

Community Forum and Youth Summit DC Center for Independent Living DC Statewide Independent Living Council Department on Disability Services - RSA

Draft State Plan for Independent Living FY 2025 – 2027

Draft Plan Goals

- Advocacy
- Education
- Outreach
- Organizational Development



Advocacy

• Collaboratively provide active support for the equal opportunity, self-determination, and self-respect for people living with disabilities ensuring they have the greatest possible degree of independence in the District of Columbia.

Objectives:

- DSE representative on the Assistive Technology Advisory Committee and a SILC Advocacy Committee representative will attend all advisory committee meetings in order to be aware of and promote the utilization of services available through the University Legal Service Assistive Technology Programs
- The SILC will raise awareness and advocate for the creation of an outreach and education campaign on maintaining safety in the community.
- The SILC will advocate to the Mayor, on behalf of persons with disabilities, to ensure that persons with disabilities are considered in all aspects of emergency planning legislation and policy implementation in the District of Columbia
- The SILC, with support from the DSE and the DCCIL will conduct annually a minimum of 4 quarterly general public meetings, 1 consumer forum, and 1 public hearing to elicit public comments and recommendations regarding the provision of IL services
- The DCCIL will provide education and peer support groups



Education

• Ensure persons with disabilities in DC are aware of the resources, services and benefits available for them to take next steps in education, training, community involvement and gainful employment. Provide workshops to private and public agencies regarding the needs of people with disabilities.

Objectives:

- The SILC, with support from the DSE and the DCCIL will conduct an annual Consumer Forum on topics of interest identified in the Quarterly SILC meetings.
- The DSE and the DCCIL will create new outreach brochures for community distribution in various languages and accessible formats.
- The SILC in collaboration with the DSE and DCCIL, will provide board member training opportunities to improve knowledge of the Independent Living Philosophy, Regulations and the five core independent living services
- The SILC will advise the DSE and other District government and community agencies how to achieve an IL services and supports system that ensures planning for independence across the lifespan.
- The SILC will advocate for city-wide implementation and education to support and campaign to improve transition planning for people who are on track for discharge from institutional or other restrictive settings to a less restrictive setting or their natural home.
- The DCCIL, in collaboration with the SILC, will develop a housing resource guide
- The DCCIL will develop a computer literacy program for emerging populations with disabilities
- The DCCIL will provide education and peer support



Outreach

- Expand the availability of high-quality person-centered IL services District-wide, to individuals of all racial and ethnic backgrounds and disability groups while maintaining ongoing relationships for support with other agencies.

 Objectives:
- Assist in development of scope of work for 2026 Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment, to ensure the independent living needs of people in DC are addressed.
- The SILC, with support from the DCCIL will re-establish, update and improve a website
- The DSE and the DCCIL will create new outreach brochures for community distribution in various languages and accessible formats.



Organizational Development

- Support and strengthen the agencies, organizational structure in order to provide an effective IL service delivery system for District residents with disabilities. The SILC will work toward obtaining adequate membership, meet the laws, understand the IL philosophy and work toward meeting the goals that are in the regulations.

 Objectives:
- The DSE and the DCCIL will work together to develop and distribute client satisfaction surveys
- The DSE will identify additional IL service providers, (particularly for independent living skills training)



SILC Resource Plan

- 110,000 SILC Staff
- 150 NCIL Organizational Dues Annual
- 500 Office Expenses
- 1,000 meeting expenses
- 1,500 SILC Congress
- 600 NCIL Conference Registration (2 participants)
- 5,000 Interpreter Services and CART services
- 1,500 SILC Training
- 400 Zoom account
- 2,000 On-going cost of maintaining website
- 10,000 Community Forum and Youth Summit



Community Input

- Feedback Outreach, Education, Advocacy and Organizational Structure
- Feedback regarding Education
- Feedback regarding Advocacy
- Feedback regarding Organizational Structure
- Feedback regarding SILC Resource Plan