



**2017-2019**

**STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois

and

Illinois Centers for Independent Living

Effective

October 1, 2016

through

September 30, 2019

## Part I: Assurances

### Section 1: Legal Basis and Certifications

1.1 The designated State unit (DSU) eligible to submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL or the plan) and authorized under State law to perform the functions of the State under the State Independent Living Services (SILS) and Centers for Independent Living (CIL) programs. ***Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services***

1.2 The separate State agency eligible to submit the plan and authorized under State law to provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to individuals who are blind. ***N/A***

1.3 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. ***Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois***

1.4 The DSU and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, and the SILC are authorized to jointly develop, sign and submit this SPIL on behalf of the State, and have adopted or otherwise formally approved the SPIL. ***Yes***

1.5 The DSU, and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, may legally carry out each provision of the plan and will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the three-year period it receives funding under the SPIL. ***Yes***

1.6 The SPIL is the basis for State operation and administration of the program. All provisions of the SPIL are consistent with State law. ***Yes***

1.7 The representative of the DSU and, if applicable, of the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, who has the authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the SPIL. ***Kristine Smith, IDHS/DRS Director.***

### Section 2: SPIL Development

2.1 The plan shall be reviewed and revised not less than once every three years, to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and comprehensive basis, the needs in the State for:

- The provision of State independent living services;
- The development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living;
- Working relationships between programs providing independent living services and independent living centers, the vocational rehabilitation program established

under title I, and other programs providing services for individuals with disabilities. **Yes**

2.2 The DSU and SILC conduct public meetings to provide all segments of the public, including interested groups, organizations and individuals, an opportunity to comment on the State plan prior to its submission to the Commissioner and on any revisions to the approved State plan. **Yes**

2.3 The DSU and SILC establish and maintain a written description of procedures for conducting public meetings in accordance with the following requirements. The DSU and SILC shall provide:

- appropriate and sufficient notice of the public meetings;
- reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication in the conduct of the public meetings, including providing sign language interpreters and audio-loops; and
- public meeting notices, written material provided prior to or at the public meetings, and the approved State plan in accessible formats for individuals who rely on alternative modes of communication. **Yes**

2.4 At the public meetings to develop the State plan, the DSU and SILC identify those provisions in the SPIL that are State-imposed requirements beyond what would be required to comply with the regulations in 34 CFR parts 364, 365, 366, and 367. **Yes**

2.5 The DSU will seek to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under a project funded under chapter 2 of title VII of the Act and that the DSU determines to be effective. **Yes**

2.6 The DSU and SILC actively consult, as appropriate, in the development of the State plan with the director of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) authorized under section 112 of the Act. **Yes**

### **Section 3: Independent Living Services**

3.1 The State, directly or through grants or contracts, will provide IL services with Federal, State, or other funds. **Yes**

3.2 Independent living services shall be provided to individuals with significant disabilities in accordance with an independent living plan mutually agreed upon by an appropriate staff member of the service provider and the individual, unless the individual signs a waiver stating that such a plan is unnecessary. **Yes**

3.3 All service providers will use formats that are accessible to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about:

- the availability of the CAP authorized by section 112 of the Act;

- the purposes of the services provided under the CAP; and
- how to contact the CAP. **Yes**

3.4 Participating service providers meet all applicable State licensure or certification requirements. **Yes**

#### **Section 4: Eligibility**

4.1 Any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), is eligible for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs authorized under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act. Any individual may seek information about IL services under these programs and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities, as appropriate. The determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51. **Yes**

4.2 Service providers apply eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services. **Yes**

4.3 Service providers do not impose any State or local residence requirement that excludes any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services from receiving IL services. **Yes**

#### **Section 5: Staffing Requirements**

5.1 Service provider staff includes personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers. **Yes**

5.2 To the maximum extent feasible, a service provider makes available personnel able to communicate:

- with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille or audio tapes, and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act; and
- in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act. **Yes**

5.3 Service providers establish and maintain a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, if appropriate, in administering the CIL program. The staff development programs emphasize improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy. **Yes**

5.4 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act. **Yes**

### **Section 6: Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting**

6.1 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will comply with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements and will adopt those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for those funds. **Yes**

### **Section 7: Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting**

7.1 In addition to complying with applicable EDGAR recordkeeping requirements, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will maintain records that fully disclose and document:

- the amount and disposition by the recipient of that financial assistance;
- The total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which the financial assistance is given or used;
- the amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources;
- compliance with the requirements of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act and Part 364 of the regulations; and
- other information that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate to facilitate an effective audit. **Yes**

7.2 With respect to the records that are required by 34 CFR 364.35, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will submit reports that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. **Yes**

7.3 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will provide access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to the records listed in 34 CFR 364.37 for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews. **Yes**

### **Section 8: Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information**

8.1 Each service provider will adopt and implement policies and procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names in accordance with the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a)(1-6). **Yes**

## **Section 9: Signatures**

As the authorized signatories, we will sign, date and retain in the files of the state agency(ies) and the Statewide Independent Living Council the Part I: Assurances, 1-8, and the separate Certification of Lobbying forms ED-80-0013 for the state independent living program (Part B) and the centers for independent living program (Part C).

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2016.

Section 9: Signature for SILC Chairperson

*Sara Powell*

Section 9: Percentage of Approval of CIL Directors (individual signatures attached)

**Twenty-one (21) of the twenty-two (22) CIL directors approved and signed the SPIL.**

Section 9: Signature for DSE Director

*Kristine A. Smith*

**Note: The SILC members and CIL Directors unanimously voted to keep the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services as the Designated State Entity.**

## Part II: Narrative: Section 1 - Goals, Objectives and Activities

### Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities 1.1 Goals and Mission

Describe the overall goals and mission of the State's IL programs and services. The SPIL must address the goals and mission of both the SILS and the CIL programs, including those of the State agency for individuals who are blind as they relate to the parts of the SPIL administered by that agency.

**Independent Living Network Capacity: Increase the capacity of the independent living network to more effectively serve individuals with disabilities in Illinois.**

**Employment: Increase employment options, opportunities and supports for individuals with disabilities.**

**Housing: Increase affordable and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities in the community.**

**Transportation: Increase transportation options for individuals with disabilities in local communities throughout Illinois.**

**Informed Policy Makers: Promote public policy in Illinois that will ensure individuals with disabilities can obtain and maintain independence in their communities.**

### 1.2 Objectives

1.2A. Specify the objectives to be achieved and the time frame for achieving them.

Goal(s) from Section 1.1	Objective to be achieved	Time frame start date	Time frame end date
Independent Living Network Capacity	<p><b>Objective #1: Provide survey opportunity for Centers for Independent Living (“CILs,” or sometimes referred to herein as “Centers”), to measure consumer satisfaction to improve service delivery and identify training needs and trends for CILs.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Implement an annual, standardized consumer satisfaction survey for Centers utilizing an independent third party to administer and analyze</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p>the results. Accessible options for participation will be provided upon request.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL); Contract with Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs to conduct survey and analyze data.</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> All Centers will participate in the standardized consumer satisfaction survey and 85% or more of respondents will indicate that they benefit (are satisfied) from service provision.</p>		
<p>Independent Living Network Capacity</p>	<p><b>Objective #2: Provide peer review opportunity to CILs to evaluate service delivery and effectiveness of center.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Implement a peer review of 1-2 CILs per year utilizing the Quality Indicators of Independent Living Services (QUILS) curriculum.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> INCIL and CILs</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> Review Team will provide an analysis on the efficiency of the review process and provide recommendations for how the process can be improved to most effectively utilize the QUILS curriculum.</p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

<p>Independent Living Network Capacity</p>	<p><b>Objective #3: Increase the capacity of CILs to provide services and advocacy for people with disabilities.</b></p> <p><b>Employment Activity:</b> Provide training, options and resources to Centers for Independent Living to use with people with disabilities to establish employment goals as they consider employment options.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Lake County CIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Each year, five (5) Centers will participate, and fifteen people with disabilities will participate in this educational opportunity at each center (75 participants annually statewide). At least 35 people with disabilities participating in the program will become employed.</p> <p><b>Housing Activity:</b> Provide “best practices” training for CILs on developing a relationship and successful collaboration with local housing authorities and other housing issues that impact people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> IMPACT, RAMP and LINC CILs</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> Three trainings will be held each year for representatives of interested CILs.</p> <p><b>Transportation Activity:</b> Provide support to Centers for</p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>
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	<p>Independent Living to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in the transportation planning process at their respective local and regional levels.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> INCIL and LIFE CIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Grants will be provided to five CILs per year with a minimum of fifteen individuals with disabilities regularly participating in Human Services Transportation Planning (HSTP) and other transit provider meetings each year.</p> <p><b>Informed Policy Makers Activity:</b> Develop and empower a diverse array of future leaders in the disability community to educate and influence policy makers, key stakeholders and the community at large by providing training opportunities for people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> INCIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Grants will be provided to five CILs per year with a minimum of ten individuals with disabilities graduating from each of the training programs.</p>		
Employment	<b>Objective #1: Promote the elimination of barriers that negatively impact the ability of people with disabilities to</b>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p><b>secure gainful employment in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Facilitate work incentives trainings for people with disabilities, CIL staff and service providers.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Illinois Assistive Technology Program</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> Four trainings will be held in each year of the SPIL.</p> <p><b>Activity 2:</b> Facilitate trainings on creative employment options, building social capital and the impact on benefits to people with disabilities, their families and guardians and social service providers.</p> <p><b>Lead Organizations:</b> SILC and INCIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> At a minimum, two trainings will be held each year. The selection of sites will be driven by interest.</p>		
Employment	<p><b>Objective #2: Develop collaborative relationships in the community to promote employment and economic advancement for people with disabilities.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Provide technical assistance and training to employment stakeholders to build their capacity to provide employment services and job opportunities to people with</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p>disabilities. This includes entities such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce Development Boards, American Job Centers, community organizations and potential employers.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> INCIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Each year, four CILs will provide technical assistance and/or training twice annually to five employment stakeholders as defined above.</p>		
Employment	<p><b>Objective #3: Educate and advocate with legislators about the need to eliminate sub-minimum wages for all people with disabilities in all environments.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Support and advocate for legislation introduced in Congress, educate stakeholders, and encourage advocates to mobilize around issue.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Equip for Equality</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Each year, two web-based forums will be held on this issue. Disability advocates and organizations will be placed on a listserv to receive current information and strategies to provide input to our legislators on sub-minimum wage legislation introduced in Congress.</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

<p>Housing</p>	<p><b>Objective #1: Improve the availability of consumer-controlled community housing options for people with disabilities in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Develop an accessible housing unit pilot project with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) to match people with disabilities needing accessible housing units through the Online Housing Waiting List through ILHousingSearch.Org.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: Advocate for the development of a pilot project with IHDA.  Year 2: Implement pilot program.  Year 3: Roll out statewide program and market fee-based opportunities to cities and municipalities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b>  Year 1: Pilot program will be developed and approved by IHDA.  Year 2: 100 people will be placed on the waiting list to participate in the accessible housing unit pilot project.  Year 3: 250 people program will be placed on the waiting list to participate in the accessible housing unit pilot project, 50 people will be housed, and five cities or municipalities will</p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

	participate in fee-based opportunities.		
Housing	<p><b>Objective #2: Support the creation of public policy and legislation that creates, protects and funds affordable, accessible integrated housing and the associated subsidies needed for people with disabilities to live in the communities of their choice.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Disseminate information, monitor and advocate for housing legislation that benefits Illinoisans with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Housing Action Illinois</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> In all years, information will be disseminated, strategies and advocacy efforts will be encouraged and access to conference calls and webinars will be provided to 500 people on specific policies that impact housing for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Specific areas that will be addressed: HUD budget, National Housing Trust Fund, and Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p><b>Activity 2:</b> Develop and seek support of legislation that would</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p>improve the Section 8 voucher system in Southern Illinois.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> IMPACT CIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> At least one Southern Illinois municipality will pass legislation that improves the Section 8 voucher system for renters by the end of Year 3.</p>		
Housing	<p><b>Objective #3: Educate stakeholders – people with disabilities, housing and social service providers, landlords, property managers, housing counselors and CILs’ staff - on the availability of housing options, initiatives, and the rights of people with disabilities in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Provide training on the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, other applicable federal and state laws, and the housing rights of people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Illinois Department of Human Rights</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Two trainings will be held each year: one for people with disabilities, and one for housing and social service providers. Focus will be on landlords, property managers, housing counselors, and CIL staff.</p>	10/1/16	9/30/17
Transportation	<p><b>Objective #1: Expand the</b></p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p><b>availability of rural and suburban transportation for people with disabilities in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Provide technical assistance statewide.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Rural Transit Assistance Center at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> Each year, technical assistance will be provided to 30 people with disabilities and/or transportation providers.</p>		
Transportation	<p><b>Objective #2: Increase collaboration between state departments of government and local townships and municipalities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Facilitate quarterly conference calls for urban-area CILs, and other interested disability organizations on the Transportation Public Engagement Plans and encourage their involvement in public hearings, associated activities and advocacy for the transportation rights of people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organizations:</b> INCIL and Will-Grundy CIL</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Information will be provided to all urban CILs, and quarterly contact will be made with CILs related to this activity and needed resources.</p> <p><b>Activity 2:</b> Educate rural-area CILs, and other interested disability organizations, on their local transit systems and encourage their involvement in public hearings, associated activities, and advocacy for the transportation rights of people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead Organizations:</b> INCIL and Jacksonville Area CIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Information will be provided to all rural CILs, and quarterly contact will be made with CILs related to this activity and needed resources.</p>		
Transportation	<p><b>Objective #3: Establish reciprocity for paratransit services across Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Inform policy makers about the importance of the efficient use of funding and the necessary operational systems to address the transportation needs of people with disabilities in Illinois.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> City of Chicago: Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> By the end of year 3, transit jurisdictions across Illinois will establish uniform processes for ADA paratransit eligibility of other transit jurisdictions.</p>		
<p>Transportation</p>	<p><b>Objective #4: Educate transit providers and people with disabilities on transportation issues that impact people with disabilities resulting in a more effective use of public transportation.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Develop a Transportation Ombudsman Program for people with disabilities in Illinois.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: Meet with the Department on Aging about their ombudsman program and research other successful ombudsman programs throughout the country.  Year 2: Conduct 3 statewide public forums inviting transportation providers and people with disabilities.  Year 3: Explore funding streams and create program structure.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Rural Transit Assistance Center at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> At the end of year 3, we will have demonstrated whether there is real potential to establish a</p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

	Transportation Ombudsman Program in Illinois.		
Informed Policy Makers	<p><b>Objective #1: Promote the enforcement of the Olmstead decision in a way that validates the rights of people with disabilities to live in their own home or community setting of their choice with access to appropriate, quality community services.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> CILs will develop short (1-2 minutes) accessible, consumer YouTube videos on what Olmstead means to them for the purpose of collecting consumer’s stories to influence policy makers and encourage other people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: 25% of CILs will develop and post at least one video.  Year 2: 50% of CILs will develop and post at least one video.  Year 3: 75% of CILs will develop and post at least one video.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> INCIL and CILs</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> By the end of year 3, 75% of Illinois CILs will have developed and posted a minimum of one video highlighting a consumer from their area.</p>	10/1/16	9/30/19
Informed Policy Makers	<p><b>Objective #2: Influence policy makers on key issues that affect people with disabilities</b></p>	10/1/16	9/30/19

	<p><b>in Illinois on the local, state and federal levels.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Develop a white paper on the state of affairs of people with disabilities in Illinois.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: Identify and organize white paper development team; conduct research and gather data. Solicit public input from people with disabilities. Begin drafting document.  Year 2: Finalize and disseminate white paper. Host an event that announces the creation of the white paper and maximizes the availability and importance of this document.  Year 3: Update and disseminate white paper. Host an event that announces the creation of the white paper and maximizes the availability and importance of this document.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> SILC</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> In Year 2 and Year 3, the white paper will be disseminated to 250 individuals and organizations, specifically policy makers and other interested parties.</p>		
<p>Informed Policy Makers</p>	<p><b>Objective #3: Encourage Illinois legislators to assure and increase funding for CILs and other services that are essential resources for people with disabilities to live independently in the community.</b></p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

	<p><b>Activity:</b> Develop a legislative report card on disability issues in Illinois.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: Identify and organize report card development team; conduct research and gather data. Solicit public input from people with disabilities.  Year 2: Complete report card and disseminate to legislators, CILs and other disability organizations and advocates. Host an event that announces the creation of the report card and maximizes the availability and importance of this document.  Year 3: Revise report card and disseminate to legislators, CILs and other disability organizations and advocates. Host an event that announces the updated report card and maximizes the availability and importance of this document.</p> <p><b>Lead Organizations:</b> SILC and INCIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicator:</b> In Years 2 and 3, disseminate legislative report card to 250 individuals and organizations, specifically policy makers and other interested parties.</p>		
<p>Informed Policy Makers</p>	<p><b>Objective #4: Increase the availability and accessibility of health care options for all people with disabilities in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Secure commitment of CILs that have previously received ADA</p>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

	<p>accessibility survey training to conduct accessibility surveys of health care providers' clinics and other health care facilities in their respective service areas.</p> <p><b>Steps</b>  Year 1: Identify participating CILs; gather, secure commitment; explore removal of barriers to survey completion; and identify training and support needs.  Year 2: Identify participating CILs; gather, secure commitment; explore removal of barriers to survey completion; and identify training and support needs. Incentivize accessibility surveys of health care providers for participating centers.  Year 3: Identify participating CILs; gather, secure commitment; explore removal of barriers to survey completion; and identify training and support needs. Explore fee-for-service opportunities for interested CILs.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Great Lakes ADA Center and INCIL</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b>  Year 1: Four CILs will participate in program and conduct six surveys each. Training will be provided as identified. Assistance with outreach to providers will be available as requested.  Year 2: Four CILs will participate in program and conduct six surveys each. Incentive program will be implemented and offered to participating centers. Training will be provided as identified. Assistance with outreach to providers will be available as requested.  Year 3: Six CILs will participate in program, and conduct six surveys each. Incentive program will be offered to</p>		
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	<p>participating centers. Two CILs will implement a fee-for-service system. Training will be provided as identified. Assistance with outreach to providers will be available as requested.</p> <p><b>Activity 2:</b> Host programs utilizing existing webinars on communication and program access related to health care and people with disabilities offering “real-time” opportunities for Q&amp;A.</p> <p><b>Lead Organizations:</b> Great Lakes ADA Center and Illinois Department of Public Health</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Each year, provide three webinars for providers, social service agencies and people with disabilities; one focused on effective communication people who are Deaf/HOH; one focused on people who are blind or have cognitive issues; and one focused on accessibility issues affecting persons with mobility disabilities. Other topics, as identified, will be presented in Year 2 and 3.</p> <p><b>Activity 3:</b> Create one or more webinars for consumers on what their legal rights are under the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other applicable laws; and how to assert their rights as people with disabilities to accessible health care.</p> <p><b>Lead Organization:</b> Great Lakes ADA Center and Andrés Gallegos</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> Year 1: Provide in-person training on the rights of people with disabilities to accessible health care and create webinar for ongoing use.</p>		
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	<p>Year 2 and Year 3: Host one online program utilizing existing webinar on the rights of people with disabilities to accessible health care offering “real-time” opportunities for Q&amp;A.</p>		
<p>Informed Policy Makers</p>	<p><b>Objective #5: Improve Medicaid managed care for people with disabilities in Illinois.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Create a workgroup comprised of interested CILs to ensure that people with disabilities receive quality, accessible health care through Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.</p> <p><b>Workgroup Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develop workgroup and meet quarterly.</li> <li>➤ Conduct internal assessment of CIL interactions/agreements with MCOs.</li> <li>➤ Develop collaborative relationships and schedule regular meetings with HFS and the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans</li> <li>➤ Work with MCOs to ensure people with disabilities are included on advisory panels.</li> <li>➤ Identify best practices/approaches for use between MCOs and CILs.</li> <li>➤ Oversee creation of training proposal to present to HFS/Association of Medicaid Health Plans.</li> <li>➤ Develop framework for an MCO-specific training (single training or series).</li> <li>➤ Additional activities will be developed as issues are identified.</li> </ul>	<p>10/1/16</p>	<p>9/30/19</p>

	<p><b>Lead Organization:</b> WKG Advisory</p> <p><b>Measurable Indicators:</b> 75% of CILs with managed care organizations in their service area will participate in this workgroup. There will be disability representation on 100% of MCO's advisory panels.</p>		
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## **1.2 Objectives**

1.2B Describe the steps planned regarding outreach to populations in the State that are unserved or underserved by programs under title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

- Identify the populations to be designated for targeted outreach efforts

**Statewide, the Illinois SILC has chosen in the SPIL to focus on areas which will improve the quality of life for people with disabilities; specifically in the areas of employment, health care, housing, transportation, and CIL capacity development. The SILC also focused on developing the capacity of all CILs in Illinois which will enhance their ability to serve underserved and unserved populations.**

- **Jobseekers with disabilities needing employment opportunities (Employment Goal: Objectives #1, #2 and #3)**
- **Individuals with disabilities experiencing physical and communication barriers to medical services (Informed Policy Makers Goal: Objective #4 and #5)**
- **People with disabilities searching for accessible, affordable housing (Housing Goal: Objectives #1 and #2)**
- **Individuals with disabilities facing challenges accessing public transportation and paratransit services (Transportation Goal: Objective #1, #3 and #4)**
- **CILs increased capacity to provide services and resources**
- **Independent Living Network Capacity Development: Objectives #1, #2 and #3.**

**Locally, each CIL annually assesses their service areas and identifies the populations that are significantly underserved or unserved, including minority groups and urban/rural populations. Census data along with service statistics from the 704 reports are utilized. From this analysis, each CIL develops a plan that contains objectives, activities and measurable outcomes to address these identified populations.**

**More information for each CIL is located in Appendix A. Census data related to disability and percentage served is located in Appendix B. Census data related to race and percentage served is located in Appendix C.**

- Identify the geographic areas (i.e., communities) in which the targeted populations reside

**As mentioned earlier, each CIL identifies their unserved and underserved populations within their service area based on census data, service data and other community demographic information and develops a plan accordingly.**

**Statewide and Center specific information can be found in Appendix A and B.**

Describe how the needs of individuals with significant disabilities from minority group backgrounds will be addressed

**It is a priority of all Illinois CILs to ensure that individuals with a diversity of disabilities and individuals who are members of minority populations and urban/rural populations that are unserved or underserved have access to the services and resources offered by Centers. This is addressed locally as well as on a state level through the SILC and INCIL, the state association.**

**While an intentional plan for services delivery is a must, quality, collaborative relationships with all community stakeholders are critical to positively impact the disability community in Illinois. Developing social capital is necessary for effective outreach within the target communities, both geographic and cultural. Effective outreach strategies include: having staff who are members of the target populations; developing linkages and membership in related organizations and groups; making presentations to churches, organizations, civic groups and key community members; recruiting individuals from target populations to serve on the CILs' Boards of Directors; working with county officials, disability organizations and other local contacts, and participating with local multi-cultural community events. The ultimate outcome is to increase the awareness and education of the independent living movement and local Centers and the availability of services and resources. We want Centers to be a place where all people with disabilities feel welcome.**

### **1.3 Financial Plan**

Describe in sections 1.3A and 1.3B, below, the financial plan for the use of Federal and non-Federal funds to meet the SPIL objectives.

### **1.3A Financial Plan Tables**

Complete the financial plan tables covering years 1, 2 and 3 of this SPIL. For each funding source, provide estimated dollar amounts anticipated for the applicable uses. The financial plan table should include only those funding sources and amounts that are intended to support one or more of the objectives identified in section 1.2 of the SPIL. To the extent possible, the tables and narratives must reflect the applicable financial information from centers for independent living. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about completing the financial tables and narratives.

Year 1 – 2017 Approximate funding amounts and uses

<b>Sources</b>	<b>SILC resource plan</b>	<b>IL services</b>	<b>General CIL operations</b>	<b>Other SPIL activities</b>
Title VII Funds	0	0	0	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$167,893	0	\$456,742	\$44,798
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C	0	0	\$2,521,784	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - other	0	0	0	0
Non-Federal funds - State funds	0	0	\$4,296,500	0
Non-Federal funds - Other	0	0	0	0
Other Federal Funds – Social Security Reimbursements	\$16,032	0	\$963,584	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$8,238,610</b>	<b>\$44,798</b>

Year 2 – 2018 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds	0	0	0	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$167,893	0	\$456,742	\$44,798
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C	0	0	\$2,521,784	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - other	0	0	0	0
Non-Federal funds - State funds	0	0	\$4,296,500	0
Non-Federal funds - Other	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds – Social Security Reimbursements	\$16,032	0	\$963,584	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$8,238,610</b>	<b>\$44,798</b>

Year 3 – 2019 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds	0	0	0	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$167,893	0	\$456,742	\$44,798
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C	0	0	\$2,521,784	0
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds - other	0	0	0	0
Non-Federal funds - State funds	0	0	\$4,296,500	0
Non-Federal funds - Other	0	0	0	0
Other Federal funds – Social Security Reimbursements	\$16,032	0	\$963,584	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$8,238,610</b>	<b>\$44,798</b>

### **1.3B Financial Plan Narratives**

1.3B(1) Specify how the part B, part C and chapter 2 (Older Blind) funds, if applicable, will further the SPIL objectives.

**Funding under Title VII, Part B (\$167,893) and Federal Funds, Social Security Reimbursements (\$16,032) provide for the operation of the SILC (resource plan) in accordance with Federal statutory duties.**

**Title VII Part B (\$456,742), Title VII Part C (\$2,521,784), Federal Funds, Social Security Reimbursements (\$963,584) and Non-Federal state funds (\$4,296,500) fund general CIL operations.**

**A Federal Title VII Part B Capacity Development grant (\$44,798) from the DSE to INCIL and in-kind support of Lead Organizations are solely utilized to implement the objectives of the SPIL. See 1.3B (3) for examples of Lead Organizations. Under the SPIL, objectives and activities in the areas of housing, transportation, employment, independent living network capacity and informed policy makers will be addressed. These funds will be utilized to purchase the services of consultants, provide interpreter and CART services, reimburse for travel, meals, room rentals, and pay for printing and postage costs.**

1.3B(2) Describe efforts to coordinate Federal and State funding for centers and IL services, including the amounts, sources and purposes of the funding to be coordinated.

**There are 22 CILs in Illinois and the funding comes from state and federal funding. Federal funding comes from Title VII, Part B, Part C and Social Security Reimbursements. State funding for CILs comes from state general revenue and is provided through the Department of Human Services. These funds are designated for CIL operation and delivery of independent living services. No specific amount is coordinated for a specific purpose. The Department of Human Services is responsible to acquire, process and distribute these federal funds. A representative of the Department of Human Services is an ex-officio member of the SILC. The Executive Director of the SILC meets periodically with DHS staff to discuss issues relevant to the SILC and the CILs, including coordination of activities with the SPIL.**

**Each CIL in Illinois currently offers the four core services and most provide additional independent living services beyond the four core services, although this does vary from CIL to CIL. As a result of WIOA, there is now a fifth core service: “(i) facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions to home and community-based residences, with**

requisite supports and services; (ii) provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community; and (iii) facilitate the transition of youth with significant disabilities, who were eligible for Individualized Education Plans and have completed their secondary education or otherwise left school, to postsecondary life.” While deemed extremely important by CILs, there is grave concern around the ability to effectively provide this service without additional funding. This is especially challenging since Illinois still does not have a State budget in place and CILs have not received any state funds since July 1, 2015.

Illinois CILs utilize the same reporting mechanism, the 704 Report, for both state and federal funding sources. INCIL acts as a strong network for the 22 CILs in Illinois and shares training, staff expertise and legislative advocacy. The Executive Director of SILC regularly communicates with the INCIL Executive Director to engage in joint planning and coordination of efforts. The Executive Director of the SILC also attends INCIL Board meetings and provides an update on SILC activities to the CILs. The INCIL Executive Director also attends the SILC Board Meetings and provides an update on INCIL activities to the SILC. CILs receive SILC Board meeting minutes to keep them fully informed as to the actions and decisions of the SILC. Additionally, there is a designated INCIL representative that sits on SILC who is approved by the majority of CIL directors.

1.3B(3) Describe any in-kind resources including plant, equipment or services to be provided in support of the SILC resource plan, IL services, general CIL operations and/or other SPIL objectives.

The SILC has created Advisory Groups and utilizes lead organizations for each activity in the SPIL’s Goal Areas to take advantage of the expertise of other organizations in order to implement the SPIL. A list of Advisory Group members can be found at [www.silcofillinois.org](http://www.silcofillinois.org). Lead organizations such as Illinois Assistive Technology Program, City of Chicago: Mayor’s office for People with Disabilities, Equip for Equality, Illinois Department of Human Rights, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Housing Action Illinois, WKG Advisory, Great Lakes ADA Center, Illinois Department of Public Health, INCIL and many of the CILs will be lending their expertise and other in-kind resources toward completing specific SPIL goals and objectives with additional financial support from the INCIL Capacity Development Grant. The SILC has reached out to state government departments, statewide advocacy organizations, state providers’ associations, and other disability stakeholders to

**participate on the Advisory Groups and to act as lead organizations for the objectives within the SPIL.**

1.3B(4) Provide any additional information about the financial plan, as appropriate. *N/A*

#### **1.4 Compatibility with Chapter 1 of Title VII and the CIL Work Plans**

1.4A Describe how the SPIL objectives are consistent with and further the purpose of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act as stated in section 701 of the Act and 34 CFR 364.2.

**The objectives of the SPIL are designed to support CILs in their efforts to provide the five core independent living services which are spelled out in the Rehabilitation Act under Title VII and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act. As mentioned earlier, the SILC has major concerns as to the CILs ability to provide the new, fifth core service without additional funding.**

1.4B Describe how, in developing the SPIL objectives, the DSU and the SILC considered and incorporated, where appropriate, the priorities and objectives established by centers for independent living under section 725(c)(4) of the Act.

**As a result of WIOA, the development of the SPIL was a collaboration between the SILC and all Illinois CILs. There was representation from the CILs on all Advisory Groups. The Independent Living Network Design Workgroup and SPIL Drafting Committee were comprised of equal numbers of CIL and SILC members. Additionally, all CILs were given regular opportunities for input and had “real-time” access to all SPIL development meeting minutes and draft documents. When it came to areas that specifically impacted the CILs, such as funding priorities, the SILC asked for a collective recommendation from CILs through INCIL. The DSE representative is a non-voting SILC member and a member of the employment advisory group so the DSE had opportunity to provide input as well.**

#### **1.5 Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships Among Various Entities**

Describe the steps that will be taken to maximize the cooperation, coordination and working relationships among the SILS program, the SILC, and centers; the DSU, other State agencies represented on the SILC and other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues; and other public and private entities determined to be appropriate by the SILC.

The description must identify the entities with which the DSU and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate.

**The State of Illinois takes steps that maximize the communication, cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among**

**(1) the SILS program, the SILC and CILs; and**

**(2) the DSE, other State agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities, including Indian Tribal Councils, determined to be appropriate by the SILC.**

**The State ensures that services funded under Chapter 1 will complement and be coordinated with other services to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the IL program for older individuals who are blind funded under Chapter 2 of Title VII.**

**The State coordinates Federal and State funding for CILs and SILS.**

**In addition, as noted above in Section 1.3(b) 3, the SILC has gone to great lengths to recruit statewide disability stakeholders to implement the objectives of the SPIL. The SILC has created Advisory Groups for each Goal Area in order to utilize the expertise of other organizations in order to implement the SPIL. A list of Advisory Group members can be found at [www.silcofillinois.org](http://www.silcofillinois.org). The SILC has reached out to state departments of government, statewide advocacy organizations, state providers associations and other disability stakeholders to participate on the Advisory Groups and to act as lead organizations for the objectives within the SPIL. Examples of such organizations/stakeholders are: Illinois Assistive Technology Program, City of Chicago: Mayor's office for People with Disabilities, Equip for Equality, Illinois Department of Human Rights, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, WKG Advisory, Great Lakes ADA Center, Illinois Department of Public Health, INCIL and all Centers. The lead organization and other participating agencies provide in-kind staff time to implement the objectives.**

**INCIL acts as the fiscal agent for the Capacity Development Grant in the amount of \$44,798 to implement the SPIL. Objectives and activities in the areas of independent living network capacity, employment, housing, transportation and informed policy makers will be addressed. The SILC looks forward to its expanded role as a result of the passage of WIOA.**

## **1.6 Coordination of Services**

Describe how IL services funded under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will be coordinated with and complement other services to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the OIB program authorized by chapter 2 of title VII of the Act, that provide IL- or VR-related services.

**Ex Officio Members of the SILC facilitate communication and coordination among their departments and divisions and the independent living network. For example:**

- **The Illinois State Board of Education promotes communication between special education entities through the Division of Special Education and local school districts.**
- **The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services coordinates information and activities between Vocational Rehabilitation entities as well as the OIB program.**
- **The Department of Children and Family Services acts as link on children's issues and the child welfare system.**
- **The Department on Aging acts as a liaison between the aging and disability communities.**
- **The IDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities acts as a link on issues impacting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

**Additionally, the SILC, INCIL and CILs provide representation on a wide variety of committees and workgroups throughout Illinois to ensure people with disabilities have access to quality, consumer controlled services resources.**

**The 22 CILs receive referrals from a wide variety of local partners. Core independent living services, in particular, or any other consumer controlled services, are generally unavailable from any other service providers. The unique configuration of each CILs services beyond core services is based on unmet local need. Documentation of efforts of coordination and establishing working relationships is required as part of the DSE's evaluation of CILs.**

**In addition to the SILC's ongoing relationships with the DSE, INCIL, the 22 CILs, and the various departments of state government, the SILC has developed on-going collaborative relationships with numerous disability related groups, statewide associations and organizations of persons with disabilities.**

## **1.7 Independent Living Services for Individuals who are Older Blind**

Describe how the DSU seeks to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under the Older Individuals who are Blind program and that the DSU determines to be effective.

**In addition to CILs being funded with State GRF, Title VII, Part B and Part C funds, several CILs receive Title I, Chapter 2 funds for independent living services to older individuals who are blind.**

**Eight CILs receive Title VII, Chapter 2: Independent Living for Older Individuals who are Blind (ILOIB) funding to provide comprehensive services which includes: planning, training, technical assistance, outreach, demonstrations, presentations, community awareness, and community collaboration to enhance services to a largely underserved population of individuals with disabilities. These CILs are: Illinois/Iowa CIL, IMPACT CIL, Jacksonville Area CIL, Lake County CIL, LIFE, OPTIONS, PACE, SAIL and Southern Illinois CIL. These CILs also have the opportunity to purchase equipment with Chapter 2 funds. This equipment may be housed at the CIL for demonstrations of available products to older individuals with visual impairments, or may be purchased for distribution to individuals with visual impairments to keep and use in their apartment or home.**

## Part II: Narrative: Section 2 - Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

### 2.1 Scope and Extent

2.1A Check the appropriate boxes in the SPIL Instrument table indicating the types of IL services to be provided to meet the objectives identified in section 1.2 of this SPIL, and whether the services will be provided by the CILs or by the DSU (directly and/or through contract or grant).

<b>Table 2.1A: Independent living services</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (directly)</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (through contract and/or grant)</b>	<b>Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU contracts/ grants)</b>
Core Independent Living Services - Information and referral	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - IL skills training	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Peer counseling	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Individual and systems advocacy	No	Yes	Yes
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services	Yes	No	No
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 significant disabilities)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation technology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mobility training	Yes	Yes	Yes

Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	No	Yes	Yes
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation, accessible transportation and other support services	No	Yes	Yes
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL 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	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	No	Yes	Yes
Supported living	Yes	No	No
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	No	Yes	No
Physical rehabilitation	No	No	No
Therapeutic treatment	No	No	No
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual and group social and recreational services	No	Yes	Yes
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop	No	Yes	Yes

advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options			
Services for children with significant disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
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 significant disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	No	Yes	Yes
Other necessary services not inconsistent with the Act	Yes	Yes	Yes

2.1B Describe any service provision priorities, including types of services or populations, established for meeting the SPIL objectives identified in section 1.2.

**The service provision priorities; types of services provided and the populations served are determined by the advisory and stakeholder groups along with the lead organizations for each objective and activity. In developing the SPIL objectives, discussions were had and decisions made on these issues. Refer to the SPIL Objectives for further information.**

2.1C If the State allows service providers to charge consumers for the cost of services or to consider the ability of individual consumers to pay for the cost of IL services, specify the types of IL services for which costs may be charged and for which a financial need test may be applied, and describe how the State will ensure that:

- Any consideration of financial need is applied uniformly so that all individuals who are eligible for IL services are treated equally; and
- Written policies and consumer documentation required by 34 CFR 364.59(d) will be kept by the service provider.

Indicate N/A if not applicable. **N/A**

## **2.2 Arrangements for State-Provided Services**

2.2A If the DSU will provide any of the IL services identified in section 2.1A through grants or contractual arrangements with third parties, describe such arrangements.

**The DSE enters into contracts with the 22 CILs in Illinois to provide IL services. Each currently provides four core IL services, soon to be increased to five. In addition to the five core services, each Center provides services that are deemed necessary to individuals in their catchment area. Regular Title VII Part B funds are provided contractually to CILs in the amount of \$456,742 and to SILC in the amount of \$167,893.**

2.2B If the State contracts with or awards a grant to a center for the general operation of the center, describe how the State will ensure that the determination of an individual's eligibility for services from that center shall be delegated to the center.

**Centers for Independent Living are independent contractors in the State of Illinois. The DSE has oversight authority regarding contract compliance. However, the CILs act independently when making determinations regarding eligibility for services. In order to receive state general revenue funds, CILs in Illinois must meet state guidelines (which mirror federal guidelines) for provision of IL services.**

## **Part II: Narrative: Section 3 - Design for the Statewide Network of Centers**

### **3.1 Existing Network**

Provide an overview of the existing network of centers, including non-Part C-funded centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act, and the geographic areas and populations currently served by the centers.

**The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living includes as its members all 22 CILs (20 Part C CILs and 2 non-Part C CILs) located throughout Illinois. Note: ACL recognizes 26 centers. Three of the above CILs have multiple contracts. The CILs cover the major metropolitan area of Chicago, suburban area around Chicago, and other mid-sized cities and rural areas. The Network consists of a board of directors made up by the Executive Directors of each CIL. The Network has hired an Executive Director to oversee the day to day operations of the Network. CILs in the Illinois network serve all individuals with disabilities regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender and disability type.**

**The following is a list of the CILs in Illinois:**

**Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #1**

**Coverage Area: City of Chicago**

**Population: majority physical disabilities with some multiple, mental, cognitive, hearing and visual disabilities**

**Ethnicity: majority African American, with some Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, Native Hawaiian and American Indian**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #2**

**Coverage Area: City of Chicago**

**Population: primarily physical disabilities with some multiple, mental, cognitive, hearing and visual disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily African American and Hispanic**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Advocates for Access:**

**Coverage Area: Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties**

**Population: primarily individuals with physical disabilities, with some Mental, cognitive, multiple, hearing and visual disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Achieving Independence and Mobility CIL:**

**Coverage Area: DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties**

**Population: primarily individuals with physical disabilities, with some multiple, hearing, mental, visual and cognitive disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, Asian, and African American**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Illinois-Iowa CIL**

**Coverage Area: Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties**

**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some multiple, hearing, physical, intellectual and cognitive disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, African American, and Asian**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Illinois Valley CIL**

**Coverage Area: Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties**

**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, hearing and mental disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, Asian and African American**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-C**

**IMPACT CIL**

**Coverage Area: Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison and Bond Counties**

**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some physical, multiple, cognitive, mental and hearing disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic and American Indian**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Jacksonville Area CIL**

**Coverage Area: Mason, Scott, Cass and Morgan Counties**

**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some multiple, hearing, physical, cognitive and mental disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American and American Indian**

**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Lake County CIL**

**Coverage Area: Lake County**

**Part B Coverage Area: McHenry County**

**Population: primarily cognitive with some mental, multiple, visual, physical and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, African American and Asian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Living Independence for Everyone**  
**Coverage Area: Dewitt, Ford, Livingston and McLean Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, visual, mental, cognitive and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**LINC CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Monroe and Randolph Counties**  
**Part B Coverage Area: St. Clair County**  
**Population: primarily physical disabilities with some multiple, mental, cognitive, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native Hawaiian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Northwestern Illinois CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Carroll, Lee, Ogle, JoDaviess and Whiteside Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, mental, visual and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, African American, American Indian and Asian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI**

**Opportunities for Access**  
**Coverage Area: White, Edwards, Hamilton and Wabash Counties**  
**Part B Coverage Area: Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Washington and Wayne Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, mental, visual and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Options CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Kankakee and Iroquois Counties**  
**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some physical, multiple, cognitive, mental and hearing disabilities**

**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Persons Assuming Control of their Environment**  
**Coverage Area: Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt and Vermillion Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some hearing, visual, physical, cognitive and mental disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Progress CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Suburban Cook County**  
**Population: primarily hearing with some physical, multiple, mental, cognitive and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and Native Hawaiian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI**

**Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #1**  
**Coverage Area: Boone, DeKalb and Winnebago Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, mental, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, African American, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #2**  
**Coverage Area: Stephenson County**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, mental, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some Hispanic, African American, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Southern Illinois CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Franklin, Jackson, Perry and Williamson Counties**  
**Satellite Coverage Area: Gallatin, Hardin and Saline Counties**  
**Population: primarily cognitive disabilities with some visual, physical, mental, multiple and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with 35% African American, and some American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Soyland Access for Independent Living - #1**  
**Coverage Area: Macon, Moultrie and Shelby Counties**  
**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some multiple, physical, mental and cognitive disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic and Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Soyland Access for Independent Living - #2**  
**Coverage Area: Cumberland, Clark and Coles Counties**  
**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some multiple, physical, mental and cognitive disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Soyland Access for Independent Living - #3**  
**Coverage Area: Moultrie and Shelby Counties**  
**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some multiple, physical, mental and cognitive disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Springfield CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Christian, Logan, Menard, Montgomery and Sangamon Counties**  
**Population: primarily multiple disabilities with some physical, cognitive, mental, visual and hearing disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VR110, VII-C**

**Stone-Hayes CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Knox and Warren Counties**  
**Part B Coverage Area: Henderson County**  
**Population: primarily physical disabilities with some cognitive, multiple, mental, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**West Central Illinois CIL**  
**Coverage Area: Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock and McDonough Counties**

**Population: primarily visual disabilities with some physical, cognitive, multiple, mental, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

**Will-Grundy CIL**

**Coverage Area: Will and Grundy Counties**  
**Population: primarily mental disabilities with some physical, cognitive, multiple, hearing and visual disabilities**  
**Ethnicity: primarily Caucasian with some African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian**  
**Funding Source: GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C**

3.2 Expansion of Network

Describe the design for the further expansion of the network, including identification of the unserved and underserved areas in the State and the order of priority for serving these areas as additional funding becomes available (beyond the required cost-of-living increase).

**As used in this section 3.2, the term ‘unserved’ means an area not within the service area of any CIL, whether established with Part B or Part C funds. The term ‘underserved’ means an area not within the service area of any CIL established with Part C funds.**

**PRIORITY 1**

**The first priority, should additional Part C funding become available, is to expand and strengthen the network by correcting funding reductions that occurred following the one-time ARRA funding in Illinois which significantly reduced the ability of affected CILs to provide core services. Therefore, the first Part C funding received (until the maximum of \$465,863.00 is reached) will be distributed to the following CILs using the percentages below:**

**Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago: 29.0512%**

**Distribute between Access Living’s two center grants as follows:**

**\*\*100% to PR/Award 90IL0118**

**\*\*0% to PR/Award 90IL0304**

**Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living: 16.5064%**

**100% to PR/Award 90IL010602**

**Lake County Center for Independent Living: 13.8086%**

**100% to PR/Award 90IL0103**

**Regional Access & Mobilization Project (RAMP): 8.3810%**  
**Distribute between RAMP's two center grants as follows:**  
**\*\*92.21% to PR/Award 90IL0104-02**  
**\*\*7.79% to PR/Award 90IL0294-02**

**Soyland Access for Independent Living (SAIL): 8.8116%**  
**Distribute among SAIL's three center grants as follows:**  
**\*\*0% to PR/Award 90IL0306-02-00**  
**\*\*36% to PR/Award 90IL0232-02-00**  
**\*\*64% to PR/Award 90IL0030-02-00**

**Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living: 10.2476%**  
**100% to PR/Award 90IL0283**

**Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living: 13.1936%**  
**100% to PR/Award 90IL0102**

## **PRIORITY 2**

**The second priority is a step toward the goal of strengthening the current network of CILs. INCIL and the SILC have designated that the eligible areas listed below be given priority to further expand and strengthen the network after Priority 1 is accomplished. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$25,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, to establish up to two new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.**

### **Eligible Areas**

**Area 1 (must include all five counties)**

**JoDaviess**

**Carroll**

**Ogle**

**Whiteside**

**Lee**

**Area 2**

**Suburban Cook**

## **PRIORITY 3**

**The third priority is activated after Priority 1 has been accomplished and if there are funds remaining after the awarding of possible new CILs in Priority 2.**

To further the goal of strengthening the current network of CILs, INCIL and the SILC have determined that the underserved areas listed below will be given priority for expansion of the network. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$1,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, after Priorities 1 and 2 (if any) are accomplished, to establish up to six new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.

**Underserved Priorities**

**Area 6  
McHenry**

**Area 7 (must include both counties)  
Kane  
Kendall**

**Area 8 (must include all nine counties)  
Clay  
Clinton  
Effingham  
Fayette  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Marion  
Washington  
Wayne**

**Area 9 (must include all four counties)  
Franklin  
Jackson  
Perry  
Williamson**

**Area 10  
St. Clair**

**Area 11 (must include all three counties)  
DeWitt  
Ford  
McLean**

**PRIORITY 4**

The fourth priority is activated after Priority 1 has been accomplished and if there are funds remaining after the awarding of possible new CILs in Priority 2 and 3.

INCIL and the SILC have determined that current CILs are underfunded. Therefore, remaining funds shall be distributed among CILs serving ACL-recognized Part C counties in percentages consistent with the INCIL-adopted formula in order to strengthen the network of CILs in Illinois. However, no CIL may receive an amount that results in its exceeding the INCIL-adopted formula until all CILs are fully funded according to that formula.

Note: To date, the INCIL-adopted funding formula has not been developed or approved. The formula will be provided to ACL upon adoption.

**PRIORITY 5**

After all previous priorities are met and in the event that additional Title VII Part C funds become available in an amount of \$120,000, the goal of expanding the network of CILs will be addressed. INCIL and the SILC have designated that the eligible areas listed below be given priority to expand the network of CILs. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$120,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, to establish up to three new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.

**Unserved Priorities**

**Area 1 (must include all three counties)**

Alexander

Pulaski

Massac

**Area 2 (must include all three counties)**

Union

Johnson

Pope

**Area 3 (must include all three counties)**

Crawford

Lawrence

Richland

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **Limit on Eligibility for Funding:**

**Any Center may allocate (or apply) for additional Title VII Part C funding that meets the above priorities. However, no center may receive an amount that results in its exceeding the INCIL-adopted percentages (once adopted) until all CILs are fully funded according to the INCIL adopted formula funding criteria. Any funding after Priority 1 is accomplished will be distributed among Part C Centers in percentages consistent with the INCIL adopted formula funding criteria.**

### **One Time Funding:**

**In the event there are one-time Title VII Part C funds available during the life of this SPIL, those funds will not be included by ACL for calculating the amounts of regular, continuing Part C grants. Those funds will be divided by the percentages in the INCIL-approved formula among all affected CILs. In the event one-time Title VII Part C funds will be included by ACL for calculating next fiscal year's Part C grant amounts, those funds will be allocated proportionately to each existing CIL. One-time federal funds will not be considered sufficient for the establishment of a new CIL consistent with 34 C.F.R. § 366.22.**

### **Part C Funds Relinquished or Terminated**

**If a Part C grant is relinquished or terminated, a new CIL in the relinquished grant service area will be established.**

## **3.3 Section 723 States Only**

3.3A If the State follows an order of priorities for allocating funds among centers within a State that is different from what is outlined in 34 CFR 366.22, describe the alternate order of priority that the DSU director and the SILC chair have agreed upon. Indicate N/A if not applicable. ***Illinois is a Section 722 state.***

3.3B Describe how the State policies, practices and procedures governing the awarding of grants to centers and the oversight of these centers are consistent with 34 CFR 366.37 and 366.38. ***N/A***

## **Part II: Narrative: Section 4 - Designated State Unit (DSU)**

### **4.1 Administrative Support Services**

4.1A Describe the administrative support services to be provided by the DSU for the SILS (Part B) program and, if the State is a Section 723 State, for the CIL (Part C) program.

**The DSE:**

**(a) Receives, accounts for, and disburses Title VII Part B regular funds received by the State in accordance with the SPIL and the DSE's contract management process. Regular Title VII Part B funds are provided contractually to CILs in the amount of \$456,742 and to the SILC in the amount of \$167,893.**

**(b) Through contract monitoring, technical assistance and the on-site compliance review process, keeps such records and affords such access to such records as the Secretary finds to be necessary with respect to the programs; and submits additional information or provides such assurances as the Secretary may require with respect to the programs.**

4.1B Describe other DSE arrangements for the administration of the IL program, if any.

**The DSE monitors each contract monthly to ensure that funds are being used properly in accordance with provisions stated in the contract. The DSE provides technical assistance in such areas as reasonable accommodations and accessibility, and interpretation of federal and state regulations to service providers. The DSE completes on-site reviews of service provider's financial, administrative, personnel and service provision to assure requirements of the contract are being met.**

## **Part II: Narrative: Section 5 - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

### **5.1 Resource Plan**

5.1A Describe the resource plan prepared by the SILC in conjunction with the DSU for the provision of resources, including staff and personnel, made available under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII, section 101(a)(18) of the Act, and from other public and private sources that may be necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC identified in section 705(c). The description must address the three years of this SPIL.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

**The SILC receives Title VII, Part B and Social Security Reimbursement funds in the form of a grant from the DSE for the**

**organization's operations. SILC has hired an Executive Director who is responsible for overall administration, coordination, and management as directed by the SILC and the SPIL. The Executive Director monitors the Financial Manager.**

**The SILC maintains an independent office in Springfield, the capital city of Illinois. Funds are allocated for furnishing and maintaining a fully functioning office; holding quarterly SILC board meetings; providing interpreter and CART services for Council Members; maintaining the agency website, and other Committee, Subcommittee, and planning activities as required by the SPIL. Funds are allocated for a full fiscal and program audit and public awareness about the SILC, the CILs, and the independent living philosophy.**

**Funds are also allocated for extensive planning activities by the SILC to be done in collaboration with the INCIL, CILs, Lead Organizations identified in the SPIL and organizations which provide services or influence service provision affecting persons with disabilities. The Executive Director monitors the work of Advisory Groups and Lead Organizations as they implement the SPIL objectives and activities.**

5.1B Describe how the following SILC resource plan requirements will be addressed.

- The SILC's responsibility for the proper expenditure of funds and use of resources that it receives under the resource plan.

**The SILC receives Title VII, Part B funds in the form of a grant from the DSE for the SILC's operations. SILC has hired an Executive Director who is responsible for overall administration, coordination, and management of the SILC's activities as directed by the SILC and the SPIL. All other staff shall be recruited, hired, terminated (if necessary), and supervised by the Executive Director.**

**An annual budget is approved by the voting SILC Council Members. They also receive and approve monthly financial reports as well as an annual audit by an independent accounting firm. The SILC fiscal policies and procedures manual guides the fulfillment and oversight of our expenditures.**

- Non-inclusion of conditions or requirements in the SILC resource plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC.

**There are no conditions or requirements that are imposed by the DSE or any other entity that may compromise the independence of the SILC. An annual budget is approved by the voting SILC Members.**

**They also receive and approve monthly financial reports as well as an annual audit report by an independent accounting firm. The SILC fiscal policies and procedures manual guides the fulfillment and oversight of our expenditures.**

- Reliance, to the maximum extent possible, on the use of resources in existence during the period of implementation of the State plan.

**In the annual budget process, SILC develops a budget, to the maximum extent possible, based on existing net assets and anticipated assets under current agreements.**

**An annual budget is approved by the voting SILC Members. They also receive and approve monthly financial reports as well as an annual audit by an independent accounting firm. The SILC fiscal policies and procedures manual guides the fulfillment and oversight of our expenditures.**

## **5.2 Establishment and Placement**

Describe how the establishment and placement of the SILC ensures its independence with respect to the DSU and all other State agencies. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

**The SILC is established as a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation and maintains an independent office in Springfield, the capital city of Illinois. The SILC authorizing legislation in Illinois code is as follows: Title 89: Social Services, Chapter IV: Department of Human Services Subchapter a: General Program Provisions Part 515 Advisory Councils Section 515.400 Statewide Independent Living Council. Funds are allocated for furnishing and maintaining a fully functioning office; holding quarterly SILC meetings; providing interpreter and CART services for Council Members; maintaining the agency website and other Committee, Subcommittee and planning activities as required by the SPIL. Funds are allocated for a full fiscal and program evaluation, and for public awareness about the SILC, CILs, and the independent living philosophy.**

## **5.3 Appointment and Composition**

Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b). Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

**The SILC Outreach Committee is charged with identifying and recruiting persons, including individuals from rural/urban areas,**

**individuals from around the state, individuals representing various age groups, disability types, ethnicity or race and other distinguishing characteristics to serve on the Council. Potential members are encouraged to visit the online nomination process developed by the Governor's office. A brief interview is conducted with people who have applied online to evaluate their knowledge of independent living and their willingness to participate fully on the Council, as well as on standing and advisory committees. Based on the recommendations of the SILC's outreach committee, the Governor's Office vets and appoints individuals to the SILC Board.**

**SILC members are appointed by the Governor for a term of three (3) years. SILC members can serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. SILC consists of eighteen (18) members and five (5) non-voting, ex-officio members representing various state agencies who provide services to individuals with disabilities.**

#### **5.4 Staffing**

Describe how the following SILC staffing requirements will be met.

- **SILC supervision and evaluation, consistent with State law, of its staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions.**

**SILC has hired an Executive Director who is responsible for overall administration, coordination, and management of the SILC's activities as directed by the SILC and the SPIL. All other staff shall be recruited, hired, terminated (if necessary), and supervised by the Executive Director. The SILC Executive Director's job description and the SILC Employee Personnel Policy Manual indicates that the SILC Chairperson of the Board evaluates the Executive Director. The Executive Director evaluates other staff. At the present time, there is just one other staff person - the Financial Manager.**

- **Non-assignment of duties to SILC staff and other personnel made available by the DSU, or any other State agency or office, which would create a conflict of interest while assisting the SILC in carrying out its duties.**

**The SILC has two full time staff: Executive Director and Financial Manager. Staffing is maintained using Title VII, Part B operating funds. There is no staff made available to the SILC by the DSE or any other entity that would create a conflict of interest.**

## **Part II: Narrative: Section 6 - Service Provider Requirements**

Describe how the following service provider requirements will be met:

### **6.1 Staffing**

- Inclusion of personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers.

**The following DSE provisions apply to all service provider requirements in Sections 6.1 through 6.7:**

**The DSE, thru the Independent Living Unit, provides technical assistance in such areas as reasonable accommodations and building accessibility requirements mandated under federal and state laws to service providers needed to meet the requirements in Sections 6.1 through 6.7. The DSE completes 3 on-site reviews per year using a written review instrument to ascertain the service provider's financial, administrative, personnel and service provision meet the requirements of the contracts. In addition the DSE monitors monthly expenditures closely to assure proper disbursement and accounting for expenditures. Within each contract, requirements are detailed pertaining to type of services required, fiscal accountability, record keeping, access and reporting etc., and the scope of deliverables.**

**Service providers in Illinois shall hire personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of CILs.**

- Availability, to the maximum extent feasible, of personnel able to communicate (1) with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille, or audio tapes and (2) in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

**To the maximum extent feasible, each service provider will make available personnel able to communicate:**

**a) With individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, braille, computer discs or video relay services and who apply for or receive IL services under the SPIL; and**

**b) In the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under the SPIL.**

- Establishment and maintenance of a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, where appropriate, in administering the CIL program, improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy.

**All CILs provide new staff orientation and training, using their individually developed procedures manual and other independent resources that are available through outside sources such as ILNET, ILRU and NCIL. CILs provide staff development opportunities via the ILNET program, conferences and website training opportunities.**

- Affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act.

**All recipients of financial assistance under Chapter 1 take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act. At least 51% of employees of Centers for Independent Living in Illinois must have a disability.**

## **6.2 Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting**

- Adoption of those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for funds made available through parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act, in addition to complying with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements.

**All recipients of financial assistance under Chapter 1 will adopt such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for funds paid to the State under Chapter 1. All recipients are subject to fiscal audits by ACL and the DSE.**

## **6.3 Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting**

- Maintenance of records that fully disclose and document the information listed in 34 CFR 364.35.

**All recipients of funding under this program must:**

**(a) Maintain records that fully disclose the amount and disposition by each recipient of the proceeds of such financial assistance; the total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which such financial assistance is given or used; the amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources; and compliance with the requirements of Chapter 1 and 34 CFR Parts 364, 365, 366, and 367.**

- Submission of annual performance and financial reports, and any other reports that the Secretary determines to be appropriate

**The SILC of Illinois maintains financial records and information that documents the services and programs provided by SILC of Illinois in accordance with funding policies, priorities and records as deemed appropriate by the Secretary to facilitate an effective audit.**

- Access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews, to the information listed in 34 CFR 364.37.

**Any access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representative for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews will be made available upon request.**

#### **6.4 Eligibility**

- Eligibility of any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs.

**Individuals with significant disabilities are eligible for services provided under the State Plan for Independent Living for Illinois and the Centers for Independent Living.**

- Ability of any individual to seek information about IL services under these programs and to request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities.

**Any individual may request information about independent living services provided by CILs and may request referral to other services and programs needed by individuals with significant disabilities.**

- Determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs in a manner that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51.

**An eligible individual is one:**

- (1) Who has a physical, mental, cognitive, or sensory disability;**
- (2) Whose ability to function independently in the family or community or whose ability to obtain, maintain, or advance in employment is substantially limited; and**
- (3) For whom the delivery of IL services will improve the ability to function, continue functioning, or move towards functioning independently in the family or community or to continue in employment.**

- Application of eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion, or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services.

**Applicants for services from CILs across Illinois are eligible without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, or type of disability.**

- Non-exclusion from receiving IL services of any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services, based on the imposition of any State or local residence requirement.

**In Illinois, all persons with disabilities can receive services regardless of any state or local requirements.**

### **6.5 Independent Living Plans**

- Provision of IL services in accordance with an IL plan complying with Sec. 364.52 and mutually agreed upon by the individuals with significant disabilities and the appropriate service provider staff unless the individual signs a waiver stating that an IL plan is unnecessary.

**The State provides IL services under Chapter 1 to individuals with significant disabilities in accordance with an Independent Living Plan mutually agreed upon by an appropriate staff member of the service provider and the individual, unless the individual signs a waiver stating that such a plan is unnecessary.**

## **6.6 Client Assistance Program (CAP) Information**

- Use of accessible formats to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about the availability of the CAP program, the purposes of the services provided under the CAP, and how to contact the CAP.

**All individuals seeking or receiving IL services are notified about the availability of the Client Assistance Program under section 112 of the Act; the purposes of the services provided under such program; and information on the means of seeking assistance under such program. To ensure equal access to this information, notification is provided in a variety of different communication formats and venues. In addition, individuals are given contact information if they are in need of a format or assistance that is not currently available to them.**

## **6.7 Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information**

- Adoption and implementation of policies and procedures meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a), to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names.

**All recipients will adopt policies and procedures which assure that:**

- a) Specific safeguards are in place to protect current and stored personal information;**
- b) All applicants for or recipients of IL services and, as appropriate, those individuals legally authorized representatives, service providers, cooperating agencies, and interested persons are informed of the confidentiality of personal information and the conditions for gaining access to and releasing this information.**
- c) All applicants or their legally authorized representatives are informed about the service providers need to collect personal information and the policies governing its use, including:
  - i) Identification of the authority under which information is collected;**
  - ii) Explanation of the principal purposes for which the service provider intends to use or release the information;**
  - iii) Explanation of whether providing requested information to the service provider is mandatory or voluntary and the effects to the individual of not providing requested information;**
  - iv) Identification of other agencies to which information is routinely released;****
- d) Individuals who are unable to communicate in English shall be provided an explanation of policies and procedures affecting personal information through a method which is adequately understood by them;**

- e) At least the same protections are provided to individuals with significant disabilities as provided by state laws and regulations; and
- f) Access to records is governed by rules established by the service provider and any fees charged for copies of records are reasonable and cover only extraordinary costs of duplication or making extensive searches.

**Part II: Narrative: Section 7 - Evaluation**

Describe the method that will be used to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the objectives established in Section 1. The description must include the State's evaluation of satisfaction by individuals with significant disabilities who have participated in the program.

**Section 7: Evaluation**

Goal(s) and the related Objective(s) from Section 1	Method that will be used to evaluate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Living Network Capacity</li> <li>2. Housing</li> <li>3. Employment</li> <li>4. Transportation</li> <li>5. Informed Policy Makers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the 704 Report (Part I) for SILC of Illinois and DSE.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Living Network Capacity</li> <li>2. Housing</li> <li>3. Employment</li> <li>4. Transportation</li> <li>5. Informed Policy Makers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Review the 704 Reports (Part II) from INCIL members.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Living Network Capacity</li> <li>2. Housing</li> <li>3. Employment</li> <li>4. Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Review RSA Site Review reports of CILs when available.</li> </ul>

<p>5. Informed Policy Makers</p>	
<p>1. Independent Living Network Capacity 2. Housing 3. Employment 4. Transportation 5. Informed Policy Makers</p>	<p>4. Review the results of the standardized consumer survey of CILs. With funding from the Capacity Development grant of INCIL, an independent party (The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University) has been utilized to receive the completed consumer satisfaction surveys and to compile and analyze the data on a statewide basis.</p>
<p>1. Independent Living Network Capacity 2. Housing 3. Employment 4. Transportation 5. Informed Policy Makers</p>	<p>5. The Advisory Groups of the SILC will review progress towards SPIL goals, objectives, and activities against the measurable indicators. A report by the Executive Director will be presented quarterly at the SILC meetings. The SILC will determine if satisfactory progress has been made based on performance against the measurable indicators.</p>

**Part II: Narrative: Section 8 - State-Imposed Requirements**

**Section 8: State-Imposed Requirements**

Identify any State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL. **N/A**