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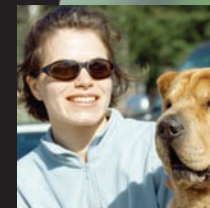
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# NJSILC



NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE  
INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

## NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

The New Jersey Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is a 17-member body appointed by the Governor which maximizes opportunities for people with disabilities through planning and advocacy. The SILC is a separate entity, in, but not of, the New Jersey Department of Labor.

The SILC membership represents the interests of New Jersey's cross disability population. By law, a majority of the Council are people with disabilities. Voting members include: advocates for people with disabilities, representatives from private businesses, disability-related organizations, and CIL directors. Non-voting ex officio members include: representatives from the NJ Dept. of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) and the NJ Dept. of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) as well as representatives from other state agencies which serve people with disabilities.

### THE SILC is charged with the responsibility to:

- ❖ Develop and submit (in conjunction with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired) the State Plan for Independent Living;
- ❖ Monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State plan;
- ❖ Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Council;
- ❖ Submit periodic reports to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration and keep all necessary records;
- ❖ Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings are open to the public and that sufficient advance notice is provided.

For more information about the SILC, visit our web page at [www.njsilc.org](http://www.njsilc.org).

### WHAT is Independent living?

Independent living is a philosophy which states that people with disabilities should have the same civil rights, choices and control as do people without disabilities.

The principles of independent living are in direct contrast to the dependence created by institutionalization which segregates people with disabilities. The independent living movement seeks to change community attitudes and beliefs which perpetuate dependence.

### WHAT are Centers for Independent Living (CILs)?

New Jersey's CILs are private, non-profit organizations that work with people with all disabilities to advance their independence. Each Center is a self-governing organization which responds to community-based needs and takes action to eliminate barriers in each region. Fifty-one percent of the people serving on the CILs Boards of Directors as well as a majority of the CILs staff members have disabilities.

### THE "core" services provided by CILs are:

**Information and referral** - CILs maintain files on resources and services available in their regions and refer persons with disabilities to appropriate vendors/providers such as: accessible housing, transportation, personal assistants, interpreters for the deaf, employment opportunities, and legal services. Other information and referral topics may include: disability legislation, disability-specific organizations, financial benefits programs, and other social service organizations.

**Individual and systems advocacy** - Individual advocacy entails assisting people in circumventing barriers to full inclusion. This may involve providing support with obtaining legal and economic benefits, working toward the removal of architectural barriers, and coordination with other agencies that provide essential services. CILs also provide systems (community) advocacy, working to make changes to expand physical access and civil and legal rights of people with disabilities.

**Peer counseling and support** - Through interaction with others who have similar disabilities and life experiences, individuals can gain insight into strategies which have been used successfully to cope with challenges to various independent living goals. People who have recently sustained their disability or who have lived in segregated environments often benefit greatly from the support of role models.

**Independent Living Skills instruction** - CILs provide instruction in areas such as money management, use of adaptive equipment, social skills, and interviewing techniques. Independent living skills instruction assists individuals to develop the skills and self-confidence to achieve their goals. Independent living skills instruction can be provided individually or in group situations.

Each CIL also offers unique programs based on the expressed needs of the community it serves.

**Facilitating Transition** - To move from an institution back to the community or to avoid institutional living or to move from school to post-secondary life, all require a variety of information, such as: finding, housing, accessing community resources, planning lifestyle and vocational goals.

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