

Statewide Independent Living Council State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) 2025-2027

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Centers

Current Centers for Independent Living including: legal name, geographic area and counties served, and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds, and oversight entity.

List the CILs located in the state including:

-Legal name of the CIL

-Geographic area/counties served by the CIL, (full CIL services vs. limited services – for example, a program provided in areas not served by the CIL for core services or a satellite office of a CIL that provides the core services but not all of the services provided by the full CIL)

-Current sources of funding - not including amounts (Part B, Part C, State General Revenue, Other Federal, Other)

Explain the criteria for defining the CIL network, bearing in mind that those CILs included in the network should be those eligible to sign the SPIL.

Two non-profit organizations receive Part C Funding to operate SD's two centers for independent living. The two CILs in South Dakota are Independent Living Choices (ILC) and Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL). The IL service delivery system in South Dakota has had significant changes over the years which requires further explanation.

Independent Living Choices (ILC) assumed two Part C grants that dissolved. ILC assumed Opportunities for Independent Living (OIL) Part C grant which served 19 northern counties of the state. ACL/OILP references this as the ILC North Grant. ILC also assumed the Native American Advocacy Program (NAAP) Part C grant which served persons with significant disabilities on all nine Tribal Nations which included all or part of 19 counties. ACL/OILP references this as the ILC Native American Grant. The ILC South grant (originally named Prairie Freedom Center) serves counties in the southeastern part of the state. ILC is referenced at the federal level as ILC North, ILC South, and ILC Native American and South Dakotan's reference ILC as one center.

South Dakota is comprised of 66 counties and nine Tribal nations, all of which are served by either ILC or WRIL. The state's network is complete in terms of 34 CFR 364.25 in that services are available in all 66 counties including all Tribal Nation lands.

When referencing or speaking of the nine tribal reservations the language that is most respectful is Tribal Nations. Tribal Nations do not recognize counties.

1) Independent Living Choices (ILC North, ILC South and ILC Native American); (SPIL signatory)

Geographic Area/Counties Served - all core services provided

Eastern and Central area of the state; includes following areas/counties

Aberdeen area: Brown, Day, Edmunds, Marshall, and McPherson; Brookings area: Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, and Miner;

Huron area: Beadle, Faulk, Hand, Hyde, and Spink;

Martin area: Bennett, Pine Ridge, and Rosebud;

Mitchell area: Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Davison, Hanson, Jerauld and Sanborn;

Mobridge area: Campbell, Corson, Cheyenne River, Dewey, Potter, Standing Rock, Walworth and Ziebach;

Sioux Falls area: Flandreau, Santee, Lincoln, McCook, Moody, Minnehaha, and Turner;

Watertown area: Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts and Sisseton Wahpeton;

Yankton area: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Gregory, Hutchinson, Union, and Yankton;

All Tribal Nations lands

Funding Sources

Title VII, Part C – oversight by OILP/ACL

Title VII, Part B – oversight by DSE as detailed in Section 1.5

HMA/D/Social Security Reimbursement/Ramp Funds – oversight by DSE/detailed in Sec. 1.5

Independent Living Choices (main office)

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2) Western Resources for Independent Living; (SPIL signatory)

Geographic Area/Counties Served - all core services provided

Area: Western South Dakota, includes following areas/counties; Butte, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Haakon, Hughes, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Lyman, Meade, Mellette, Pennington, Perkins, Stanley, Sully, and Tripp counties.

Funding Sources

Title VII, Part C – oversight by OILP/ACL

Title VII, Part B – oversight by DSE as detailed in Section 1.5

HMAD/Social Security Reimbursement/Ramp Funds – oversight by DSE/detailed in Sec. 1.5

Western Resources for Independent Living (main office)
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The CILS identified above provide all services through the provision of Part B, Part C funds and other funds. The core services are the foundation of all services in South Dakota. Each CIL augments the five core services with other services' needs specific to the geographical area. It is expected that although services vary from one center to another, core services remain the most frequently provided across the state.

Any consideration of financial need is applied uniformly so that all individuals who are eligible for IL services are treated equally. Written policies and consumer documentation required by 34 CFR 364.59 (d) is kept by the service provider. IL services are provided free of charge to all individuals who are eligible. A CIL may provide a time limited training program, e.g., youth summer camp, and they may choose to charge a registration fee to help cover related costs (speakers, materials). Registration information/fees are shared with IL Network partners.

CILs can assist with assistive technology equipment/programs such as the Telecommunication Adaptive Devices (TAD) and Home Modification/Assistive Devices (HMAD) Programs. The provision of assistive technology equipment from these programs is dependent on the availability of funds and the individual meeting financial need requirements.

Funds for the HMAD Program can purchase equipment or home modifications for an individual being served by the IL program. This program requires a financial needs test and establishes a maximum financial assistance amount of \$10,000 for the consumers lifetime. The financial needs test takes into account the individual's income and resources, and it is applied uniformly to all individuals who need this service. Situations may occur where there are unique and unusual circumstances regarding family size, income and extenuating circumstances that warrant special consideration. Properly documented justifications of these cases can be approved by the DSE's IL Program Specialist.

For services provided directly by the CILs, each entity maintains consumer service records documenting eligibility based on existing medical records or self-reported information from the consumer. The CILs maintain information and referral data so that consumers can be referred to other appropriate services/agencies. The CILs provide independent living services to any individual present in the state, who meets eligibility

requirements, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or type of disability and in accordance with 34 CFR 364.4(b).

Each of the CILs will assure that individuals with significant disabilities within its designated service area that are otherwise eligible for services; are identified in its consumer eligibility process and determined eligible for and provided with IL services. There are no specific residency requirements for the provision of IL Services. The CILs recognize that there are limited resources available to SD residents. Resources are not limited to funding alone; this can include access to contractors and staff time to identify a few. CIL staff must provide coverage to a territory which requires several hours of travel in order to meet with participants in their home. For example, a CIL staff from the Spearfish office traveling to meet a participant in Bison must drive 132 miles, one way. In addition, referrals from individuals living in a bordering state are referred to a CIL in their local area.

CILs will be responsible for following its established consumer eligibility determination process to assure that eligible consumers have access to their services. All potential consumers are prescreened for eligibility for IL services in a manner that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51 prior to the provision of services.

CILs maintain a consumer service record that includes either a written IL plan, mutually agreed upon by the consumer and IL staff, or a signed waiver stating that an IL plan is unnecessary. Each entity is responsible for following its identified method of assuring that consumers are provided the opportunity to develop or waive an Independent Living Plan (ILP) and that their decision is indicated via signature. Furthermore, individuals choosing to develop an ILP will be assisted by their corresponding CIL staff in doing so.

The CILs provide information to every consumer in written and other accessible formats, about the purpose and availability of the Client Assistance Program(CAP), including ways by which to contact the CAP program. Each CIL is responsible for following its policies of assuring that consumers are notified of the availability of the CAP program in SD and related contact information in formats that are accessible to the individual being served.

CILs have written policies that assure the confidentiality of all personal information. They will have written policies concerning release of information forms, which will comply with 34 CFR 364.56 (a) and HIPPA. Each CIL will have the responsibility for following its policies, which assures consumer information is kept confidential, as well as policies guiding the use of signed releases of information prior to sharing consumer information with other service providers or entities.