

Designated State Entity (DSE) means the agency that the State Plan designates to receive, account for, and disburse Part B funds in accordance with section 704(c) of the Act.

Disability means, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, § 12102, “physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities[;] . . . ; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment [This] definition . . . shall be construed in favor of broad coverage of individuals.”

Equity is defined as it is in Executive Order 13985: “the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and

Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Independent living means maximizing the ability of people with disabilities to

- control their own lives;
- participate in the community;
- live independently (as opposed to in institutions); and
- have economic security.

Independent Living Philosophy is a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society (Section 796).

Independent Living Administration (ILA) means the Federal entity within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living designated in the Rehabilitation Act to administer the IL Services and CIL programs.

Independent living core services mean information and referral services; IL skills training; peer counseling (including cross-disability peer counseling); individual and systems advocacy; and services that: facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions to home and community-based residences; provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community; and facilitate the transition of youth who are individuals with significant disabilities who were eligible for individualized education programs under section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(d)), and who have completed their secondary education or otherwise left school, to postsecondary life.

Independent living services include the independent living core services listed above and the services listed in Title I, section 105(18) of the Act.

Independent living plan means the plan for the provision of IL services mutually agreed upon by an appropriate staff member of a service provider and an individual with a significant disability.

Individual with a significant disability means an individual with a severe physical, mental, cognitive or sensory impairment whose ability to function independently in the family or community or whose ability to obtain, maintain, or advance in employment is substantially limited and for whom the delivery of IL services will improve the ability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the family or community or to continue in employment.

Minority group means American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black or African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic or Latino (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

Nonresidential means, with respect to a center for independent living, that the center, as of October 1, 1994, does not provide or manage residential housing.

Office of Independent Living Programs (OILP) is the office within the Administration on Disabilities/Independent Living Administration/Administration for Community Living that has programmatic oversight of Part B and Part C funding and training and technical assistance.

Section 722 State means a state in which Federal funding exceeds State funding for the general operation of eligible CILs, or, if State funding exceeds Federal funding, the Director of the DSE elects not to administer the CIL program. In these states, ACL/OILP issues grants under Part C, Chapter 1, directly to centers and eligible agencies.

Section 723 State means a state in which State funding for centers equals or exceeds the amount of Federal funds allotted to the State under Part C, Chapter 1 and in which the Director of the DSE submits an application and is approved by ACL/OILP to administer the CIL program as provided in section 723 of the Act.

Service provider means a CIL that receives financial assistance under Part B or C of chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act, or any other entity or individual that provides IL services under a grant or contract from the DSE pursuant to Section 704(f) of the Act. A DSE may directly provide IL services to individuals with significant disabilities only as the SPIL specifically authorizes.

SILC Autonomy means that the SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency (Sec. 705(a)), that the SILC supervises and evaluates its own staff (Sec. 705(e)(2); §1329.15(e)), manages its own budget and is responsible for proper expenditure of funds and use of resources (§1329.15(c)(5)), that the SILC resource plan includes resources necessary and sufficient for the SILC to carry out its duties and authorities (§1329.12(b)(2)), that no conditions or requirements may be included in the SILC's resource plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC (§1329.15(c)(4)), that while assisting the SILC in carrying out its duties, staff are not assigned any duties by the DSE (or any other agency of the State) that create a conflict of interest (Sec. 705(e)(3)), and that the SILC is independent and autonomous from the DSE and all other state agencies (1329.14(b)).

State means, in addition to each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

State Match means the resources provided by the state (cash, in kind, or any combination thereof) to match the state's total award of Part B funds. The required match is 10% of the sum of the state's total expenditure of Part B funds and the state's total expenditure of resources provided to match the part B funds that the state provides. (Example included in the Instructions for section)

State Plan means the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) required under section 704 of title VII of the Act.

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) means the Council established in each State as required by sections 704 and 705 of the Act.

Statewide Network of Centers for Independent Living means a statewide network of CILs that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725(b) and (c) of the Act and 45 CFR 1329.4.

Unserved and underserved groups or populations means populations such as individuals from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds, disadvantaged individuals, individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals from underserved geographic areas (rural or urban).