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State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

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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.

programs is ____PA OVR__ (insert name of DSU). 34 CFR 76.104(a)(1) and (2); 34 CFR 364.22(a)

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.

Act in the State is __PA SILC_____ (insert name of SILC). 34 CFR 364.21(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.

PA SILC

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. No

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 and to submit the SPIL jointly with the SILC chairperson is William A. Gannon, Executive Director.

Section 2: SPIL Development

2.1 The plan shall be reviewed and revised not less than once every three years, to ensure the Yes

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.

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:

Yes

- 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.

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

Yes

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.

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:

Yes

- 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.

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

Yes

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.

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:

Yes

- 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.

5.3 Service providers establish and maintain a program of staff development for all classes of

Yes

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.

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

Yes

significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act.

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

Yes

fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for those funds.

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:

Yes

- 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.

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 (available in MS Word and PDF formats) for the state independent living program (Part B) and the centers for independent living program (Part C). Section 9: Signature for SILC Chairperson

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2010.

Name	Susan Tomasic
Title	Chair
Signed?	Yes
Date signed	06/22/2010

Section 9: Signature for DSU Director

Name	William A. Gannon
Title	Executive Director
Signed?	Yes
Date signed	06/22/2010

Section 9: Signature for Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind

Is there a Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind?	No
Name	
Title	
Signed?	No
Date signed	

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Part II: Narrative

Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities - Screen 1

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.

Goal Name: Empowerment of the Youth

Goal Description: MISSION: It is the mission of the IL Program in Pennsylvania to empower individuals with disabilities to have the opportunity to choose to live independently.

To develop mechanisms that promotes the empowerment of youth to be fully participating citizens in their communities.

? The DSU will develop and distribute competitive RFP's regarding the Youth Statewide Initiative (YSI) and the 4 Youth Regional Initiatives contracts.

? The coordinator of the YSI will submit a quarterly report to the DSU which will update information related to the performance targets. The information will be shared at full council meetings and with the SPIL Subcommittee for evaluation.

? YSI contractors will establish five (5) local partnerships and coalitions per contract year with organizations whose mission is consistent with the Independent Living philosophy and which address issues of concern to people with disabilities such as youth, poverty, housing, education, and transportation. Such partnerships may be evidenced, for example, by the regular exchange of information and/or shared decision-making between CILs and local organizations and coalitions, by attendance of CIL staff at partnership organization meetings and partnership organization staff at meetings and trainings at CILs, by CIL staff who sit on local planning councils, advisory committees and boards of local

organizations with missions consistent with the Independent Living philosophy, and by partner organization staff who are represented on CIL boards and committees.

- Lead Organization: Awardee of the YSI contracts
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

Goal Name: System Change

Goal Description: To target and impact existing systems that serve people with disabilities to increase independent living options or access.

? The DSU will develop and distribute competitive RFP's regarding the coordination of the SCB (Strategy Community Building) and the six regional SCB contracts.

? The coordinator of the SCB will submit a quarterly report to the DSU which will update information related to the performance targets. The information will be shared at full council meetings and with the SPIL Subcommittee for evaluation.

? SCB contractors will establish five (5) local partnerships and coalitions per contract year with organizations whose mission is consistent with the Independent Living philosophy and which address issues of concern to people with disabilities such as health, aging, poverty, housing, education, and transportation. Such partnerships may be evidenced, for example, by the regular exchange of information and/or shared decision-making between CILs and local organizations and coalitions, by attendance of CIL staff at partnership organization meetings and partnership organization staff at meetings and trainings at CILs, by CIL staff who sit on local planning councils, advisory committees and boards of local organizations with missions consistent with the Independent Living philosophy, and by partner organization staff who are represented on CIL boards and committees.

- Lead Organization: Awardee of the SCB contracts
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

Goal Name: SILC

Goal Description: To strengthen the SILC

Lead Organization Key Partners: SILC and DSU

Partner: ILRU

Funding Source: Title 7, Part B

Knowledge gained from this training will strengthen the leadership of the SILC and will better prepare them to be more effective in fulfilling their fiduciary duties

Goal Name: PA's existing network of CILs.

Goal Description: Strengthen the operation of PA's existing network of CILs.

DSU will develop and distribute the competitive RFP regarding the training. PASILC will provide input. The target will be CIL staff and board members

- Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

The knowledge gained from board and staff training would strengthen the leadership of the IL community and encourage true active participation which then would allow more effective advocacy for the services offered to Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

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Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities - Screen 2

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
Empowerment of the Youth	To develop and expand peer training and support the network for the targeted population. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead Organization: Awardee of the YSI contracts• Key Partners: DSU, PASILC• Funding Source: Title VII, Part B	10/01/2010	09/30/2013
Empowerment of the Youth	Provide for a statewide youth leadership network coordinator to identify existing groups, resources, support activities, and gaps.	10/01/2010	09/30/2013
System Change	Develop a series of pilot projects through a grant process to positively impact areas that will increase independent living options and access.	10/01/2010	09/30/2013

System Change	<p>To develop and expand network of strategic community building groups to advocate for systems changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the SCB contracts • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 	10/01/2013	09/30/2013
SILC	<p>Utilize the ILRU model of strategic planning to identify weaknesses and strengths of the operation of the SILC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 	10/01/2010	09/30/2013
SILC	<p>Address needs of the SILC to meet requirements of the law in the areas of board development, fiscal management, and outcome measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 	10/01/2010	09/30/2013
PA's existing network of CILs.	<p>Having a uniform statewide data collection system in place that will ensure consistency in the types of services provided, that consumers are able to receive similar IL services from any CIL, and that the CILs will be able to report similar outcomes for each type of service provided regardless of</p>	10/01/2010	09/30/2013

	<p>where the CIL is located within the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 		
PA's existing network of CILs.	<p>The PA SILC will continue to search for suggestions and ideas from other states on how to ensure that all IL service types and categories have the same definition statewide, and that all consumers seeking these services have equal access to them regardless of where a CIL is located within the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 	10/01/2010	09/30/2013
PA's existing network of CILs.	<p>Provide board and staff training through PASILC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training • Key Partners: DSU, PASILC • Funding Source: Title VII, Part B 	10/01/2010	09/30/2013

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Part II: Narrative

Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities - Screen 3

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

Pennsylvania is a state with 2.1 millions persons with disabilities living in large metropolitan areas medium sized cities and rural agricultural communities. Due to the vast differences in the population it is necessary to determine where the designated population resides. 1. Deaf / Hard of Hearing 2. Latinos with disabilities 3. Disabled youths as they transition from school to adulthood and/or ideally to employment or further education. 4. Traumatic brain injuries. 5. Underserved populations under aged 25 and over aged 60 6. Autism 7. Blind & visually impaired

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

PA will develop strategies for outreach efforts to minority populations throughout Pennsylvania. Also establish relationships with multi-cultural programs within each Pennsylvania higher education institution. Northeast Pennsylvania that are not currently served by a Part C center: Bradford Columbia Lackawanna Luzerne Pike Monroe Sullivan Susquehanna Wayne and Wyoming Counties.

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

1. the CILs will increase outreach efforts, especially rural outreach, as part of the goals and objectives in the new SPIL;
2. all IL service providers and partners in the state will periodically organize and increasingly participate in rural community events as a way of reaching out to individuals with disabilities residing in those communities; and
3. the PA SILC, all IL service providers, and partners will work closely with individual IL consumers and consumer advocacy groups to develop new methods and approaches for increasing public awareness about disability issues in all geographic areas of the state.

Method of Evaluation: OVR and the PA SILC will be successful when there is increased public awareness, especially among individuals in rural areas, of IL services in the state.

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 - 2011 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$306,870			\$400,000
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			\$2,567,100	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)				
Other Federal funds - other				
Non-Federal funds - State funds	\$34,097			\$44,444
ARRA Funds Part C			\$3,495,483	
ARRA Funds Part B			\$13,235	
Total	340967	0	6075818	444444

Year 2 - 2012 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$306,870			\$400,000
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			\$2,567,100	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)				
Other Federal funds - other				
Non-Federal funds - State funds	\$34,097			\$44,444
ARRA Funds Part C			\$3,495,483	
Total	340967	0	6062583	444444

Year 3 - 2013 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B	\$306,870			\$400,000
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			\$2,567,100	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)				
Other Federal funds - other				
Non-Federal funds - State funds	\$34,097			\$44,444
ARRA Funds Part C			\$3,495,483	
Total	340967	0	6062583	444444

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.

SILC Resource Plan/SILC Support

- Strategic Community Building groups (SCB) statewide initiatives through six contracts. \$240,000 per year and one statewide coordinator.

? The DSU will develop and distribute competitive RFP's regarding the coordination of the SCB (Strategy Community Building) and the six regional SCB contracts.

- Lead Organization: Awardee of the Training
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

- Regional youth initiative statewide initiatives through four contracts \$160,000 per year and one state coordinator.

The DSU will develop and distribute competitive RFP's regarding the Youth Statewide Initiative (YSI) and the 4 Youth Regional Initiatives contracts.

- Lead Organization: Awardee of the YSI contracts
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

- Statewide Independent Living Council Administration and Support \$306,870

- Lead Organization: SILC
- Key Partners: DSU, PASILC
- Funding Source: Title VII, Part B

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.

The board of directors of the SILC will ensure that the CILs receive the funding allotted to them in the SPIL required to

support the network.

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.

N?A

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

Distribution of ARRA Part C funds targeting underserved areas:

In Pennsylvania understaffing and limited funding of centers results in pockets of underserved areas. To address these underserved areas, ARRA Part C funds will be used to raise the funding level of Part C centers to the minimum standard of \$250,000 for each of the next five years. Therefore, the following Part C Centers that are below \$250,000 will receive funds to address these underserved areas:

CIL of No Central: \$14,085

CIL of So Central: \$14,080

Three Rivers Center for IL: \$14,085

Disability Empowerment Center: \$430,965

CRI Inc. (Community Resources for Independence): \$14,085

Disability Options Network: \$224,850

Tri-County Patriots: \$626,965

Voices for Independence: \$241,450

TOTAL: \$1,580,565

The remaining ARRA Part C funds will be divided over the next five years among the ten Part C Centers to address unserved and underserved populations, based upon the populations within the Center's service area, i.e., based on the number of counties each center serves in relation to the total number of counties served by Part C centers.

CIL of Central PA: \$208,143.26

Counties: Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin

CIL of No Central: \$333,029.21

Counties: Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union

CIL of So Central: \$291,400.56

Counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset

Three Rivers Center for IL: \$166,514.61

Counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmorland

Disability Empowerment Center: \$83,257.31

Counties: Lancaster, Lebanon

CRI Inc. (Community Resources for Independence): \$249,771.91

Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

Disability Options Network: \$166,514.61

Counties: Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Mercer

Liberty Resources: \$41,628.66

Counties: Philadelphia

Tri-County Patriots: \$124,885.96

Counties: Fayette, Greene, Washington

Voices for Independence: \$249,771.91

Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

TOTAL: \$1,914,918.00

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.

SPIL objectives are consistent with the purpose of the act and constitute a full spectrum of initiatives. For example, goal 1 – the concept of system change that all housing should be constructed to meet minimal access standards for people

with disabilities, will work to ensure that people with disabilities have affordable, accessible homes, creating empowerment and independence as fully integrated members of society for people with disabilities.

Similarly, the other enumerated goals, developed by, with and for members of Pennsylvania's disability community, promote and implement the philosophy and action that all citizens must have all the benefits that society offers along with the means and preparations to meet all the responsibilities that society requires.

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.

The SILC and DSU worked together throughout the SPIL development process by holding regular face to face meetings as well as teleconference calls. Goals were developed as a committee based on comments received from video conference forums, public hearings and SPIL trainings. The SILC and DSU incorporated SPIL writing with the CIL association in order to consider the planning of all parties.

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.

PA SILC works closely with many of the Statewide Partners on policy issues through SILC committees, as participants on external advisory committees, advocacy alerts, campaigns, and resource sharing on grassroots efforts. Frequently partner with other statewide disability organizations on coordinating events. PA SILC continues to build relationships with the administration by inviting them to address council members at quarterly board meetings. This collaboration enables the statewide partners to share information with their local chapters, and in turn the SILC will share information

with the 18 CILs and PCIL to maximize the relationship statewide.

Statewide Partners

Non Profits

- Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania (ABIN)
- Allegheny District Chapter National MS Society
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)- PA Chapter
- Autism Living And Working (ALAW)
- Center for Disability Law & Policy / Client Assistance Program (CAP) of PA
- Central Pennsylvania Chapter National MS Society
- Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
- Disabilities Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN of PA)
- Disability Voting Coalition (DVC) of PA
- Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania
- Greater Delaware Valley Chapter National MS Society
- Hearing Loss Association of Pennsylvania
- HEAR Inc.(Healthy Housing) – Rev. Nancy Firestone
- Institute on Disabilities/UCEDD Temple University (PIAT)
- Jewish Employment & Vocational Services (JEVS)
- Mental Health Association of Armstrong County
- Mental Health Association of Beaver County
- Mental Health Association of Butler County
- Mental Health Association of Fayette County
- Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania
- Mental Health Association of Westmoreland County
- Mental Health Association of Allegheny County
- Mental Health Association of Franklin / Fulton County

- Mental Health Association in Lancaster County
- Mental Health Association of Lebanon County
- Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
- Mental Health Association of Reading & Berks County
- Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania
- Mental Health Association of the Capital Region
- Mental Health Association of the Central Susquehanna Valley
- Mental Health Association of Washington County
- National MS Society Pennsylvania Chapter
- PA Council on Independent Living (PCIL)
- PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)
- Pennsylvania Assisted Living Consumer Alliance (PALCA)
- Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (PARF)
- Pennsylvania Community Providers Association (PCPA)
- Pennsylvania Council of the Blind
- Pennsylvania Society for The Advancement of The Deaf
- PA Health Law Project
- Pennsylvania Transportation Alliance
- People For the American Way
- Self-determination Housing Project of Pennsylvania
- Spina Bifida Association of Greater Pennsylvania
- The Arc of Adams County
- The Arc of Armstrong County
- The Arc of Berks, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- The Arc of Blair County
- The Arc of Butler County
- The Arc of Cambria County
- The Arc of Delaware County

- The Arc of Chester County
- The Arc of Clarion County
- The Arc of Crawford County
- The Arc of Cumberland/Perry Counties (CPARC)
- The Arc of Dauphin/Lebanon Counties
- The Arc of Erie County
- The Arc of Centre County
- The Arc of Fayette County
- The Arc of Franklin/Fulton Counties
- The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh serving Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland Counties (Achieva)
- The Arc of Greene County
- The Arc of Indiana County
- The Arc of Northeastern PA
- The Arc of Lancaster County
- The Arc of Lehigh/Northampton Counties
- The Arc of Luzerne County
- The Arc of Lycoming County
- The Arc of Mercer County
- The Arc of Jefferson County
- The Arc of Northumberland County
- The ARC of Pennsylvania
- The Arc of Wayne County
- The Arc of Schuylkill County
- The Arc of Warren/Forest Counties
- The Arc of Washington County
- The Arc of Philadelphia
- The Arc of Westmoreland County
- The Arc of Wyoming County

- The Arc of York County
- Transportation Advocacy Project
- Vision for Equality, Inc
- United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania
- United Cerebral Palsy of Northwestern Pennsylvania
- United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania
- United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia & Vicinity
- United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh
- United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Alleghenies Region
- United Cerebral Palsy of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- United Cerebral Palsy of South Central Pennsylvania

National Organizations

- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

State Agencies (outside OVR)

- Department of Aging / Office of Long Term Living (OLTL)
- Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)
- Department of Public Welfare (DPW)
- Department of Transportation (PENNDOT)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council
- Pennsylvania Housing & Finance Agency (PHFA)
- Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC)
- Department of Education

Federal Agencies

- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- USDA Rural Development-Rural Housing

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.

The IL Program provides services and coordinates services provided by partner organizations. Because CILs meet the local needs of the community they serve they are often the first place that people with disabilities go to get information and referral on services they need regardless of provider.

Below are programs that are not funded or administered by IL or VR. However, they are services that are IL related that are coordinated for maximum benefit for each consumer:

Home and Community Based Services programs under the Department of Public Welfare for individuals with mental health disorders, mental retardation and /or other developmental disabilities:

Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)

Office of Developmental Programs (ODP-formerly Office of Mental Retardation or OMR)

Services that are under County Mental Health and Mental Retardation or independently contract with DPW include:

- Case management/independent supports coordination
- Family support services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Early Intervention
- Residential supports
- Adult development training

Community services or supports:

- Infants, Toddlers and Families (ITF) Waiver- Provides habilitation services to children with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities in need of early intervention services from birth until their third birthday who would otherwise need as the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- Consolidated Waiver (MR Services)- Provides respite care, habilitation, environmental accessibility adaptations, transportation, homemaker/chore services, nursing and specialized therapies to individuals with mental retardation 3 years and older
- Person/Family Directed Support Waiver ((PFDS) for MR Services)– Provides 11 community services to individuals age 3 and over who meet ICF/MR level of care, but do not require licensed mental retardation community residential services
- Autism Waiver- This covers adults with autism ages 21 and older
- Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP-non waiver autism program)- This currently exists in 4 counties: Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster and Chester with future expansion possible

DPW-BIS (Bureau of Individual Supports) and / or Aging /Office of Long Term Living (OLT) programs:

- Act 150 (Attendant Care-non-waiver-under age 60) – Serves individuals with physical disabilities who are “mentally alert” and between the ages of 18-59; no age of onset restriction who are not eligible for Medicaid Waivers currently. At this time, this program does not include Home Modifications as an available support.
- Aging (PDA) Waiver – Provides service alternatives to elderly people with disabilities age 60 and over who have been assessed as being medically and financially qualified for nursing facility services
- Attendant Care Waiver (Ages 18-59) - Serves individuals with physical disabilities who are “mentally alert” and between the ages of 18-59; no age of onset restriction. Services include supports coordination, attendant care and personal emergency response system to individuals with either physical or other disabilities in this age group. At this time, this does not include Home Modifications as an available support.
- Community Care –COMMCARE- Waiver- Home and Community Based program developed for individuals who experience medically determinable diagnosis of traumatic brain injury. Array of services includes case management, personal care, respite, habilitation (prevocational, supported employment and educational services), environmental adaptations, non-medical transportation, specialized medical equipment, supplies, and assistive technology, chore,

personal emergency response system, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, coaching/cueing, night supervision, structured day program, behavioral specialist, cognitive therapy, counseling, community integration, for individuals 21 and older

- Independence Waiver (formerly Office of Social Programs (OSP) Independence Waiver)– Serves individuals with “other related conditions”; eligible at age 18; no age of onset restriction; provides 12 community services: service coordination, daily living, respite, environmental access, special medical equipment and supplies, personal emergency response system, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, hearing language to adults with disabilities. Independence Waiver also provides community transition, allows families to provide daily living services and removes requirements that families obtain 3 bids for purchase of environmental modifications and assistive technology special medical equipment.
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Waiver – Provides 13 community services; Prior to age 22 federally restricted age of onset restriction; include supports are: service co-ordination/resource management, daily living, respite, adult day services, habilitation, education and supported employment, community integration, environmental access adaption, transportation, personal emergency response system, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language and visiting nurse services to individuals with developmental disabilities with other conditions /severe chronic diseases who do not have mental retardation or a major mental health disorder as a primary diagnosis.
- Michael Dallas Waiver – Provides services to technology-dependent individuals needing registered nurse shift professional care daily who are usually ineligible for Medical Assistance due to excess parental income; age of onset of under 21 restriction. It provides case management, respite, specialized medical equipment and supplies, private duty nursing, attendant care and transition services to individuals who are technology dependent. At this time, there are discussions of possibly merging Michael Dallas Waiver participants into another Medicaid Waiver in Pa, such as the Independence Waiver, but Independence Waiver would have to be modified to include support for specialized nursing services included here. Similar efforts occurred when Elywn Waiver was not renewed in 2009 and individuals from that waiver were put into Medicaid Waivers and program supports.
- Forthcoming in late 2010 or near future (in process now)- Assisted Living Waiver (at this time, there are only proposed regulations)

Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP):

- AIDS / HIV Waiver – Provides services to individuals with a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS related complex; no age limit. Services covered AIDS / HIV Waiver do not include Home Modifications
- Long Term Care Capitation Assistance – Provides lifetime services to elderly, disabled individuals who are medically and financially qualified for nursing home services
- Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)- This is a county-based program that provides transportation to medical services for Medical Assistance, OR MA, consumers who do not have other transportation available to them. The county will provide the type of transportation that is the least expensive while still meeting the consumer's needs. Users are primarily seniors, people with disabilities and some other participants in DPW programs.

Other Home and Community-Based Services or Supports administered by the PA Department of Aging / Office of Long Term Living and DPW:

- Domiciliary Care Services for Adults
- Adult Day Services
- Aging/Mental Health Activities
- Aging/Mental Retardation Activities
- Alzheimer's Disease Assistance
- APPRISE-free one on one or telephone assistance with understanding Medicare and Medicaid eligibility benefits
- Attendant Care and Aging Waivers, Act 150, Other Attendant Care (also noted above)
- Employment Services for Older Individuals
- Family Caregiver Support
- Legal Services
- LIFE (Living Independent for the Elderly)- LIFE is a managed care program for frail elderly recipients who need 'nursing facility level of care', but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible
- Nutrition Services
- Ombudsman
- OPTIONS-intensive assessment for connection with possible services
- Senior Community Centers

- Transportation (Senior Shared Ride)

Pennsylvania received the following three grants from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS):

- Long-Term Care Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs or LINKs) - a joint effort of the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and provides states the opportunity to integrate their long-term support resources for consumers into a single coordinated system.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) - a Federal Initiative for PA to determine ways to allow government funds to follow a person, allowing them to move from one setting to another as their needs and desires change. The goal of the project will be to permit Federal and state funding to follow consumers to the most appropriate and preferred setting. Nursing Home Transition (NHT) is also part of MFP efforts. PA DPW/ Aging/ OLTL have had to revise targets on several occasions. Folks who meet the criteria could be transitioned from nursing homes, state institutions (state centers, state hospitals) and other institutional like settings.

Other Supports:

Department of Community & Economic Development

- Home Modifications- Also known as Access Home Mods or Accessible Housing line item; program administered by some CILS and other service providers for non-waiver people with disabilities and seniors. Note: this program is for individuals not in a Medicaid Waiver or other program through which they can acquire home modifications

Disability-Related Services provided by the Department of Education:

Special Education Early Intervention Program – provides services to children ages 3-5 including, but not limited to:

- transportation
- speech/language services
- occupational therapy/physical therapy

- hearing support
- vision support
- audiology services
- social work and management services
- psychological services
- orientation and mobility training
- parent counseling and training

A child may require any of the following related services in order to benefit from special education. Related services, as listed under IDEA, include (but are not limited to):

- Audiology services
- Counseling services
- Early identification and assessment of disabilities in children
- Medical services
- Occupational therapy
- Orientation and mobility services
- Parent counseling and training
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services
- Recreation
- Rehabilitation counseling services
- School health services
- Social work services in schools
- Speech language pathology services
- Transportation

If a child needs a particular related service in order to benefit from special education, the related service professional should be involved in developing the Individual Education Plan (IEP). He or she may be invited by the school or parent

to join the IEP team as a person "with knowledge or special expertise about the child."

Transition to Adult Life -Transition Services (Mainly DPW-ODP, Education and L&I-OVR)

- Prepare students with disabilities for adult life. This can include developing postsecondary education and career goals, getting work experience while still in school, setting up linkages with adult service providers such as the vocational rehabilitation agency -whatever is appropriate for the student, given his or her interests, preferences, skills, and needs. Statements about the student's transition needs must be included in the IEP after the student reaches a certain age

Disability-Related Services Provided by the Department of Transportation:

- Persons With Disabilities (PWD) Shared Ride Program- funded through Act 44 of 2007. In 2007, \$8.7 million was included to support the complete expansion of this program in 65 counties by adding 16 additional counties. Capital-only assistance program for the purchase of vehicles to transport the elderly and individuals with disabilities; Intended primarily for private not-for-profit organizations; Public organizations that coordinate services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities or that can certify that no not-for-profit organizations are readily available that can provide service may also be eligible to receive program funding. This program is to primarily cover geographic regions or areas that do not have fixed route options for people with disabilities under age 60 (other public transportation options) available in their local areas. At this writing, all counties except Westmoreland County have some form of this program.

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.

The Independent Living for Individuals who are Older Blind program is designed to provide services to individuals who are 55 years old or older and who are blind or have a visual impairment. The DSU will collaborate with the Statewide

Independent Living Council (SILC) to strengthen their relationship in order to better serve blind or visually impaired Pennsylvanians. This would include fostering collaborations with Citizens Advisory Committees, local blind associations and community service organizations. The DSU will also work with SILC to offer advice and provide information on alternative formats for documents, assistive technology and referral services. Staff from the DSU's ILOB program will attend the quarterly SILC meetings to foster open communication

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

State: Pennsylvania
Agency: Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - Dept of Labor and Industry
Plan for: 2011-2013
Submitted in fiscal year: 2010

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).

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided by the DSU (directly)	Provided by the DSU (through	Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU
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		contract and/or grant)	contracts/grants)
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	No	Yes	Yes
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)	No	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation technology	No	Yes	Yes
Mobility training	No	Yes	Yes
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	No	Yes	Yes

interpreter and reader services			
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	No	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	No	Yes	Yes
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	No	Yes	Yes
Supported living	No	Yes	Yes
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	No	Yes	Yes
Physical rehabilitation	No	Yes	Yes
Therapeutic treatment	No	Yes	Yes
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	No	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 advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options	No	Yes	Yes
Services for children with significant disabilities	No	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	No	Yes	Yes
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	No	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	No	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.

Population group Service Provision Priorities

Latinos

- Reducing language barriers to increase access to community resources and independent living programs
- Appointments to SILC and CIL boards to expand participation in Independent Living and the organizations' understanding of issues unique to Latinos in its community.
- Availability of accessible transportation in Latino communities

African Americans

- Appointments to SILC and CIL boards to expand participation in Independent Living and the organizations' understanding of issues unique to African Americans in its community.
- Support availability to accessible transportation in African American communities
- Increase understanding within Independent Living of cultural differences and how to modify outreach effectively.

Asians

- Participate in IL community
- Maintaining educational requirements and preventing reductions in requirements for students with disabilities
- Assisting with youth transition from school to work.
- Modify communication strategies to youth by using terminology and methods that appeal to young people.
- Increase understanding within Independent Living of cultural differences and how to modify outreach effectively.

Youth

- Maintaining educational requirements and preventing reductions in requirements for students with disabilities
- Assisting with youth transition from school to work.
- Modify communication strategies to youth by using terminology and methods that appeal to young people.

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 DSU does not provide any IL services. Contractual arrangements are made with third parties. The Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP) program is an example of a contract with a third party entity. TDDP is a program that provides specialized equipment to eligible Pennsylvanians who have disabilities which prevent them from using regular telephone equipment. Created in 1995 as a result of Act 34, the TDDP is implemented by Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT), a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, in conjunction with the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC). The SILC is involved in a partnership fashion as those contracts are awarded.

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.

In the PA Independent Living Services Act (Act 139) Section 11 it states that all CILs will meet the standards that will ensure all individual's eligibility for services will be determined.

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

State: Pennsylvania
Agency: Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - Dept of Labor and Industry
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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 PA Network is comprised of 18 CILs that serve the entire Commonwealth. However, many of them serve a number of counties and therefore are unable to serve all counties equally. The table below outlines the network by naming the CIL, the source of funding, counties served, location and executive director.

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Abilities in Motion

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888-376-0120

610-376-0021 FAX

www.abilitiesinmotion.org

Counties: Berks

Federal, Part C

Center for Independent Living of Central PA

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Camp Hill, PA 17011

717-731-1900

800-323-6060

717-731-8150 FAX

717-737-1335 TTY

www.cilcp.org

Counties: Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living

DENISE CORCORAN, Executive Director

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44 W. Broad Street

Hazleton, PA 18201-6418

570-455-9800 V/TTY

800-777-9906

570-455-1731 FAX

www.anthracitecil.org

Counties: Carbon, Luzerne (Hazleton Area), Schuylkill

Federal, Part C

Center for Independent Living of North Central PA

RENEE SLUZALIS, Executive Director

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210 Market Street, Suite A

Williamsport, PA 17701

570-327-9070

800-984-7492

570-327-8610 FAX

www.cilncp.org

Counties: Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Bucks County Center for Independent Living

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One Oxford Valley, Suite 318

2300 East Lincoln Highway

Langhorne, PA 19047

215-752-7101

215-752-7125 FAX

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Counties: Bucks

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Center for Independent Living Opportunities

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York, PA 17401

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800-956-0099

717-849-0996 FAX

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Counties: Adams, Franklin, York

Federal, Part C

Center for Independent Living of South Central PA

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Altoona, PA 16602

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Counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset

Federal, Part C

Disability Options Network

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New Castle, PA 16101

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Counties: Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Mercer

Federal, Part C

Community Resources for Independence

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814-838-8491 Fax

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Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Freedom Valley Disability Enablement

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610-353-8900 TTY

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Counties: Chester, Delaware, Montgomery

Federal, Part C

Disability Empowerment Center

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www.disabilityempowermentcenter.org

Counties: Lancaster, Lebanon

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living

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Counties: Lehigh, Northampton

Federal, Part C

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Counties: Philadelphia

Federal, Part C
Three Rivers Center for Independent Living Services, Inc.
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412-371-7700
412-335-0274
800-633-4588 (within PA)
412-371-9430 FAX
412-371-6230 TTY
www.trcil.org
Counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland
State, Funded by State General Revenue
Life & Independence for Today (LIFT)
ROBERT MECCA, Executive Director

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503 East Arch Street

St. Marys, PA 15857

814-781-3050

800-341-5438

814-781-1917 FAX/TTY

www.liftcil.org

Counties: Cameron, Clearfield, Elk,

Jefferson, McKean, Potter Funded by both State/Federal, Part C and State General Revenue

Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living

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724-223-5119 FAX

724-228-4028 TTY

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Counties: Fayette, Greene, Washington

State, Funded by State General Revenue

Northeast PA Center for Independent Living

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Counties: Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Monroe, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming

Federal, Part C

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866-407-0064

814-874-3497 FAX

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Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

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).

The establishment of a network of CILs is a priority of Pennsylvania and the disability community to ensure the availability of CIL services to all Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

Two funding sources currently support the provision of independent living services in the State: Title VII, Part C; Title VII, Part B; and state independent living funds. There are 18 CILs with 10 funded by a federal funding source and 9

funded by a state funding source (One CIL is funded by both sources).

1. Should additional funds become available; the priority will be to bring each of the current 10 (see above) federal centers for independent living meeting RSA's standards and indicators for CILs, up to a minimum base funding level of \$300,000 in Title VII, Part C funds.
2. Areas for expansion are tentatively identified as follows: North East PA when federal funds become available and Westmoreland County when state funds become available.

Distribution of Part C ARRA funds targeting underserved areas

There are no regions in Pennsylvania that are unserved, only areas that are underserved.

Should additional Part C funds become available over the period of this State Plan, these extra monies should be divided among the ten Part C center to services in those areas that are underserved.

The order of priority for providing services to underserved regions include Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Lebanon, Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie, Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Philadelphia, Fayette, Greene, and Washington.

In Pennsylvania understaffing and limited funding of Centers results in pockets of underserved areas. To address these underserved areas, ARRA funds will be used to raise the level of Part C Centers to the current minimum standard of \$250,000 for each over the next five years. Therefore, the following Part C Centers that are below \$250,000 will receive funds to address these underserved areas:

CIL of No Central: \$14,085

CIL of So Central: \$14,080

Three Rivers Center for IL: \$14,085

Disability Empowerment Center: \$430,965

CRI Inc. (Community Resources for Independence): \$14,085

Disability Options Network: \$224,850

Tri-County Patriots: \$626,965

Voices for Independence: \$241,450

TOTAL: \$1,580,565

The remaining ARRA Part C funds over the next five years will be divided among the ten Part C Centers to address unserved and underserved populations, based upon the populations within the Center's service area, i.e., based on the number of counties each center serves in relation to the total number of counties served by Part C centers.

CIL of Central PA: \$208,143.26

Counties: Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin

CIL of No Central: \$333,029.21

Counties: Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union

CIL of So Central: \$291,400.56

Counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset

Three Rivers Center for IL: \$166,514.61

Counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmorland

Disability Empowerment Center: \$83,257.31

Counties: Lancaster, Lebanon

CRI Inc. (Community Resources for Independence): \$249,771.91

Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

Disability Options Network: \$166,514.61

Counties: Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Mercer

Liberty Resources: \$41,628.66

Counties: Philadelphia

Tri-County Patriots: \$124,885.96

Counties: Fayette, Greene, Washington

Voices for Independence: \$249,771.91

Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Warren, Forest, Venango, Erie

TOTAL: \$1,914,918.00

Any funds beyond the yearly increase and COLAS are to be divided among the ten Part C centers.

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.

N/A

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

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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.

Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about administrative support services.

As the Designated State Unit, the PA OVR provides administrative support to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) on an ongoing and active basis. One important role is grant management and technical assistance of the SILC Support funding. OVR staff review, approve and monitor SILC support grant: applications, renewal documents, reports and budget. In another capacity, OVR staff regularly attends SILC quarterly Board meetings and the OVR Executive Director is an Ex-officio SILC Board Member. An additional role is OVRs participation in the development and review of a joint Statewide Plan for Independent Living

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

N/A

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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.

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Disbursements will be made as required according to the three years developed in this SPIL with an annual budget to serve as a companion. The line items in that budget are described below:

Salaries and Benefits – projected expenses needed to employ SILC staff

Equipment Purchase – projected expenses to purchase equipment necessary

Equipment Lease & Maintenance - cost of leasing and/or maintenance agreements

Audit– projected cost of an annual audit to fulfill state and federal contract requirements.

Computer Software – projected cost to purchase computer software

Consultation – consultation services in specialized areas related to the SILC’s mission

Dues/Subscriptions/Fees - costs related to memberships in disability related organizations/groups, subscriptions to cable service and newspapers.

Educational Fees/Materials – projected expenses of materials utilized in personal development

Insurance/Directors & Officers – projected cost for Directors’ and Officers’ insurance

Insurance/Property - projected cost for property insurance

Legal Fees – projected cost for legal counsel and representation to assure viability.

Meeting Charges - Funds to cover the costs of having quarterly and committee meetings

Payroll Services – projected cost for payroll services, reports, and tax filing purposes.

Postage – projected cost for typical mailings of correspondence

Printing – projected cost of purchasing professional printing services

Reasonable Accommodations – projected cost for disability-related support

Rent - projected cost for office space, parking, janitorial services, and off-site storage.

Supplies - typical clerical supplies, binders, miscellaneous materials and supplies

Telephone - projected cost for telephone and computer network expenses

Travel//Lodging, Meals, PAS, and Transportation – projected cost of lodging expenses for board members, staff, committee members, and attendants

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 has an internal process for proper expenditure of funds. See Section 6.4 below for details. In addition to this process, the Finance Committee meets regularly to ensure the funds meet the program responsibilities as well as being properly accounted for. The SILC also has an annual program audit. The SILC is in continual communication with the DSU to ensure the resources are expended properly both before the passage of the plan and during the implementation

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

There are no policies or practices in place that compromise the independence of the SILC

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

The plan proposed uses known resources.

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 PA SILC is a 501(C)(3) entity that operates with a governing board of directors. The DSU and the SILC work in partnership as described by the Rehab Act.

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 recruits qualified members from around the state working from a grid that takes into account all of the membership requirements of the Rehab Act. The council then meets potential members and determines whether or not to send recommendations to the Governor. Upon recommendation of the SILC, information is sent to the DSU who works with the Governor's office to ensure that the SILC always maintains a full complement of members.

SILC Bylaws Section 3: Appointment.

The councilors shall be appointed by the governor for a three year term as required or allowed by law. The council may make recommendations for such appointments. No more than two consecutive full terms may be served by any individual. Individuals may be reappointed to a new term following a period of one year from the expiration date of any second full consecutive term.

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.

This occurs with the board of directors regarding the executive director and the remaining SILC staff is evaluated by the executive director.

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

The DSU does not interfere in any way with the SILC staff

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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.

Through regular staff meetings and activities, specialists will participate in the planning of IL services. Through inter-CIL and regional CIL activities, personnel will gain an understanding of the development of the network and will be supportive of the network's joint activities.

- 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.

Each Center will have to the maximum extent feasible alternative modes of communication available or readily accessible resources that supply such modes of communications. Efforts will be made to identify persons in the CIL or individuals or resources in the community who are proficient in the native language of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under Title VII of the Act.

- 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.

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- 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.

PA SILC Personnel Manual dated July 18, 2006 and voted on and passed by the SILC Board on July 18, 2006 will ensure that qualified individuals with significant disabilities will be recruited and advanced under the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act.

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.

Process for disbursement of funds:

(Request for funds are prepared based on monthly expenses and sent to OVR for approval)

- Manager of Finance and Administration verifies and codes invoices and records entries into Quick Books Accounting software and runs a select for payment report.
- Executive Director approves and then sends the report onto the SILC Chair and Treasurer for approval.
- Executive Director signs all checks under \$5,000. A second signature is required for checks higher than that amount by SILC Treasurer

6.3 Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting

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

Records will be maintained with the proper documentation

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

be appropriate

Reporting will occur as required

- 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.

Access will be provided 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.

Eligibility is determined based solely on presence of significant disability for core services.

- 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.

Information and referral can be obtained through various mechanisms of the IL program. If necessary, follow-up services will be provided.

- 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.

Eligibility is determined according to the law.

- 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.

Eligibility is not determined based on age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion, or type of significant 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 Pennsylvania, 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.

All recipients of IL services either have an IL Plan or a waiver.

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 CILs will notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services of CAP in accessible format

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.

Policies and procedures will be in place ensuring the proper level of confidentiality

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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

Empowerment of the Youth

Youth will demonstrate self-determination, self-advocacy and leadership skills in areas such as transition from post-secondary education and training, employment, independent living, and healthy lifestyle. PASILC and DSU will develop a tool to assess the increase of community involvement.

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1. Submit an Annual 704 Report to RSA in Conjunction with State Plan Partners. PASILC will prepare information for Part I of the report and submit it to DSU. DSU will include the information in the full report that it submits to RSA not more than 120 days after the end of the Federal Fiscal Year (January 30th). PASILC's 704 Report will be emailed out to council members.
2. Full Council Review of the Progress on the SPIL. The PASILC SPIL Committee will convene each summer and review the contents of the 704, quarterly reports and Annual Reports to evaluate the council's progress on SPIL objectives (1.2 Objectives). The SPIL Committee will report their results for ratification by the full council. Target date: September PASILC full council meeting.
3. Annual Review of Audited Financial Statement. PASILC's executive committee will review the audited financial statement and report the results to the full council. A copy of the audit will be sent to the DSU and the PASILC full council meeting.
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important to distinguish that PASILC does not monitor the CILs, it monitors the implementation and progress of the SPIL. Therefore, PASILC will use the information gained from each site review to promote model practices and identify potential technical assistance or training needs (As scheduled).

System Change

Develop models and strategies for systems change to be replicated across Pennsylvania.

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5.

SILC

SILC members will be more informed and better able to carry out their fiduciary duties.

PASILC and DSU will update and distribute member manuals to all council members to ensure knowledge transfer. Followup fiscal training will be provided either by ILRU or through the RFP process.

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PA's existing network of CILs.

CILs will be stronger and better able provide to all citizens of Pennsylvania with disabilities the core services that each CIL offers.

CILs will perform a needs assessment of their region and prioritize areas for action. The outcome will be seen through increase in requests for services and request for community task forces.

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Section 8: State-Imposed Requirements

8 State-Imposed Requirements

Identify any State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL.

In 1994 disability advocates in Pennsylvania helped to secure state passage of the Independent Living Services Act (Act 139). It is nearly identical to the Rehab Act and will ensure the intent of the Rehab Act will always be protected in Pennsylvania.

The state act is identical to the federal legislation with one key difference: 50 percent of Centers for Independent Living in Pennsylvania must be members of the SILC. Due to this requirement, which the SILC had supported, the number of SILC members has automatically increased as the number of CILs in Pennsylvania has grown. Although they are members of the SILC, they do not add into the number of persons with a disability.

Governor Rendell has indicated that he will not approve the further expansion of the SILC. As a result, the SILC had worked with the Rendell Administration and former House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese on legislation that would limit at seven the number of CIL executive directors on the SILC and limit the size of the overall SILC to 26 in 2007-08. This is not a high priority for the administration at this point in time.

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