

State Plan For Independent Living

**Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) &
South Dakota's Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**

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What is the State Plan For Independent Living (SPIL)?

- Title VII, Chapter 1 of the Rehabilitation Act, establishes independent living services and Centers for Independent Living programs. The Administration for Community Living(ACL)/Independent Living Services Program makes funding available to states for providing, expanding and improving the provision of IL services.
- The SPIL explains how the federal requirements will be met. It serves as a blueprint for the funding, goals, and activities of the independent living network in the state.
- The SPIL is the work plan – it outlines the projects, activities, timelines, and who is responsible for doing what.

Who Develops The SPIL?

The State Plan must be jointly developed by-

The chairperson of the SILC (acting on behalf of and at the direction of the full SILC), and the directors of the CILs, after receiving public input from individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders throughout the State

Why is the SPIL Important?

- Ensures consumer control of statewide funding and policy
- The SPIL Sets the Goals of the IL Network for the State
- The SPIL looks at big picture trends and needs of people with disabilities statewide.

Why is the SPIL Important...

- The SPIL ensures the IL Network (SILC + CILs + Designated State Entity/Division of Rehabilitation Services) agree on:
 - ❖ The state agency that serves as the Designated State Entity (DSE) – the DSE serves as the grantee for Part B funds, provides administrative support for IL program, where necessary

The SPIL:

- ❖ Outlines uses of federal IL funds (Part B funds)
- ❖ Spells out the Authorities of the SILC and how the SILC is funded
- ❖ Identifies the CIL service areas and how will it react to funding changes
- ❖ Identifies what counties are served by Part C Centers
- ❖ Identifies what gaps exist, and outreach plans to address gaps
- ❖ Contains language of how the SPIL will be monitored and evaluated

Design of the IL Service Network

- 2 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) – provides cross disability services to individuals with disabilities, of all ages, throughout the state.
 - ❖ Independent Living Choices (ILC)
 - ❖ Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL)
- Both CILs receive federal funding directly from the Administration for Community Living – Part C Funds
- The State (Division of Rehabilitation Services) uses federal Part B and state general funds to support grants to the CILs – Part B Funds

The SPIL includes

- The IL Networks' goals, objectives, and strategies
- A detailed description of how the state's Part B funds will be spent
- Outreach efforts to identify unserved and underserved populations
- A detailed listing of the IL services to be provided in the state
- A description of the state's network of CILs, including a plan for how the network will develop in the future.

The SPIL includes (continued)

- A detailed plan for how any new IL funds will be used, including one-time funds
- A narrative on the working relationships of providers in the state's IL Network
- The SILC's resource plan
- The process for evaluating progress and effectiveness.

Section 1: Goals, Objectives, and Activities

- Defines the mission of the IL Network and the SPIL
- It contains the Goals and Objectives for the 3-year period
- Describes the objectives and activities that the IL Network will be working towards over the timeline of the SPIL
- Identifies how the evaluation of the SPIL will be done
- Identifies the financial resources that are known to support the work of the IL Network and SPIL

Section 2: Scope, Extent and Arrangement of Services

- Identifies the services that will be delivered across the state by the CILs
- Defines the outreach that will be completed to unserved and underserved populations
- Identifies the coordination of services and cooperation with programs and organizations

Section 3: Network of Centers

- Identifies all current CILs, funding sources, and oversight entities
- Describes the plans for the expansion and potential adjustment of the network
- Describes how funds are distributed
- Addresses what happens if a CIL closes
- Lays out plans for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network
- Lists geographical areas/counties and Tribal Nations that each CIL serves

SPIL Sections 4 & 5

Section 4: Designated State Entity

- Lists responsibilities of the DSE
- Describes the process for distribution and granting of funds
- Describes the oversight process
- Lists the administrative and staffing support

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council

- Describes how the SILC is established and autonomy is ensured
- Addresses how the SILC resources plan is developed
- Describes how SILC will be maintained over the course of the SPIL

SPIL Sections 6 & 7

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

- Identifies the DSE Agency
- Identifies the SILC
- Identifies each CIL eligible to sign the SPIL

Section 7: DSE Assurances

- Lists all the assurances the DSE agrees to follow
- DSE Director signs/agrees to the assurances and to fulfill the role of the DSE

SPIL Sections 8 & 9

Section 8: SILC Assurances and Indicators

- Lists assurances and indicators of minimum compliance that SILC agrees to
- Identifies the SILC Chairperson
- SILC Chairperson signs agreeing to the assurances and indicators

Section 9: Signatures

- SILC Chair signs (behalf of/direction of SILC) agreeing to content of the SPIL
- The CILs sign agreeing to the content of the SPIL

SPIIL – 3 Goals

Goal 1: Increase awareness of Independent Living (IL) Services throughout South Dakota.

Goal 2: Ensure people with disabilities residing in South Dakota have access to IL services.

Goal 3: Engage in efforts to collaborate, promote, and advocate for needed changes in areas that impact persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

Goal 1 - Objectives

Goal 1: Increase awareness of Independent Living (IL) Services throughout South Dakota.

Objective 1: Increase knowledge and understanding of SILC/CILs/DSE members and related staff regarding purpose of IL, core services and programs.

Objective 2: Increase communication, collaboration and strengthen partnerships with IL Network Partners and other stakeholders.

Objective 3: Host open houses/tours at the CIL offices/satellite offices to increase public knowledge and understanding of IL services/supports and philosophy.

Goal 2 - Objectives

Goal 2: Ensure people with disabilities residing in South Dakota have access to IL services.

Objective 1: Explore ways to provide access to information to South Dakotans with disabilities regarding IL resources and information.

Objective 2: Continue to strengthen collaboration and accountability among IL Network Partners to improve service delivery.

Objective 3: Identify and increase activities to engage individuals with significant disabilities.

Goal 3 - Objectives

Goal 3: Engage in efforts to collaborate, promote, and advocate for needed changes in areas that impact persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

Objective 1: Enhance knowledge and awareness of independent living services/needs of general public, local agencies, organizations, and community.

Objective 2: Monitor the delivery of IL services through participant feedback (public input, needs assessments, satisfaction surveys, attending listening sessions, and review of reports/studies) in order to remain responsive to the needs of those served.

Objective 3: Enhance knowledge and awareness of independent living services/needs among IL Network Members.

Questions / Discussion

Any questions, comments, or discussion items?

Reminder – all comments are due February 23rd

Friendly Reminder – A draft copy of the State Plan for Independent Living is available at:
<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/> under the Independent Living Council or at:

<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/bcuploads/SILCs%20Draft%20SPIL%20for%20Public%20Forum%20Feb%2022%202024.pdf>

Thank you for your time and participation

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