

STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL)

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter 1, Title VII

PART B - INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Part C - Centers for Independent Living

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Executive Summary

The Independent Living (IL) network in Kentucky, consisting of the state's Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), seeks to promote the independence, empowerment, and inclusion of people with disabilities across the state. This amended State Plan for Independent Living (hereafter SPIL) establishes four broad objectives for the interim fiscal year 2024, covering the dates from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The IL network has opted to introduce new objectives that differ from those in the original 2020-2023 SPIL because there are urgent needs to be addressed, and the network does not want to put them on hold for an additional year. This amended plan also includes other changes in most sections, outlined below.

The goals for this fiscal year focus on: (1) advocacy for Kentuckians with disabilities at the local and state levels; (2) increased outreach both to potential consumers and to other organizations that do parallel or complementary work; (3) helping the IL Network to grow in its ability to prepare Kentuckians with disabilities for disasters and to have a coordinated response when disaster occurs; (4) capacity building of the SILC as an organization; and (5) the continuation of the excellent work Kentucky's Centers for Independent Living do to provide core services to Kentuckians with disabilities, helping them live independent lives in their communities. These goals, their related objectives, the evaluation plan and financial plan are detailed in **Section 1**. While the goals are new in this revised SPIL, the financial plan remains essentially the same, with the addition of a new Federal grant to Kentucky's Centers for Independent Living and the removal of State funding that had been listed in the previous Plan.

The scope of services provided, outreach related to unserved and underserved populations, coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations to support inclusive community living are described in **Section 2**. The scope of services has not changed, but we have expanded our explanation of unserved/underserved populations and our plans for coordination of services.

A detailed explanation of expansion of the network, minimum funding levels for CILs, and distribution of funds are included in **Section 3**. Section 3.2, covering the expansion and adjustment of the network, has been revised, increasing the dollar amount for minimum funding level and clarifying the explanations.

Section 4 represents the Designated State Entity's (DSE) response to their administrative responsibilities related to the SPIL. This section has no substantive changes, although the wording has been improved.

The Statewide Independent Living Council's (SILC) establishment, autonomy, resource plan, appointment process, and staffing are detailed in **Section 5**. This section includes a plan for how the SILC will change once its 501(c)3 status has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 6 provides legal certifications for the identified entities involved with authorities and responsibilities of the SPIL. This is unchanged.

Section 7 identifies the DSE assurances and expresses the administrative role and responsibilities

of the DSE. This is unchanged.

Section 8 provides the SILC Assurances and Indicators of minimum compliance, detailing the functions, authorities, and requirements for operating as a SILC. This is unchanged.

Section 1: Goals, Objectives, and Activities

1.1 Mission:

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL:

To advance the ability of Kentuckians with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities.

1.2 Goals:

Goals of the IL Network for the one-year period of this amended plan:

Goal 1: Local and state policy makers will be engaged regarding the needs of Kentuckians with disabilities, especially when it comes to the pressing concerns of housing, transportation, and disaster response.

Goal 2: Kentuckians with disabilities, partner organizations, and community groups will be made aware of the state's Independent Living network so that more people with disabilities will be able to access Independent Living services.

Goal 3: The IL Network will grow in its ability to prepare Kentuckians with disabilities for disasters and to have a coordinated response when a disaster occurs.

Goal 4: The SILC will build its capacity to carry out its federally-mandated duties and authorities.

Goal 5: The Centers for Independent Living will continue providing the five Core Services to Kentuckians with disabilities living in their service areas.

1.3 Objectives

Objectives for this one-year period of the plan – including geographic scope, desired outcomes, target dates, and indicators. Including compatibility with the purpose of Title VII, Chapter 1.

Goal 1: Local and state policy makers will be engaged regarding the needs of Kentuckians with disabilities, especially when it comes to the pressing concerns of housing, transportation, and disaster response.

Objective 1.1: Each CIL and the SILC will advocate for those with disabilities at the state and local government level.

Indicator 1.1: The number of meetings with state and local elected and unelected officials. Includes individual meetings and participation in various types of group events.
Target date 9/30/24.

Goal 2: The IL Network will reach out to Kentuckians with disabilities, partner organizations, and community groups to share information about Independent Living services offered by Centers for Independent Living and how to access them.

Objective 2.1: The SILC and CILs will make presentations to community groups and partner organizations about core services provided by CILs.

Indicator 2.1: Number of presentations made by CILs or the SILC to community groups and partner organizations about core services provided by CILs and the number of attendees when possible. Target date 9/30/24.

Objective 2.2: The SILC and CILs will attend disability resource fairs and other community events statewide.

Indicator 2.2: Number of disability resource fairs participated in by the SILC and CILs statewide and number of attendees when possible. Target date 9/30/24.

Objective 2.3: The SILC will develop a website for expanding knowledge of the state's IL network to potential stakeholders. (Pending successful 501(c)3 registration and establishment of a contract with DAIL).

Indicator 2.3: Target date for website 9/30/24.

Objective 2.4: The SILC and CILs will collaborate with other disability-related councils and organizations to promote the needs of Kentuckians with disabilities and the core services provided by CILs.

Indicator 2.4: Narrative detailing interactions with other disability-related councils and organizations, including any related outcomes. Target date 9/30/24.

Goal 3: The IL Network will grow in its ability to prepare Kentuckians with disabilities for disasters and to have a coordinated response when a disaster occurs.

Objective 3.1: CILs will establish or continue relationships with local and/or state Emergency Management Agencies.

Indicator 3.1: Number of meetings with Emergency Management Agencies and/or local government officials responsible for emergency response; any positions held within their agency's boards; narrative of outcomes. Target date: 9/30/24.

Objective 3.2: Each CIL will create a plan for the provision of emergency preparedness education for consumers and staff.

Indicator 3.2: Creation of a written plan. Target date: 9/30/24.

Objective 3.3: The IL Network in Kentucky will develop a plan for how to collaborate with each other and advocate for those with disabilities during and after disasters.

Indicator 3.3: The plan will be developed with the coordination of all CILs and the SILC

and will be presented to the SILC at a regular meeting. Target date for written plan 9/30/24.

Goal 4: The SILC will build its capacity to carry out its federally-mandated duties and authorities.

Objective 4.1: Complete necessary legal and operational structure for Kentucky SILC, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

Indicator 4.1: Contract between DSE and Kentucky SILC, Inc., policies and procedures, bylaws, and financial processes will be established or revised. Target date 12/31/23.

Objective 4.2: Board and staff will be trained in nonprofit management as well as regular SILC training topics as set forth in national standards.

Indicator 4.2: Provide board training in nonprofit management at SILC meeting; target date 12/31/23. Provide ongoing board and staff training; target date 9/30/24.

Objective 4.3: The SILC will develop a plan for seeking additional operational funding.

Indicator 4.3: Narrative regarding grants applied for and other resource development activities. Target date 9/30/2024.

Goal 5: The Centers for Independent Living will continue providing the five Core Services to Kentuckians with disabilities living in their service areas.

Objective 5.1: The CILs will provide Core Services to those with disabilities in their service areas.

Indicator 5.1: The number of consumers served by each CIL and number of services provided. Target date 9/30/2024.

1.4 Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

The CILs will send quarterly progress reports to the SILC that include updates on their SPIL-related activities. Each CIL will complete an annual survey regarding SPIL objectives and send it to the SILC. The SILC will compile information from these reports, along with its own assigned activities, into a project management software application. These results will be reviewed by the SILC's State Plan Committee, presented to the SILC at a public meeting, and a narrative summary of these results will be included in the annual Program Performance Report.

1.5 Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the Goals and

Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Fiscal Year: FY24					
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Projected Funding Amounts and Uses</u>				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations, including IL services	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					
Chapter 1, Part B	\$18,818		\$338,717 (Part B)		\$18,818
Chapter 1, Part C			\$1,009,228 (Part C)		
Other Federal Funds					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	\$65,000 (I and E)				
Social Security Reimbursement					
Other (Public Health Workforce Funding)			\$829,821		
Non-Federal Funds					
State Funds		\$75,000 Supported employment contract from		\$37,635 State Share 10% of Part B	

		DBHDID to IPKY			
Other		\$57,000 (CAL)			

Description of Financial Plan Narrative.

The above Financial Table was developed using award amounts from the most recent federal grants and other anticipated income during the Plan period. Should the amounts of the Part B grant be changed by ACL, Kentucky's SPIL committee will proportionally adjust the exact dollar amounts given to each recipient out of the Part B grant. This will not require a SPIL amendment.

The Kentucky CILs and the Kentucky SILC coordinate this financial plan to help meet the needs of Kentuckians with disabilities. Since only 47 of Kentucky's 120 counties, or about half of the state's population with disabilities, are located within CIL service areas, the unmet need far exceeds the available resources. This is further explained in Section 2.2.

The financial plan provides funds to the CILs and SILC in order to accomplish the goals and objectives identified in this SPIL. All Chapter 1, Title VII, Part C funds shall be awarded for the direct provision of IL services and the general operation of the CILs. Part B funds awarded under contract by the DSE shall be utilized for the general operation of CILs and the SILC and the enhancement and expansion or initiation of other independent living services as determined by the SILC. The Innovation and Expansion funds come to the DSE for support of SILC operations via Kentucky's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Part C funds are distributed directly by ACL to the Center for Accessible Living in Louisville and Murray (\$749,520.00) and disABILITY Resource Center in Hazard (\$251,796). Part B funds (\$322,692 plus the state match of \$37,635) are distributed through a contract with the DSE to two "Part B" centers, the Center for Accessible Living in Bowling Green (\$161,346) and Independence Place in Lexington (\$161,346). Five percent of the Part B award (\$18,818) will go to support SILC operations and another five percent (\$18,818) will be retained by the DSE.

Carryover funding from the Part B grant (unspent, unexpired funds) will be evenly distributed to all of the Kentucky Centers for Independent Living the following year. This includes the Center for Accessible Living (Louisville/Murray), Center for Accessible Living (Bowling Green), disAbility Resource Center, and Independence Place. Carryover funds can be distributed over two years if they have not expired and are available. These funds will be used to provide core services to underserved populations in the Centers' service areas.

The CIL directors and representatives of the SILC discuss and come to an agreement about funding distribution. This proposal is discussed by the full SILC and approved. The SILC notifies the DSE of the amounts to be included in the contract with the CILs regarding the Part B funding.

Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility and statewide access.

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Core Independent Living Services, as follows:	X		CIL
- Information and referral	X	X	CIL
- IL skills training	X		CIL
- Peer counseling	X		CIL
- Individual and systems advocacy	X		CIL
- Transition services including:	X		CIL
▪ Transition from nursing homes & other institutions			
▪ Diversion from institutions			
▪ Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life			
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services			
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 disabilities) Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.		X	CIL
Rehabilitation technology	X	X	CIL
Mobility training	X	X	CIL

Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	X	X	CIL
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services		X	DSE
Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services	X		CIL
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	X		CIL
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	X		CIL
Supported living			
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	X		CIL
Physical rehabilitation			
Therapeutic treatment			
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	X		CIL
Individual and group social and recreational services	X	X	CIL
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options	X		CIL
Services for children	X	X	DSE
Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial	X	X	CIL, DSE

benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities			
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future		X	DSE
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	X	X	CIL, DSE
Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act	X	X	CIL, DSE

2.2 Outreach

Identify steps to be taken regarding statewide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs that are funded under Title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

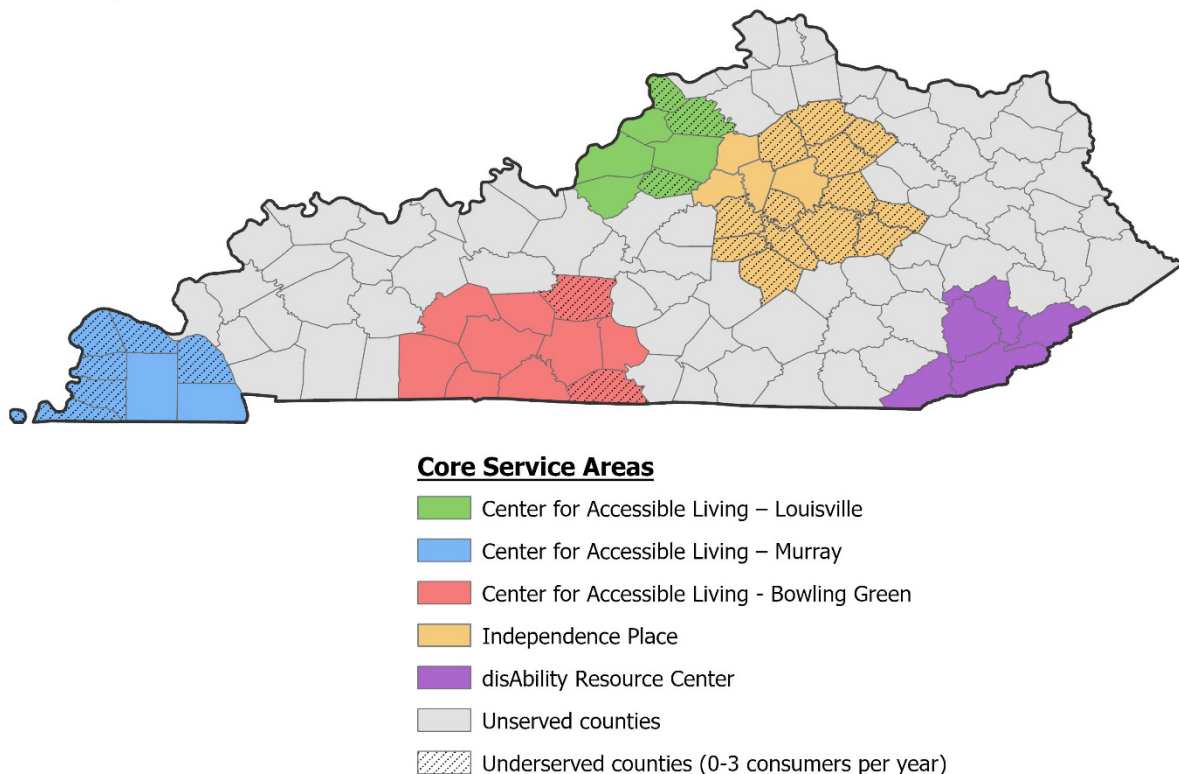
We define unserved/underserved populations by county, as shown on the following map.

Unserved populations live in counties that are not in the service areas of a CIL and are designated in gray on the map. Seventy-three of Kentucky's 120 counties are unserved by CILs, with a disability population in 2020 of 382,670 (US Census). These counties are home to 45% of the state's population, and range from urban counties like Kenton, part of the Cincinnati (Ohio) metro area with over 165,000 people, to rural Robertson county with only 2,000 inhabitants.

Underserved populations live in counties that are part of a CIL service area but that have three or fewer CIL consumers in a given year. They are counties marked with a diagonal striped background on the map.

The CILs in Kentucky tend to have large service areas and focus most of their activities in one or two core areas each. This means that some counties in CIL service areas are underserved, with between 0 and 3 consumers each. The following counties are located in CIL service areas but are considered underserved by this definition: Ballard, Bourbon, Boyle, Carlisle, Clark, Estill, Fulton, Garrard, Hart, Henry, Harrison, Hickman, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Marshall, McCracken, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, Spencer, and Trimble. Disability Resource Center in Hazard is the only CIL that does not have fewer than four consumers in each county of its service area, but it covers the fewest counties. Most of the underserved counties have rural populations, with some smaller cities and towns included.

Kentucky Centers for Independent Living: served, underserved and unserved counties



Other underserved groups in Kentucky at this time include people with disabilities in various other populations such as, but not limited to, the unhoused, African Americans, and ethnic minorities such as Hispanic and Middle Eastern populations. Each Center for Independent Living has identified underserved groups within their own communities.

Outreach to the unserved and underserved areas of Kentucky will take place using these strategies:

- During this SPIL period, outreach to the underserved within CIL service areas will be augmented by the Public Health funding grant provided by ACL. Independence Place and Center for Accessible Living each hired a public health specialist to work in all counties of their respective service areas. Disability Resource Center used these funds to hire a social support specialist.
- Each of Kentucky's Centers for Independent Living answers Information & Referral calls from any county in Kentucky, whether or not the caller lives in a service area. The CIL helps connect people to available services. Moreover, a partner CIL across the state line in Ohio, Center for Independent Living Options, answers Information & Referral calls from the Northern Kentucky (metro Cincinnati) area, even though they do not offer regular core services in the state.

- SPIL Goal #2 directly applies to this outreach to the underserved and unserved: “The IL Network will reach out to Kentuckians with disabilities, partner organizations, and community groups to share information about Independent Living services offered by Centers for Independent Living and how to access them.” As we seek to fulfill this goal through collaboration and partnership with other agencies, more people with disabilities across the state will benefit.
- The SILC’s and CILs’ outreach efforts include but are not limited to presentations, agency contacts, websites, public service announcements, exhibits/displays, conferences, social media, printed materials, community events, virtual meetings and workshops, and peer support groups. Each CIL will use outreach materials designed specifically for their targeted individuals who meet the criteria of unserved/underserved.
- Independence Place in Lexington, one of our CILs, has already begun outreach to underserved groups by personal visits with unhoused people in the city, meeting with leaders of homeless shelters, and meeting with leaders of the local mosque and with Hispanic groups. Independence Place will be translating some of their materials into Spanish. They are also forging connections with the Pride Center to help reach out to those with disabilities in the LGBTQ+ community. This work will continue in the new state plan year.
- Center for Accessible Living also has outreach efforts to underserved populations in their service areas, including to the unhoused, recently incarcerated, and youth populations. Their Housing Program Manager serves on the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky. She sets up a table at the Goodwill Resource Center in downtown Louisville every two weeks to reach out to the unhoused and recently incarcerated populations. CAL’s youth outreach is currently concentrated at its Murray and Bowling Green locations, where they conduct outreach in schools to promote youth transition. The CAL-Bowling Green staff work with an employment specialist at Warren County Schools and students who are close to graduating, to help them with their transition. They have plans to boost youth outreach at the Louisville location once they rectify a staffing issue.
- DisAbility Resource Center has been reaching out to underserved flood victims, to underserved youth in transition through the county school systems, and to underserved veterans through the Perry County Veterans Administration.

2.3 Coordination

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

Increased collaboration between the SILC, CILs, and other disability organizations is part of Goal 2 (listed in section 1 of this document) for this year. Some examples of this are as follows:

- A SILC member currently serves as the chair of the State Council for Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR) and the SILC Coordinator will attend SCVR meetings. The SCVR staff person will attend SILC meetings.
- *Ex officio* members of the SILC representing the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and DAIL keep the IL network informed of relevant programs happening in their agencies, and take information from the IL network back to the state.
- A CIL staff member serves on the state palliative care subcommittee.
- A CIL staff member serves on the Kentucky Consumer Advisory Council through the

Human Development Institute.

- The Centers for Independent Living have a representative elected by them on the SILC, and other CIL executive directors attend all SILC meetings and participate in SILC activities and committees.
- A representative from the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities attends all SILC meetings, and vice versa.
- The SILC provides opportunities at each meeting for these parties and other interested individuals to share information about upcoming events and activities.
- SILC members and CIL staff participate on a variety of councils, commissions and boards.
- The SILC Coordinator and individual SILC members are involved in the 874K Coalition. This statewide group conducts an annual event to educate individuals with disabilities, their families, and advocates how to work with state representatives and other elected officials.
- Social media platforms are used to distribute information about various disability-related events and issues in the state, and the various organizations involved, including the SILC and the CILs, share each other's posts.
- The SILC Coordinator will identify potential partner groups and spend time visiting them during the course of the year.
- Each CIL will plan to make contact with the Emergency Management leaders in their area to lay the groundwork for future cooperation and collaboration during a time of emergency.
- DisAbility Resource Center collaborates with Centers for Independent Living in Tennessee.

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Centers

Current Centers for Independent Living including legal name; geographic area and counties served; and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds (e.g., Part B, Part C, state funds, etc.) and oversight entity.

There are four Centers for Independent Living in Kentucky and one satellite office: (1) Center for Accessible Living in Louisville, which has a satellite office in Murray and is a Part C Center; (2) Center for Accessible Living in Bowling Green, which is a Part B Center operated by Center for Accessible Living in Louisville; (3) disAbility Resource Center in Hazard, a Part C Center; and (4) Independence Place in Lexington, a Part B Center. The Center for Independent Living Options in Cincinnati, Ohio offers limited programs in Northern Kentucky, but does not utilize federal funds for these programs, instead utilizing discretionary funds. The map in Section 2 of this Plan shows the service area of each Center for Independent Living in Kentucky. The following chart contains more specific information about each CIL:

Legal Name (City)	Geographic Area / Counties served	Sources of Funding	Oversight Process	Oversight entity
Center for Accessible Living – Bowling Green (Bowling Green)	Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren counties.	Part B Eligible for Part B Carryover Funding	Quarterly Reports to SILC. Monthly reports with invoices to DSE (DAIL). CAL sends PPR annually to ACL and to the SILC and DAIL.	DAIL
Center for Accessible Living (Louisville)	Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties	Part C Eligible for Part B Carryover funding Public Health Workforce Funding Louisville Metro SSA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	Submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and SILC	ACL/OILP
Center for Accessible Living (Murray: Satellite of CAL Louisville)	Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties.	Part C	Submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and SILC	ACL/OILP
disABILITY Resource Center (Hazard)	Perry, Letcher, Harlan, Bell, Leslie counties	Part C	Submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and SILC	ACL/OILP

		<p>Eligible for Part B Carryover funding</p> <p>CDC Vaccination funding</p> <p>Public Health Workforce Funding</p> <p>OVR</p>		
<p>Independence Place</p> <p>(Lexington)</p>	<p>Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford counties</p>	<p>Part B</p> <p>Public Health Workforce Funding</p> <p>Eligible for Part B Carryover funding</p> <p>State funding: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.</p> <p>Fee for service programs.</p>	<p>Quarterly Reports to SILC. Monthly reports with invoices to DSE (DAIL).</p> <p>Submission of PPR annually to the SILC and DAIL for the state Part B PPR.</p>	<p>DAIL</p>

3.2 Expansion and Adjustment of Network

Plan and priorities for use of funds, by funding source, including Part B funds, Part C funds, State funds, and other funds, whether current, increased, or one-time funding and methodology for distribution of funds. Use of funds to build capacity of existing Centers, establish new Centers, and/or increase statewideness of Network.

Additional Part B Funding or State Funding:

It is a Kentucky priority to support the needs of existing centers in their efforts to establish an effective statewide network of IL services. Should additional Part B funding or State Funding become available, the SILC and the directors of the Kentucky CILs (Center for Accessible Living, disAbility Resource Center, and Independence Place) will work together to develop the specific financial plan, keeping in mind these priorities:

1. We would like Kentucky CILs in rural areas to reach a base level of \$200,000 in federal or state funding, and for CILs in urban areas with a larger pool of unserved people with disabilities to reach a base level of \$300,000 of federal or state funding. This means that the first priority for additional Part B or state funding is for Center for Accessible Living – Bowling Green to receive \$200,000 and for Independence Place in Lexington to receive \$300,000. Additional Part B or state funding up to \$180,000 of ongoing funding will be divided between CAL-Bowling Green and Independence Place proportionally by disability population until they reach these levels.
2. Another goal is for increased funding to the SILC so they can hire a full-time administrator and engage in programming to support the SPIL. If the Part B grant award is increased, there is a priority for the SILC to receive up to 30% of the Part B grant as needed. If the state provides additional SILC funding, it will be used for staffing and for programming.
3. A long-term goal is for all Centers for Independent Living in Kentucky to receive a portion of the Part B grant should additional funding be secured. This would be determined by a collaborative process between the SILC and the CILs and provide a proportional distribution of Part B funding throughout the network.

Additional Part C Funding:

Should new Part C grants become available for Kentucky, the Kentucky IL Network, including all Center for Independent Living Directors, support the application for Independence Place in Lexington to receive one. This would allow IPKY consumers to be served in the most efficient and timely way without the complication of a lag in services during a competitive grant process. If Independence Place receives Part C funding, the IL Network reserves the right to revise the current Part B funding formula outlined in Section 1.5 of this Plan. All of Kentucky's Centers for Independent Living (Center for Accessible Living, disAbility Resource Center, and Independence Place), along with the SILC, will be part of this discussion, and will keep in mind the priorities listed above.

Once the CIL and SILC funding has been solidified as described above, the Kentucky Independent Living Network would like to open a new Center for Independent Living in an unserved area of the state. This would require a minimum of \$200,000 of annual funding. When notification of additional funding is received by any party, the SILC, the CILs and the DSE will

initiate a collaborative process including a needs assessment and application process. This process will ensure that the new CIL is located in a community of need, that the requirements of the SPIL are maintained, and that the DSE will continue to fulfill its duties as defined in the Rehabilitation Act, as amended.

Additional One-Time Funding:

In the event one-time state or federal funding becomes available to the Kentucky IL Network, it will be distributed as follows:

- Special or Dedicated Purpose: If funds have a specified project or purpose, to the best extent possible, the CIL Directors and the SILC Chair will have a collaborative discussion to make a decision about distributing the funds for the dedicated purpose.
- One-Time Federal Title VII Funding: If funds come to Kentucky that are deemed one-time and not sustainable to fund a Center for Independent Living long-term, the funds will be distributed as closely as possible in accordance with the priorities listed in this plan.
- One-Time State funds: Depending on the nature of the state funds and any restrictions, the distribution will follow one of the two methods outlined above.
- Any Part B carryover funds will be equally distributed to all Kentucky Centers for Independent Living participating in the SPIL.

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to bring each Center to the minimum. Exceptions must be explained with sufficient detail.

Minimum funding level for a Center is \$200,000 in a rural area, and \$300,000 in an urban area with a larger unserved population. If a SPIL-participating Center is below the \$200,000 or \$300,000 funding minimum from Part B or Part C funds, the CIL will receive priority for increased funding should it become available, following the plan described above.

Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes.

Should a Part C funded CIL either relinquish or have its award terminated, and after collaboration with the Administration on Community Living, the first priority will be to guarantee continuation of services covering the service area vacated by the Part C CIL that relinquished or had its federal award terminated. Until the RFP process has taken place, in the interim the remaining funding dollars could go to any interested, established Part C CIL participating with the SPIL to continue IL Services in the area covered by the Part C CIL whose funds were relinquished or removed and/or closed.

In the event a Title VII Part C funded Center should close or forfeit/lose funding, the Kentucky IL Network will formally submit a recommendation to the Administration for Community Living on the most effective use of the funding to achieve the goals of this plan within 30 days of being made aware of the loss of funds. The recommendations will be made from the following options:

- Reissuing a new grant competition for the same territory;
- Issuing a new competition for a new grant in a similar region with possible additions or reductions of counties based on the award amount.

In the event a Title VII Part B funded Center should close or forfeit/lose funding, the Kentucky IL Network will formally submit a recommendation to the Department of Aging and Independent Living on the most effective use of the funding to achieve the goals of this plan within 30 days of being made aware of the loss of funds. The recommendations will be made from the following options:

- Reissuing a new grant competition for the same territory;
- Issuing a new competition for a new grant in a similar region with possible additions or reductions of counties based on the award amount.

Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced.

If Part B funding via the ILSG NoA is reduced, the current Part B recipients will have their awards reduced by the same percentage as the total grant reduction.

If Part C funding is reduced and drops below \$200,000 for a SPIL-participating CIL, the Part B funds could be used (if available) to bring the CIL up to the minimum funding. In this event, a special meeting of the SPIL committee will be called to determine funding strategies.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network.

As has been outlined earlier in this section, expansion of the network will be possible once CAL-Bowling Green reaches \$200,000, Independence Place reaches \$300,000, and the SILC receives enough funding to hire a full-time employee. Should at least \$200,000 of ongoing funds become available in addition to that approximately \$230,000 of ongoing, long-term funding from any source, the priority for a new CIL with a minimum funding of \$200,000 is the Northern Kentucky (metro Cincinnati) area, including the counties of Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton.

There are no plans for changes of existing service areas at this time. However, Centers for Independent Living may submit a formal request for consideration of changes to existing service areas. The changes can be made applicable to any Part C or Part B center in the state. The Center will prepare and submit the request to the SILC, including the following information:

- Counties and areas that will be expanded and/or adjusted;
- Confirmation that the CIL's Board of Directors authorized the requested change;
- Description of how the service area change will impact the CIL and the disability community of the area;
- Date of when the service area change would become effective upon approval.

Upon receiving the request, the SILC will prepare a summary analysis of the changes including how it impacts Section 3.1 (Existing Centers) and 3.2 (Expansion and Adjustment of the Network). After the summary is created, it will be posted for a 30 day period to receive public input. Summary of public input will be distributed to all Centers for Independent Living and the Council Members of the SILC. CILs will submit their approval or rejection of the request to the SILC. In a public meeting, the SILC will discuss the public comments, review the CILs responses, and if all parties agree the change can become approved. If the change follows the existing plan, since the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the expansion or adjustment, a SPIL Amendment will not be needed at that time. The technical amendment to

Section 3.1 – Existing Centers, will be submitted to ACL. If there is disagreement to the proposed amendment, the Center will be notified of the reasons that the proposed changes were not agreed upon.

Plan for one-time funding and/or temporary changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels.

In the event one-time state or federal funding becomes available to the Kentucky IL Network, it will be distributed as follows:

- Special or Dedicated Purpose – If funds made available have a specified project or purpose, to the best extent possible, the funds will be distributed competitively based upon Centers submitting a proposal that includes their ability to expend the funds for the dedicated purpose.
- One-Time Federal Title VII Funding – If funds come to Kentucky that are deemed one-time and not sustainable to fund a Center for Independent Living long-term, the funds will be distributed as best as possible in accordance with the Formula for Distribution in this section of the Plan.
- One-Time State funds – Depending on the nature of the state funds and any restrictions, the distribution will be following one of the two methods outlined above.

In the case of an emergency or disaster in Kentucky, in following the ACL/ILA Policy on Independent Living Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response Services, the Kentucky IL Network will adopt the following:

- CILs may provide Title VII independent living (IL) services to individuals with disabilities who have been affected by a disaster or emergency who live within their designated service area or who have evacuated into their service area.
- CILs will collaborate with each other as appropriate to meet the critical needs of people with disabilities.
- CILs are encouraged to work on developing Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) to outline steps Centers can take to assist people with disabilities in affected disaster areas, including service areas that a Center is not assigned to serve.
- If the area affected is not covered by a CIL, one or more CIL(s) in the general vicinity is certainly allowed and encouraged to provide services to individuals with disabilities affected. Activities and services in the situation must be documented to be reported to ACL, DAIL, and SILC.
- In an area affected by a disaster where a CIL is already providing services, but requires the assistance of another CIL, the CIL seeking to provide disaster response services will collaborate with the existing CIL serving the area to do so.

Section 4: Designated State Entity

Department of Aging and Independent Living will serve as the entity in Kentucky designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State. (Sec. 704(c))

4.1 DSE Responsibilities:

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;
- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B. for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

4.2 Grant Process & Distribution of Funds:

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

The DSE follows the Commonwealth of Kentucky's established procedures for awarding grants. Part B funds are allocated to Kentucky CILs in accordance to the amounts determined by the SPIL. The DSE has contracts with each CIL for those determined amounts and the CILs invoice the DSE on a monthly basis to draw down the funds. The DSE monitors the monthly invoices and reports provided by the CILs and conducts annual monitoring of Part B funds to the CILs. The DSE also maintains a Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Vocational Rehab (OVR) for the transfer of I&E funds for SILC operations.

4.3 Oversight Process for Part B Funds:

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

Describe the oversight process for Part C:

Part C funding (alone or in combination with Part B or other funds) oversight by ACL; Title VII, Part C funds are administrated and monitored directly through ACL, with no involvement by the DSE.

Part B oversight by DSE is directed by the SPIL:

Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) monitors monthly financial reports as well as quarterly and annual individual program performance reports submitted by all CILs receiving funding through the SILC. Staff of the DSE monitors program reports and reviews financial invoices. Program staff of the DSE uses a monitoring instrument developed with input from the Part B CILs. Monitoring can also include site visits that are scheduled in advance.

4.4 Administration and Staffing:

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

No more than 5% of the Part B appropriation will be used on administrative costs.

No DSE employees will serve as staff to the SILC, therefore there will not be a conflict of

interest in staffing and administration by the DSE.

The SILC is responsible for hiring, supervising, and removing the Coordinator or Executive Director. At the time of the implementation of this Plan the SILC employee is a part-time Coordinator who is employed through a state contract with a contracting agency, although she is supervised and evaluated by the SILC. Within the next calendar year the SILC plans to hire an Executive Director, who will be a direct employee of the SILC. The Executive Director will be responsible for hiring, evaluating, and supervising other staff (if additional staff be deemed necessary with Council approval). The Executive Director has the responsibility of managing the day-to-day operations including carrying out the policies and goals of the SILC.

The DSE provides assistance with the purchase of equipment and supplies, setting up virtual meetings, coordination of reporting requirements and SPIL plan development, reporting on CIL oversight, and distributing and tracking grant funds. The DSE *ex officio* SILC member participates in SILC and SILC Committee meetings, and works closely with the SILC Coordinator to ensure all federal and state requirements are met. In-kind resources are offered to CILs depending upon need and availability.

4.5 State Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including: (45 CFR 1329.17(g))

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration or operation of IL programs
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

Council members are limited to a \$100 per meeting honorarium up to a \$600 annual limit by state law.

Non-profit agencies (Centers for Independent Living) are required to complete an annual filing with the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office and to file copies of their IRS 990 form with the Attorney General's Office.

4.6 722 vs. 723 State

Check one:

- ☒ 722 (if checked, will move to Section 5)
☐ 723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

4.7 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Establishment of SILC

How the SILC is established, and SILC autonomy is assured.

The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council (Kentucky SILC) is federally mandated and funded under the Rehabilitation Act, 1992 Amendment, Title VII. The Kentucky SILC is not established as an entity within any State agency, including the DSE, and is independent of the DSE and all other State agencies. The Kentucky SILC was established by Executive Order of the Governor and affirmed by the 1994 General Assembly. It is now attached to the Department for Aging and Independent Living for fiscal purposes only. The Kentucky SILC applied to the IRS for 501(c)3 non-profit status in September 2022 and at this time is waiting to receive that designation.

5.2 SILC Resource plan

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff/administrative support, and in-kind), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.

The Kentucky SILC resource plan includes:

- \$18,818 Part B funds;
- \$65,000 Innovation & Expansion funds; and
- In-kind support from the DSE.

The Resource Plan supports management and operation of the SILC, including but not limited to one part-time employee, maintaining 501(c)3 status should that be awarded, contractual services necessary to meet the designated duties and authorities of a SILC, board training and development, and travel costs and reasonable accommodations for members and staff. Until the SILC achieves nonprofit status it uses the in-kind support of the DSE for paying invoices, providing a computer and cell phone to the Coordinator, providing printing services, and other support as appropriate. Once nonprofit status is awarded, the SILC will seek additional financial resources for staffing, as a part-time Executive Director may not be sufficient to carry out the increased organizational requirements.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

The Kentucky SILC resource plan was developed by the SPIL Committee of the SILC, along with the directors of the Kentucky Centers for Independent Living. It was approved by the entire SILC and signed off on by signatories of this State Plan.

The funds are used to cover all expenses associated with SILC activities and meetings necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC during this State Plan. These expenses include: reimbursements for SILC member travel; attendant/child care expenses; an honoraria/lost wages up to \$100 for six times during one year; the salary of a part-time SILC coordinator; and other programs and expenses that support the State Plan as determined by the SILC.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

At the time this Plan is going into effect, the DSE directly pays all SILC expenses. For some expenses, the SILC Coordinator submits vendor invoices, travel vouchers, or other documentation and DAIL pays the amount by check or credit card. DAIL pays a contracting agency for the salary of the Coordinator, using SILC funds. For some other expenses, such as an event sponsored by the SILC, DAIL develops a contract with the vendor and pays using standard state government procedures.

When the SILC's pending 501(c)3 status is approved by the IRS, DAIL and the Kentucky SILC will sign a contract by which the SILC will become a grant sub-recipient. At that time the SILC will manage its own funds and pay its own bills. The exact terms of this contract are still being established, but the goal is for the I&E funds to be paid in a lump sum to the SILC, while Part B funds will be disbursed to the SILC by the Kentucky Treasurer on a monthly basis after invoices are submitted. The Memorandum of Agreement between the DSE and the Kentucky SILC will further clarify the responsibilities of each party, ensure timeliness and efficiency of financial activities, prevent undue hardship on the SILC, and ensure uninterrupted operations and effectiveness of the SILC.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

N/A

5.3 Maintenance of SILC

How State will maintain SILC over the course of the SPIL.

Recruitment and Appointing Authority

Members of the SILC are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. When vacancies arise, the SILC Nominating Committee recruits applicants while keeping in mind compliance with federal and state requirements:

- to provide statewide representation;
- to represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds;
- to consist of people who are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services;
- to have a majority of the council be persons with disabilities;
- to have a majority of the council not employed by any State agency or center for independent living;
- and to have a maximum of 16 members.

Interested individuals submit an application to the Nominating Committee, which makes a recommendation to the full SILC. The SILC forwards the applications for all approved potential members to the Department of Aging and Independent Living (the DSE). The DAIL

Commissioner sends them to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary, who passes them to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions for appointment.

Staffing of SILC

The SILC Coordinator is managed, supervised, and evaluated by the appointed SILC members. Should the SILC hire an Executive Director during the period of this State Plan, the Executive Director will likewise be managed, supervised, and evaluated by the appointed SILC members, particularly the Council Chair. Any other potential SILC employees will be managed, supervised, and evaluated by the Executive Director, in accordance with the SILC bylaws and policies. SILC bylaws and policy documents are approved and periodically reviewed by the SILC.

SILC Operations

The Kentucky SILC operates under the authority of its approved policies, ensuring that the SILC has the autonomy to operate and conduct its required duties and granted authorities. These documents include:

- SILC Bylaws
- Member Policies and Procedures
- Fiscal Policies and Procedures
- A Personnel Policy document is currently being written and will be approved by the SILC prior to the hiring of an Executive Director.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is the Department of Aging and Independent Living. Authorized representative of the DSE Victoria Elridge Title Commissioner.

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

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 is Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council, also known as Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc., and Kentucky SILC, Inc.

6.3 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

- Center for Accessible Living
- disAbility Resource Center
- Independence Place

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carry out each provision of the SPIL. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL.
Yes (Yes/No)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Victoria Elridge acting on behalf of the DSE Department for Aging and Independent Living located at 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621, 502-564-6930 and e-mail address)
45 CFR 1329.11 assures that:

- 7.1. The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the State based on the plan;
- 7.2. The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;
- 7.3. The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;
- 7.4. The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the State as required in *45 CFR 1329.14*;
- 7.5. The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:
 1. Expenditure of federal funds
 2. Meeting schedules and agendas
 3. SILC board business
 4. Voting actions of the SILC board
 5. Personnel actions
 6. Allowable travel
 7. Trainings
- 7.6. The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:
 1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C.796d(e)(3)).

- 7.7. The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the State;
- 7.8. The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs:
1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;
 2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
 3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.

Victoria Elridge, Commissioner, Department for Aging and Independent Living

Name and Title of DSE director/authorized representative

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 Assurances

Amy Dougherty acting on behalf of the SILC Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council located at 1716 Fox Head Court, Lexington, KY 40515 45 CFR 1329.14 assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;
 - b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;
- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.

Section 8.2 Indicators of Minimum Compliance

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported by 45 CFR 1329.14-1329.16; and Assurances for Designated State Entities (DSE) as permitted by Section 704(c)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 796c(c)(4)), as amended.

(a) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL INDICATORS. –

- (1) SILC written policies and procedures must include:
 - a. A method for recruiting members, reviewing applications, and regularly providing recommendations for eligible appointments to the appointing authority;
 - b. A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;
 - c. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - d. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);

- e. A process and timeline for advance notice to the public for SILC “Executive Session” meetings, that are closed to the public, that follow applicable federal and State laws;
 - i. “Executive Session” meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - ii. Agendas for “Executive Session” meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;
 - f. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - g. A method for developing, seeking and incorporating public input into, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating implementation of the State Plan as required in 45 CFR 1329.17; and
 - h. A process to verify centers for independent living are eligible to sign the State Plan in compliance with 45 CFR 1329.17(d)(2)(iii).
- (2) The SILC maintains regular communication with the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.
- (3) The SILC maintains individual training plans for members that adhere to the SILC Training and Technical Assistance Center’s SILC training curriculum.
- (4) The SILC receives public input into the development of the State Plan for Independent Living in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.17(f) ensuring:
- a. Adequate documentation of the State Plan development process, including but not limited to, a written process setting forth how input will be gathered from the state’s centers for independent living and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, and the process for how the information collected is considered.
 - b. All meetings regarding State Plan development and review are open to the public and provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i)-(ii);
 - c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.

- e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
- (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
- a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
- (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
- a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 - 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;
 - ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
 - b. The funds needed to support:
 - i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;
 - iii. Council compensation and expenses;
 - iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
 - v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
 - vi. Other costs as appropriate.

The signature below indicates the SILC's agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:

Amy Dougherty

Name of SILC chairperson

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 9: Signatures

The signatures below are of the SILC chairperson and at least 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council and the centers for independent living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement this SPIL's content. These signatures also indicate that this SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2023 (year)

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Amy Dougherty

NAME OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

Center for Accessible Living

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Amanda Mobley, Interim Executive Director

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Independence Place

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Megan Coleman

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

disABILITY Resource Center

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Katherine Moore

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

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