State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)
Input Survey for the 2028-2030 SPIL

Share Your Ideas to Improve Life for People with Disabilities

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions about housing, employment, transportation, emergency preparedness, and other issues that are important to you.

Your feedback will help us identify needs, set priorities, and develop the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). Together, we can improve opportunities, services, and quality of life for people with disabilities throughout Illinois.

1. What challenges keep you from living where you would like to live?

For example, is it:

The cost of housing?
The location of available housing?
Difficulty finding housing that is accessible to your needs?
Another reason? If so, please describe.

2. Thinking about the reasons you listed above, what could be done to make housing easier for you?

Please share any ideas you have that could help improve housing for people with disabilities in Illinois.

3. If you want to work but do not have a job, what makes it hard for you to find a job or keep a job?

For example, is it:

Not knowing where to look for a job?
Not knowing how to talk with an employer?
Not having the skills or training you need?
Transportation problems?
Worry about losing your SSI or other benefits?
Needing an accommodation for your disability but not knowing how to ask for one?
Another reason? If so, please describe.

4. Thinking about the reasons you listed above, what could be done to make it easier for you to find and keep a job?

Please share any ideas you have that could help improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Illinois.

5. How do you usually get where you need to go?

What transportation problems do you have, if any?

For example, is it:

The cost?
Not enough bus or ride services where you live?
Not knowing how to use public transportation?
Is transportation not available when you need it?
Feeling unsafe using public transportation?
Another reason? If so, please describe.

6. Thinking about the reasons you listed above, what could be done to make transportation easier for you?

Please share any ideas you have that could help improve transportation for people with disabilities in Illinois.

7. When emergencies happen, such as severe weather, power outages, fires, or other disasters, what makes it hard for you to stay safe or get the help you need?

For example, is it:

Not getting emergency information in a way you can use?
Not having transportation during an emergency?
Needing help to leave your home?
Not having enough supplies, equipment, or medications?
Another reason? If so, please describe.

8. Thinking about the reasons you listed above, what could be done to help you be better prepared for an emergency?

Please share any ideas you have to help people with disabilities in Illinois be better prepared before, during, and after an emergency.

9. What other things make it hard for you to live in your community and be as independent as possible?

Please describe any challenges that are important to you.

10. Tell us about yourself: (check all that apply)

- ◯ I am a person with a disability.
- ◯ I am a service provider.
- ◯ I am an advocate.
- ◯ I am a concerned citizen.
- ◯ Other (please specify)

11. What county do you live in?

12. What is your age?