

**Centers for Independent Living Budget Request  
within the Department of Labor and Industry  
2007-08 Budget**

**Funding Request**

**Continued level budget funding at 2.25 Million**

**Background**

Independent Living in Pennsylvania provides services to people with disabilities through 18 community based Centers for Independent Living (CILs). The Legislature has repeatedly supported CILs.

This is the third straight year the Governor's budget has proposed a cut in funding. Each year the Legislature has ignored the recommendation to ensure CIL services to people with disabilities are not interrupted. The Governor has once again asked legislators to cut CIL services despite the demonstrated intent of the Legislature.

**Recommendation**

**Send a clear message to the administration that the legislature supports CIL's and will not support the recommended cuts**

**Justification**

Continued support will ensure that Independent Living in Pennsylvania will provide opportunities for people with disabilities. Examples of services are:

- Peer Support
- Independent Living Skill Training
- Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Community Integration/Nursing Home Transition
- Assistive Technology
- Housing
- Transportation

Centers for Independent Living are non-profit, non-residential organizations which serve more than 10,000 Pennsylvanians with disabilities annually as they work toward independence. Although the number of people served has grown at a rapid pace, there remain numerous people throughout the Commonwealth who are unable to access Independent Living.

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