

RSA-704 Part I for IL program for Florida - H169A140080 FY2014

Subpart I - Administrative Data

Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Indicate amount received by the DSU as per each funding source. Enter 0 for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	103,000
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only	214,668
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	0
(D) Other Federal Funds	355,078

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	128,308
(F) Local Government Funds	14,220

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	7,028
(H) Other resources	76,733

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	899,035
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Item 5 - Pass-Through Funds

Amount of other funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	0
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

[Total Income (Section 4) minus Pass-Through Funds amount (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	899,035
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Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered by Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	0	27,707
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	0	0
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	0	0
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	0	850,263
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	0	0
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	0	0

(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	0	0
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	0	0

Section C - Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Support 1, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider	CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider
Caring and Sharing CIL/Disability Achievement Center	478	58,405	320,922	Provider	Provider
CIL of North Florida/Ability 1st	478	17,855	101,283	Provider	Provider
CIL of Broward/Gulf Coast	478	47,510	234,522	Provider	Provider
CIL of Northwest Florida/CIL Disability Resource Center	478	28,033	140,258	Provider	Provider

CIL of Central Florida - Winter Park	478	109,671	618,870	Provider	Provider
CIL of Central Florida - Lakeland	478	0	0	Provider	Provider
CIL of the Keys	478	52,467	20,709	Provider	Provider
CIL of Broward	478	73,375	418,321	Provider	Provider
CIL of North Central Florida	478	65,860	351,137	Provider	Provider
Coalition for Independent Living Options	478	77,359	433,297	Provider	Provider
CIL of South Florida	478	106,920	525,414	Provider	Provider
Disability Solutions for Independent	478	24,154	121,194	Provider	Provider

Living					
Disability Resource Center	478	12,581	79,324	Provider	Provider
Independent Living Resource Center	478	61,885	309,515	Provider	Provider
Self-Reliance CIL	478	52,779	302,353	Provider	Provider
Space Coast CIL	478	31,482	154,704	Provider	Provider
Suncoast CIL	478	29,918	147,021	Provider	Provider
Center for the Visually Impaired	2	102,054	295,668	Provider	Provider
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Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or For the General Operation of Centers

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

Not applicable.

Section E - Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

During the fiscal year, DVR conducted or participated in a variety of monitoring and on-site technical assistance activities:

DVR, including the Florida Department of Education Office of the Inspector General's (OIG), participated in RSA's monitoring visits to the CIL of Broward/Gulf Coast in Fort Lauderdale and Fort Myers. In response to preliminary observations during that review, both contracts for services with the CIL of Broward were returned to a cost reimbursement payment methodology. DVR also participated in RSA monitoring of Independent Living Resource Center in Jacksonville. DVR initiated monitoring at the Coalition for Independent Living Options in West Palm Beach and Ability 1st in Tallahassee. DVR conducted informal visits to Disability Resource Center in Panama City and the CIL of North Central Florida in Gainesville, during which general programmatic and contractual requirements were discussed. DVR continued to participate in the investigation and prosecution of a former staff member at the now closed CIL of Southwest Florida. Charges in the case were filed in July of 2012, and the trial was held in April of 2014. The former staff member was found guilty of Aggravated White Collar Crime, Grand Larceny and Communication Fraud. He was sentenced to 39 years in state prison. His conviction is under appeal.

In July of 2014, DVR instituted background screening for all CILs, including: all administrators, all chief financial officers, all board of directors members and all employees and volunteers who provide independent living services and meet other requirements. Individuals with convictions of certain state offenses (or similar offenses occurring in other states) are disqualified from holding positions with the CIL unless they are granted an exemption from the Florida Department of Education. This process has been developed in concert with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Agency for Health Care Administration (Florida's Medicaid agency) in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Division of Blind Services (DBS) continues to function with the same business model as in previous years. The majority of the IL funds under the grant are contracted (Fixed Rate) to one local Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) collaborating with the Division of Blind Services. Contract managers review, approve or cancel invoices for payment.

Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Item 1 - Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSU to the Part B Program.

The DSU provides the following administrative support to the Part B program:

*One full-time contract manager who reviews compliance with contract requirements and provides technical assistance on fiscal and contract issues. *One part-time independent living program manager, one part-time independent living program specialist and one part-time contract manager who review compliance with programmatic and contractual requirements, provide technical assistance on programmatic and contractual issues, and provide support for other activities that promote the independent living program and Centers in Florida.

Item 2 - Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSU and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs)

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision Making	3.00	2.00
Other Staff	7.50	4.00

Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY

Item 1 - Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers

Name of CIL	Amount of Part C Funding Received	Cost of Living Increase?	Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase?	New Center?	Onsite Compliance Review of Center?
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Item 2 - Administrative Support Services

Describe the administrative support services used by the DSU to administer the Part C program.

Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Provide a summary of the monitoring activities involving Part C centers conducted by the state during the current reporting year, including the onsite reviews of at least 15% of centers receiving Part C funds under section 723. The summary should include, at least, the following:

- centers' level of compliance with the standards and assurances in Section 725 of the Act;
- any adverse actions taken against centers;
- any corrective action plans entered into with centers; and
- exemplary, replicable or model practices for centers.

Item 4 - Updates or Issues

Provide any updates to the administration of the Part C program by the DSU, if any, including any significant changes in the amount of earmarked funds or any changes in the order of priorities in the distribution of Part C funds. Provide a description of any issues of concern addressed by the DSU in its administration of the Part C program.

Subpart II - Number and Types of Individuals With Significant Disabilities Receiving Services

Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	146
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	513
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	659

Section B - Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

(1) Moved	3
(2) Withdrawn	2
(3) Died	2
(4) Completed all goals set	451
(5) Other	0
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	458

Section C - Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30th of the reporting year.

Section A(3) [minus] Section (B)(6) = Section C	201
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Section D - IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	1
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	658

Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

(1) Under 5 years old	1
(2) Ages 5 - 19	39
(3) Ages 20 - 24	24
(4) Ages 25 - 59	253
(5) Age 60 and Older	342
(6) Age unavailable	0

Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

(1) Number of Females served	387
(2) Number of Males served	272

Section G - Race and Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the 704 Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).

(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	3
(2) Asian	3
(3) Black or African American	181
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
(5) White	318
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only	21
(7) Two or more races	130
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	1

Section H - Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

(1) Cognitive	22
(2) Mental/Emotional	20
(3) Physical	341
(4) Hearing	215
(5) Vision	24
(6) Multiple Disabilities	37
(7) Other	0

Subpart III - Individual Services and Achievements Funded through Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section A - Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSU staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do *not* include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	458	458
(B) Assistive Technology	4	3
(C) Children's Services	0	0
(D) Communication Services	0	0
(E) Counseling and Related Services	0	0
(F) Family Services	0	0

(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	4	2
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	2,780	2,777
(I) Information and Referral Services	2,685	2,685
(J) Mental Restoration Services	0	0
(K) Mobility Training	1	1
(L) Peer Counseling Services	430	430
(M) Personal Assistance Services	0	0
(N) Physical Restoration Services	0	0
(O) Preventive Services	0	0
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	0	0

(Q) Recreational Services	0	0
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	0	0
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	0	0
(T) Transportation Services	0	0
(U) Youth/Transition Services	80	80
(V) Vocational Services	0	0
(W) Other Services	2,517	2,489

Section B - Increased Independence

Item 1 - Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	46	42	2
(B) Communication	1	1	0
(C) Mobility/Transportation	140	110	20
(D) Community-Based Living	21	21	0
(E) Educational	53	41	8
(F) Vocational	15	13	1
(G) Self-care	194	166	26

(H) Information Access/Technology	225	216	4
(I) Personal Resource Management	35	28	4
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	4	4	0
(K) Community/Social Participation	1	0	1
(L) Other	0	0	0

Item 2 - Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

Area	Number of Consumers Requiring Access	Number of Consumers Achieving Access	Number of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	16	13	3

(B) Health Care Services	131	101	24
(C) Assistive Technology	1,030	1,022	5

Note: For most IL services, a consumers access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform RSA how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

Follow-up contacts with I&R recipients

The service provider **did not** engage in follow-up contacts with I&R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C - Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

Consumer Success Stories:

- 62 y.o. African American male, who experienced a stroke a few years ago, was having difficulties in trying to get inside the narrow entrance to his bathroom. His situation was further complicated since he also struggled to get into his tub. He labored too traveling down his very tight hallway in his power chair to enter his bedroom and den.

Through the City's CDBG this consumer was provided with a complete ADA bathroom to include bumping out a wall so he can now go in with his power chair. His hallway was also widened so he could easily enter and exit both his bedroom and den. The modifications awarded have now allowed this consumer to maneuver with ease and confidence and remain independent in his home.

- The City CDBG also provided a single, 54 y.o. Caucasian female, with cardiac and severe back problems, with a 30 ft. wooden ramp. The front and back steps were major barriers since it prevented her from leaving her home to run errands and attend doctor appointments. She expressed how she felt like a prisoner in her own home. The new ramp affords this consumer the freedom to leave her home whenever she wants to run her own errands and attend her medical appointments!

Other successful stories:

- The City CDBG also assisted two, single, elderly, African American women with severe arthritis. Due to their disability they struggled to get in and out of their bathtubs and were in desperate need of roll in showers. Both these consumers were previously being sponged bathed but can now enter their roll in showers and bathe adequately with or without the assistance of an aide.
- The County SHIP Special Needs Rehab grant provided a 64 y.o. Caucasian female with a neuromuscular disorder a new roof, ADA toilet and ADA sink, door widening and grab bars. The new roof replaced one that was over 40 yrs. old and leaked nearly everywhere. Both the consumer and her disabled husband lived in fear for many years that the old roof would eventually cave in at any moment. The Special Needs Rehab grant made it possible for this disabled couple to not only have barrier removal modifications provided, but also complete peace of mind that their roof will no longer cave in!

Independent Living Coordinator gave out doorbell and wake up alarm flashers to the Brandon High School deaf/Hard of Hearing students on April 14th. Their faces lit up and pride. The following week later, some of the students shared their stories about using the device equipment

for the first time. They were very happy about it because they do not need to depend their parents or family members to wake them up every morning for school anymore. One of the parents did contact the teacher and wanted to thank this ILC for providing the services for them.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS :

Self-Reliance Inc. developed and implemented the new FTRI amplified Telephone Program in Jan. 2014., serving more then 400 individuals this past fiscal year.

SRI served approximately 30% more consumers this year.

Youth and Transitions programs continue to increase in the number of consumers attending. Classes are held both at the center and at some local middle and high schools.

Subpart IV - Community Activities and Coordination

Section A - Community Activities

Item 1 - Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objectives	Outcome(s)
Assistive technology	Collaboration/Networking	Council and FAAST BOD/staff	21	Coordinate to plan the redevelopment of a consortium of businesses, providers, advocates and state/local government agencies to identify ways to expand access to technology reuse.	Held several meetings with the ED and Board Members to Reconvene statewide meetings to develop Centralized AT reuse Facility.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	FILC Members, YACs, Staff, Veterans Groups	240	Attended event with Veteran Groups who sponsored a fundraiser for the YACs. The event was held in conjunction	A donation of \$4,000 was provided to FILC for the Youth Advisory Committee. This event will

				with a quarterly meeting of the Council.	be held annually.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council members/staff, DSU, public	255	The Council holds Public Comment/Forum at every Council meeting to obtain comments and issues for consideration for the next SPIL.	At all Committee Meetings and full Council meetings four times per year.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council members/staff members, DSU, and Network of Centers	1,220	Monitor/Evaluate the State Plan for Independent Living.	Four face to face meetings of the Council, trainings by the DSU for the CILS and FILC. Multiple teleconferences were conducted by the SPIL Evaluation Committee, the DSU to review SPIL implementation.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council members/YAC/St	318	Achieve a better understanding of IL rural	Collaboration with CILs, increased awareness of

		aff		issues and potential ways to resolve them by attending the Association for Persons in Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Conference.	health issues, housing, youth transition and transportation in rural communities. The FILC ED is the elected national SILC Representative for APRIL.
Transportation	Collaboration/Networking	Council members/staff	16	To provide safe, efficient, affordable and reliable public transportation for persons with disabilities.	Collaboration with local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council members/staff	72	Attend the SILC Congress 2013 Conference to collaborate with other Statewide Independent Living Councils.	Training information brought back to the Council used to coordinate the evaluation of the SPIL.
Other	Technical Assistance	Council staff	24	Attended training for meeting planners.	Increased knowledge for meeting and financial planning.

Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council members	20	Disability Mentoring Day.	Education of employers regarding employment of people with disabilities.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council member/staff	80	Florida Rehabilitation Council face to face meeting.	Council/Rehab Council liaison attended Rehab Council meetings.
Assistive technology	Collaboration/Networking	Council members	9	Meetings held with Toshiba and other businesses to discuss the donation of space to house a reuse Center.	Ongoing
Other	Other	Council members/staff, ten youth	319	Youth Advisory Committee met two times this year in conjunction with the face to face meetings of the Council and meets monthly via teleconference.	Makes suggestions for consideration by the Council re issues related to youth with disabilities consistent with the SPIL, esp. youth transition.

Other	Technical Assistance	Council members/staff, YACs	400	The YACs held a Panel Presentation/ Breakout Session during the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Annual Conference.	Educated conference participants about implementing a youth program within a SILC.
Other	Collaboration/Networking	Council member/staff	192	Participate in the Florida Rehabilitation Council meetings as liaison for the Council and to FRC. Develop partner reports.	The Florida Independent Living Council is required to coordinate activities with the Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC), in compliance with sections 105 and 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSU, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The FILC Executive Director continues to participate in the NCIL Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act Subcommittee teleconferences and participates in all of the APRIL Board of Directors meetings. The Council has referred dozens of consumers who are looking for services to appropriate CIL's throughout Florida.

Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

The FILC liaison to the Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC) attends all meetings of FRC. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind (FRCB) attends all meetings of FRCB. Partner reports between the agencies continue to be coordinated by all Executive Directors.

The Florida Department of Education Memorandum of Agreement was entered into by and between the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc., the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Blind Services. The 2014-2015 FILC budget was submitted to and approved by the DSU with no budget modifications. The Council continues to work with the DSU (E) in monitoring the transition and the implementation of the Independent Living Program established under the Information on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 - Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Catherine Johnson	Neither	Organization that provides services	Voting	08/30/2013	06/30/2016
Kelly Greene	Center	Network of Centers Representative	Voting	09/21/2012	06/30/2015
Carol Christopherson	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting	07/01/2013	06/30/2016
John T. Davis	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting	07/01/2014	06/30/2017

John Douglas	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting	07/01/2013	06/30/2017
Rose Lee Archer Di Capua	Neither	Parent/guardian of persons with disabilities	Voting	07/01/2014	06/30/2017
Shelley Gottsagen	Center	CIL representative	Voting	07/01/2014	06/30/2017
Patricia A. Lipovsky	Neither	Organization that provides services	Voting	07/01/2013	06/30/2016
Jesus Garcia	Neither	Representative from private businesses	Voting	08/30/2013	06/30/2016
Jeannette "Leilani" Kicklighter	Neither	Representative from private businesses	Voting	08/30/2013	06/30/2016
Vicki P. Ahern	Neither	Parent/guardian of persons with disabilities	Voting	08/21/2012	06/30/2015
Sue Terraglio	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting	07/01/2013	06/30/2016

Kathleen Abels	Center	CIL representative	Voting	07/01/2013	06/30/2016
John Maguire	Neither	Consumer	Voting	08/13/2012	06/30/2015
Candace E. Partee	Center	CIL representative	Voting	06/28/2013	06/30/2015
Anthony Pileggi	State agency	Division of Blind Services/Florida Department of Education	Non-voting	05/15/2014	06/30/2015
VACANT	State agency	Other state agencies that provide services	Non-voting	01/01/2000	01/02/2000
Aleisa McKinlay	State agency	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Non-voting	05/15/2014	06/30/2016

Item 2 - SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

(A) How many members are on the SILC?	17
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(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	13
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	15
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	13

Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

Item 1 - Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

One of the Council's primary focuses continues to ensure the statewide representation mandated by Federal law and Florida statute. The Nominating Committee, in order to recommend appropriate applicants to the full Council, utilizes a scoring mechanism when reviewing applications. Individuals who reside in an underrepresented area of the state receive additional points toward selection. Applicants recommended by the Nominating Committee are voted on by the full Council which then forwards its selections to the office of the Governor for final approval. Florida remains in compliance with the Federal requirements for SILC composition including, but not limited to, Member term limits. There is only one current vacancy on the Florida SILC. We also continue to work with the Florida Governor's Appointment Office to ensure the timely proposal and appointment of members to the SILC.

Item 2 - Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a board range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

The Council's membership is diverse and represents a broad range of persons with disabilities. The current membership includes:

- * At least five Members with mobility impairments.
- * At least three Members with visual impairments.
- * At least three family members of an individual with a disability.
- * At least two Members with mental health diagnoses.
- * At least one Member who is deaf and/or hard of hearing.
- * At least two Members with traumatic brain injury
- * One member under the age of 29 years and of Native American heritage.
- * At least one member of Hispanic heritage.

Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

The Council has several mechanisms for assuring that members are knowledgeable about Centers and independent living services:

- * Nominees for membership on the Council complete the application form issued by the Governor's office. The candidates may also complete a questionnaire which provides an opportunity to discuss their qualifications for serving on the Council, including their knowledge of independent living and disability-related issues in general.

- * Applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Council Nominating Committee.

- * If the Nominating Committee has additional questions about the qualifications of an applicant, follow-up interviews with potential members are conducted. In addition, applicants may attend meetings and interact directly with Council members and staff.

- * Council members scrutinize applications to assure that the most qualified applicants are recommended to the Governor's Office for consideration and have implemented a mechanism to ensure that applicants have the necessary background and understanding of the independent living philosophy. A scoring sheet is being utilized by the Nominating Committee to identify applicants who:

- * Have significant disabilities

- * Have personal experience with disability

- * Are willing and able to travel within Florida

- * Are members of an ethnic group currently under-represented on the Council, reside in unrepresented areas, or are members of an age group currently under-represented on the Council.

Section C - SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 - SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

The SILC became a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation on July 28, 1999. It continues to operate under this status.

Molly Gosline is the Executive Director and may be reached at: 1416 North Adams St., Tallahassee, Florida 32303, (850) 488-5624, Toll Free 877-822-1993 and fax (850) 488-5881.

Jenny Bopp is the Operations Director.

Rosha Dennis is the Part-time Office Assistant.

Item 2 - SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSU, if any.

The DSU provides the following administrative support to the SILC:

- * One part-time contract manager who reviews compliance with contract requirements and provides technical assistance on fiscal and contract issues.
- * One part-time independent living program manager who reviews compliance with programmatic requirements, provides technical assistance on programmatic issues, and provides support for other activities that promote the independent living program and the SILC in Florida.

Section D - SILC Duties

Item 1 - SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below.

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

The 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) was developed cooperatively by the Florida Independent Living Council, the Division of Blind Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Network of Centers. The Plan was submitted to Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA) via the RSA Management Information System (MIS) electronically on July 1, 2013. The new State Plan for Independent Living was approved in late September and began on October 1, 2013. The Council held two Public Forums regarding the 2014 draft SPIL on February 26, 2013 at disAbility Solutions, Center for Independent Living in Daytona, Florida.

FILC provides outreach to the public who have an interest in participating in the FILC face to face full Council meetings. Flyers, local newspaper advertisements and notice to the local CILs continue to be initiated in an effort to hear concerns and comments from the public at every meeting. Public Comments are available in the full Council meeting minutes which assisted in the development of the goals and objectives of the three-year State Plan. In addition, teleconferences and email correspondence between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Network of Centers were utilized in the development of the Goals and Strategies for the Plan.

100 percent of the Florida Centers for Independent Living participated in the development of the goals and objectives of the plan. The Centers participated in conference calls to develop a methodology for writing goals and objectives that reflected the work they expect to do over the three years of the plan. The CILs agreed upon the two goals of the plan, as well as the four objectives that are priorities for the state. The Centers provided detailed information about the numbers of independent living goals they expected to help consumers achieve and the community activities they anticipated conducting in each of the three years of the plan. This information was compiled to develop the measurable indicators for the objectives that are found in the Evaluation section of the plan. A system for reporting on the achievement of the activities of the CILs as they relate to the goals and objectives of the plan has been implemented.

The Florida State Plan for Independent Living Goals include:

Individual Services- Floridians with disabilities will achieve greater independence through the provision of consumer-directed, individualized services in partnership with the Centers for Independent Living.

Community Activities- The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will promote the increased availability and improved quality of community-based programs that serve people with disabilities and promote the removal of any existing architectural, attitudinal, communication, environmental or other barriers that prevent the full integration of people with disabilities into society.

Individual Services for Year One of the SPIL:

Objective 1: Promote community inclusion via consumer controlled community based services that are integrated and accountable.

* Strategy 1: 184 or more people with disabilities will be relocated from nursing homes or institutions into the community. (i.e., prisons, jails, psychiatric, developmental disability facilities). 442 people with disabilities have been relocated from nursing homes or institutions into the community.

* Strategy 2: 1,330 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals. 710 people with disabilities have achieved Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals.

* Strategy 3: 7,669 or more people with disabilities will achieve Communication goals. 5062 people with disabilities achieved Communication goals

* Strategy 4: 1,443 or more people with disabilities will achieve Mobility/Transportation goals. 3675 people with disabilities achieved Mobility/Transportation goals

* Strategy 5: 1,928 or more people with disabilities will achieve Community-Based Living goals. (i.e., increased choice)1030 people with disabilities achieved Community-Based Living goals

* Strategy 6: 867 or more people with disabilities will achieve Education goals. 1210 people with disabilities achieved Education goals

* Strategy 7: 1,229 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Care goals. 783 people with disabilities achieved Self-Care goals

* Strategy 8: 1,840 or more people with disabilities will achieve Information Access/Technology goals. 1819 people with disabilities achieved Information Access/Technology goals

* Strategy 9: 860 or more people with disabilities will achieve Personal Resource Management goals. 887 people with disabilities achieved Personal Resource Management goals

* Strategy 10: 982 or more people with disabilities will achieve Community/Social Participation goals. 1398 people with disabilities achieved Community/Social Participation goals

* Strategy 11: 1,337 or more people with disabilities will achieve Vocational goals. 460 people with disabilities achieved Vocational goals

Individual Services

Objective 2: Increase Health and Safety for People with Disabilities.

* Strategy 1: 321 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals. (i.e., social networking, transportation, Transportation Disadvantaged, accessible healthcare services, healthcare taskforces, emergency preparedness, service animals in hospitals). 260 people with disabilities achieved Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals

* Strategy 2: 424 or more people with disabilities will achieve Mobility/Transportation goals. (i.e., domestic violence shelters, victims of crime, accessible family restrooms) 1004 people with disabilities achieved Mobility/Transportation goals

* Strategy 3: 336 or more people with disabilities will achieve Community Based/Living goals. 171 people with disabilities achieved Community Based/Living goals

* Strategy 4: 1,719 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Care goals. (i.e., accessibility of buildings, sidewalks, playgrounds and parks) 1614 people with disabilities achieved Self-Care goals

* Strategy 5: 243 or more people with disabilities will achieve Information Access/Technology goals. (i.e., Deaf, hard of hearing, Deaf-Blind) 406 people with disabilities achieved Information Access/Technology goals

* Strategy 6: 91 or more people with disabilities will achieve Personal Resource Management goals. 382 people with disabilities achieved Personal Resource Management goals.

Individual Services

Objective 3: Minority Outreach: Increase access to services for people with disabilities of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

* Strategy 1: 314 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals. 1229 people with disabilities achieved Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals* Strategy 2: 2,225 or more people with disabilities will achieve Communication Service goals. 243 people with disabilities achieved

Communication goals

Individual Services

Objective 4: Employment: Increase access to employment by eliminating systemic barriers and expanding opportunities for economic self-sufficiency.

* Strategy 1: 342 or more people with disabilities will achieve Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals. 8 people with disabilities have achieved Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment goals.

* Strategy 2: 259 or more people with disabilities will achieve Mobility/Transportation goals. 58 people with disabilities achieved Mobility/Transportation goals

* Strategy 3: 574 or more people with disabilities will achieve Education goals. 427 people with disabilities achieved Education goals

* Strategy 4: 306 or more people with disabilities will achieve Information Access/Technology goals. 17 people with disabilities achieved Information Access/Technology goals

* Strategy 5: 381 or more people with disabilities will achieve Personal Resource Management goals. (i.e., extra income, mortgage assistance) 96 people with disabilities achieved Personal Resource Management goals

* Strategy 6: 373 or more people with disabilities will achieve Vocational goals. (i.e., vocational rehabilitation) 563 people with disabilities achieved Vocational goals

Community Activities for Year One of the SPIL:

Objective 1: Promote community inclusion via consumer controlled community based services that are integrated and accountable.

* Strategy 1: The Centers for Independent Living will expand participation of people with disabilities in the community by developing and maintaining collaboration/networking activities with 359 or more programs, resources and/or facilities. (i.e., social networking, other organizations and councils). 291* Strategy 2: The Centers for Independent Living and Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will expand the community awareness of people with disabilities, the independent living philosophy and civil rights law by participating in 656 or more community education and public awareness activities and events. (i.e., reauthorization of Rehabilitation Act) 113

* Strategy 3: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will participate in 15 or more activities to expand efforts to implement local, state and federal policy changes to make facilities, services and opportunities available and accessible to people with disabilities. (i.e., coordinate annual meeting with FRC, access to voting, service animals, access to accessible, affordable housing and transportation) 204

* Strategy 4: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will support 54 or more technical assistance activities to the community on making services, programs, activities, resources and facilities in society accessible to people with disabilities. (i.e., accessibility of buildings, sidewalks, playgrounds and parks and swimming pools) 42

* Strategy 5: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will engage in 463 or more outreach activities to identify the locations of, and encouragement to, use services for unserved/underserved population, including minority groups and urban and rural populations. 131

* Strategy 6: The Florida Independent Living Council, Inc.'s Youth Advisory Committee (i.e., YAC) will educate young people with disabilities statewide about self and systems advocacy, and the independent living movement. The YAC will assist in the evaluation of SPIL Goals, Objectives and Strategies during at least two meetings annually in conjunction with the full Council meetings. 2 face to face meetings with the Council

Community Activities

Objective 2: Health and Safety Increase access to health care and safety for people with disabilities.

* Strategy 1: Expand participation of individuals with disabilities by conducting and maintaining collaboration/networking activities, programs, resources and facilities with 144 or more services provided. (i.e., social networking, transportation, health care services, health care task forces and emergency preparedness) 96

* Strategy 2: The Centers for Independent Living and Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will expand the community awareness of persons with disabilities, the independent living philosophy and civil rights law by participating in 17 community education and public awareness activities and events. (i.e., domestic violence shelters, victims of crime, accessible family restrooms) 73

* Strategy 3: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will engage in 54 or more activities to expand efforts to implement local, state and federal policy changes to make facilities services and opportunities available and accessible to individuals with disabilities. (i.e., pedestrian safety) 85

* Strategy 4: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will support 72 or more technical assistance activities to the community on making services, programs, activities, resources and facilities in society accessible to people with disabilities. (i.e., accessibility of buildings, sidewalks, playgrounds and parks) 59

* Strategy 5: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will engage in 4 or more outreach activities to identify the locations of, and encouragement to, use services for unserved/underserved population, including minority groups and urban and rural populations. (i.e., Deaf, hard of hearing, Deaf-Blind) 42

Community Activities

Objective 3: Increase access to employment by eliminating systemic barriers and expanding opportunities for economic self- sufficiency.

* Strategy 1: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will support participation of people with disabilities attending Transportation Disadvantaged board meetings and other public meetings relating to transportation funding. Ongoing-no target area number identified in SPIL

* Strategy 2: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc.'s Youth Advisory Committee will promote the increase of inclusive education and training opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. 4

* Strategy 3: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will collaborate to develop 1 Assistive Technology Reuse enterprise. 6 activities/ research-0 developed

* Strategy 4: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will conduct 3 or more collaboration/networking activities related to graduation rates, types of diplomas and vocational certification. 12

* Strategy 5: The Centers for Independent Living will conduct 15 or more collaboration/networking or education activities, including dissemination of information on hiring incentives to businesses, Chambers of Commerce, employment providers, and diverse employers to promote employment of people with disabilities. (i.e., workforce boards) 82

* Strategy 6: The Centers for Independent Living will conduct 12 or more collaboration/networking activities to provide High School High Tech programs for participation of youth with disabilities. 3

* Strategy 7: The Centers for Independent Living will conduct 5 or more collaboration/networking activities to provide Disability Mentoring Day for participation of youth with disabilities. 3

* Strategy 8: The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will engage in 15 or more outreach activities to identify the locations of, and encouragement to, use services for unserved/underserved population, including minority groups and urban and rural populations. 149

* Strategy 9: Expand participation of individuals with disabilities by conducting and maintaining 3 collaboration/networking activities, programs, resources and facilities with 144 or more services provided. (i.e., social networking, transportation, health care services, health care task forces and emergency preparedness) 12

Community Activities

Objective 4: Increase access to services for people with disabilities of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

*Strategy 1- The Centers for Independent Living and Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will partner with diverse cultural community organizations through three or more culturally sensitive and linguistically approachable outreach activities to promote CIL services for people with disabilities and to develop cultural competence of CIL staff (i.e., veterans, victims of crime, Native American populations, Haitian populations, Spanish speaking populations, LGBTQ populations, Rural Populations) - 8

*Strategy 2- The Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. will engage in 345 or more outreach activities to identify the locations of, and encouragement to, use services for unserved/underserved population, including minority groups and urban and rural populations. 57

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

The Council, Centers and the Designated State Units coordinated the development of the three-year state plan through teleconferences, face-to-face meetings, Center focus groups and one formal public forum. Evaluation forms are utilized by the Network of Centers and Council for tracking State Plan progress and corresponding recommendations to the full Council.

The process of collecting information to develop the goals and objectives for the 2014-16 SPIL includes connecting the goals and objectives to the DVR monthly reporting process to create a single document that would accomplish the DSU's need to document services FILC's need to evaluate the implementation of the SPIL Goals and Objectives. Therefore a Monthly Performance Report was provided for the Network of Centers feedback. That report collects the following information:

- The number of people who received the four core services during the reporting period.
- The number of independent goals achieved during the reporting month, broken down by the four objectives in the SPIL (Community Inclusion, Health and Safety, Minority Outreach and Employment).
- The community activities conducted during the reporting month, broken down by the four objectives in the SPIL (Community Inclusion, Health and Safety, Minority Outreach and Employment).

The report asks for information about services provided, goals achieved and community activities conducted during a particular month which will then be accumulated into a cumulative quarterly report.

Priorities for these reports are: to collect data to allow the evaluation of implementation progress of the SPIL, to show the impact of the community activities in geographic areas and to document

the activities Centers are doing in counties served that may not be fully reflected in your individual services data.

This report system contains the information submitted to the DSU and the SILC for the reporting periods the 16 Florida Centers. After approval by the Council, Council staff then sends the compiled data to the Network of Centers representative for distribution to all of the Centers.

There remains five standing SILC Committees having responsibilities to monitor the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living. These committees consist of the Advocacy/Outreach, Planning, Finance/Development, Evaluation, and Nominating. All committees include, at a minimum, three (3) Board members but may include interested non-members selected, as appropriate, from the larger community. All Committees meet four times per year in conjunction with the full Council's quarterly meetings.

Committee Responsibilities as provided in the Council Bylaws:

1. **Advocacy/Outreach Committee:** Develops and coordinates a statewide plan for systems advocacy; corresponds with and attends a broad range of other organizations' activities to promote systems advocacy and the independent living philosophy with emphasis on consumer control, and works with Centers for Independent Living and other organizations to develop local training meetings. Additionally, it develops and implements activities to ensure that current and potential consumers, service providers, and agencies have input into the corporation and ensures that appropriate external entities are informed of activities, concerns, and recommendations of the corporation.
2. **Planning Committee:** Coordinates and conducts the development of the State Plan and its revisions; ensures that the needs of persons with disabilities as identified in the needs assessment and consumer satisfaction activities are addressed; assures that the required elements of the State Plan for Independent Living services are met; considers the adequacy and usefulness of resources; negotiates the Plan with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services, and; oversees design and implementation of the Network of Centers.
3. **Finance/Development Committee:** With the Treasurer and Executive Director, develops recommendations for the corporation's annual operating budget to be approved by the corporation at the meeting immediately preceding September 30 of each year, including the Resource Plan to support the corporation's activities. It ensures that the recommendations address coordination of those funds with other available resources.
4. **Evaluation Committee:** Develops, oversees, implements, and reports on activities necessary to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living, including the Resource Plan, and appropriate subsequent recommendations and corrective plans as approved by the Board.
5. **Nominating Committee:** Develops and receives nominations for Board membership in keeping with the profile as illustrated in the federal regulations; ascertains suitability of nominees, and; makes nominations to the Board for vote with subsequent recommendations for appointment by

the Governor. Additionally, it develops and receives nominations for the election of the corporation's officers. Prior to the election of officers, the nominating committee meets to develop, from the voting membership, a slate of officers to be presented to the membership for consideration.

In addition, the Executive Committee serves as a hearing forum for concerns regarding compliance with the State Plan.

Each of the members of the Network of Centers develops and conducts independent consumer satisfaction surveys using instruments developed by each individual Center. Because they must reflect the requirements of the multiple, diverse funding sources of each Center, these surveys are not uniform over the state. Since compiling the results of 17 unique surveys is not feasible, the Network members have agreed to include in their satisfaction surveys, five questions provided by the Designated State Unit. These questions cover how long the respondent has been a consumer at the Center, consumer involvement in goal setting, the consumer's perception of the effectiveness of services, satisfaction with Center staff members, and overall satisfaction with Center services. As required by the agreements between each Center and the DSU, the responses to the five questions are supplied to the Designated State Unit at least yearly. The results are analyzed by Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living Program Manager. If necessary, areas of concern are addressed with individual Centers as part of ongoing technical assistance efforts. The results of the surveys are scheduled to be forwarded to the Council.

The State Independent Living Council provides monthly reports of summary progress reports as well as financial reports to the Designated State Unit. Minutes to all meetings are available upon request, if preferred.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

Council members and staff members participate in a number of different groups:

* One Council member is a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC). This member acts as a conduit and liaison between the two groups. The SILC Executive Director also attends meetings when scheduled locally or if the Council member is unable to attend. There is continued collaboration between the two groups and formal reports between the two agencies are shared by the liaison.

* One SILC member has a gubernatorial appointment to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. This individual acts as a liaison between the two boards to share information and collaborate on issues that affect both groups.

* The SILC has representation on several Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Transportation Disadvantaged committees statewide.

* The SILC also has representation on the National Council for Independent Living Veterans Subcommittee

* The SILC has staff on the National Council for Independent Living Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act Sub-Committee.

* The SILC Executive Director serves on the Board of Directors as the SILC Representative with the Association of Programs of Rural Independent Living

* * The SILC Executive Director was appointed to the Florida Transition Task Force with the Florida Department of Education.

Through various collaborations, such as the Florida Rehabilitation Council and Florida Housing Coalition, the Council is being invited to speak to organizations serving persons with disabilities, therefore increasing its recognition and collaboration throughout the State. The Council also participates in a number of other activities.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

In addition to the open meetings requirements under the applicable Federal laws and regulations, Council is subject to, and remains in compliance with, Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, also known as the Florida Government in the Sunshine Act. The law establishes open meetings and public records requirements for certain entities established pursuant to State law, including the Council. All Council and committee meetings are noticed at least monthly in the Florida Administrative Weekly, email reminders/notices are sent at least two days prior to the meetings to the Council electronic list serve and also posted on Council's website.

The Council continues to provide outreach to the public who have an interest in participating in the quarterly full Council meetings. Flyers, local newspaper advertisements and notice in the local CIL listserv continue to be utilized in an effort to hear concerns and comments from the public at every meeting.

The Council holds teleconferences as needed for all of its standing committees. Those committees include; Executive, Planning, Evaluation, Finance and Advocacy/Outreach. The Council also has three Ad Hoc Committees that meet as needed: Personnel, Orientation, and Bylaws. The Public is encouraged to participate in all Council activities. The Council also holds quarterly meetings annually in different areas of the state to encourage public participation.

Item 2 - Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

Three meetings regarding the Florida Summit for Assistive Technology Reuse between the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology, Inc. and the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. have been held to resume the AT Reuse Project for Floridians with disabilities. FILC provided meeting space/phone for teleconferencing to continue the discussion in coordination with leaders from Pass It On Center, the National Technical Assistance Center for AT Reuse. The Council hopes to continue the collaboration with various state agencies, disability organizations and Centers for Independent Living.

The Council will participate in Vocational Rehabilitation technical assistance visits if invited to do so in writing, by the Center being monitored.

Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by RSA for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs. For each category, choose up to 10 Priority Needs - Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important.

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Subpart VI - SPIL Comparison And Updates

Section A - Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 - Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

This State Plan for Independent Living reflects the State's commitment to carry out an Independent Living Plan under Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Chapter 1), and also the State's planning and implementation activities related to the plan. The State Plan objectives provide the opportunity for people with disabilities in the state of Florida to maximize opportunities which allow for integration and full inclusion in the mainstream of society in all aspects of daily life. This is accomplished by promoting community integration via consumer-controlled community-based services and advocacy in the areas of transportation, housing, voting, emergency management, access to health care and youth transition. The Council, Centers and the Designated State Unit continue to collaborate in these efforts.

Item 2 - SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSU administration of the SILS program.

The Council continues to work cooperatively with both the Division of Blind Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in ensuring that the State Plan for Independent Living meets the requirements set by RSA.

Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSU and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) continues to meet monthly via teleconference and two times annually in conjunction with the Council's quarterly meetings. The Committee continues to assist the Network of Centers and the Council in the State Plan's youth transition activities and who brings a new and exciting energy to all. The YAC's have developed and coordinated activities such as: expanding the network of youth within their Center catchment areas, accepted three new members whom the Council has voted upon favorably, developed their own Bylaws, application process, membership and responsibilities. FILC staff, Council Members attended APRIL's National Conference on Rural Independent Living in conjunction with several Youth Advisory Committee members. The YACs were selected to do a panel breakout session titled "How a SILC Can Implement a Youth Advisory Committee". The breakout session was a success with standing room only. After much practice (and settling of nerves) the YACs did an outstanding job at conveying the message that SILCs can and should have an emphasis on youth with disabilities. There were 27 people who filled out a "sign-in sheet" in order to obtain the presentation materials electronically. Those materials included the YAC Bylaws, Application, Score Sheet, Power Point and YAC brochure. Ms. Dennis composed that list and the information was emailed on October 28, 2014. The YACs were prepared with materials in alternate formats for the breakout session as well. The "Nothing About Us Without Us, Ride for Independence" held last August raised approximately \$4,000 in by various Veterans groups and subsequently donated to the YAC.

The YACs continue to advocate within their respective Centers for services such as diploma options, disability history, and transition from school-to-life activities. At least four members of YAC has applied to the Governor for membership on the Council.

The Council has referred dozens of consumers to appropriate Centers throughout Florida for information and referral requests.

The FILC Executive Director continues to participate in the NCIL Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act Subcommittee teleconferences and participates in all of the APRIL Board of Directors meetings. The Florida Inclusive Housing Corporation Housing Stakeholders' Task Force Meeting has invited the FILC Executive Director to participate in future meetings of the Task Force.

Section C - Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

Florida's Governor appoints members to the Council. Potential nominees for the Council must complete applications that are reviewed by Council's Nominating Committee before recommendations are forwarded to the Governor's office. Historically, the Council has had difficulty obtaining timely appointments by Florida's Governor; however, the Florida SILC has all vacancies filled for voting members. At least one ex-officio appointment remains on the desk of the Governor.

Section D - Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

Subpart I Administrative Data

Section A Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

The financial data in this section includes the total Part B funds and state funding for the Independent Living Program. Of the Part B funds, \$850,263 are DVR funds and \$176,503 are DBS funds. Of the state government funds, \$1,618,649 are DVR funds and \$472,171 are DBS funds. All other funds in this section are DVR funds.

Subpart I Administrative Data

Section C Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

All funding provided to the CIL of Polk is included in the agreement with the CIL in Central Florida.

Subpart VII - Signatures

Signatures

Please type the names and titles of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson and indicate whether the form has been signed by each of them. Retain the signed copy for your records.

As the authorized signatories we will sign, date and retain in the files of the state agency(ies) and the Statewide Independent Living Council this 704 Report and the separate Certification of Lobbying forms ED-80-0013 (available in MS Word and PDF formats) for the state independent living program (IL Part B)

SILC Chairperson

Name and Title	John T. Davis, President
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Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/15/2014

DSU Director

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