

# State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

## Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Activities

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL.

The SILC, CILs and DSE support the mission to advocate for and help to create local and state support systems which assist persons with disabilities to determine, achieve and maintain independence, productivity, and integration into community life.

**Goal 1.** Increase awareness of Independent Living (IL) Services throughout South Dakota.

- **Objective 1.** Increase knowledge and understanding of SILC/CILs/DSE members and related staff regarding purpose of IL, core services and programs.
  - SILC will conduct a new member orientation annually.
  - SILC will support SILC members/staff to participate in training/conferences to gain better understanding of disability related topics.
- **Objective 2.** Increase communication, collaboration and strengthen partnerships with IL Network Partners and other stakeholders.
  - IL Network will attend events, meetings, and other activities to exchange/obtain information.
  - IL Network will disseminate/share information on trainings, conferences, or other events that impact disability.
- **Objective 3.** Host open houses/tours at the CIL offices/satellite offices to increase public knowledge and understanding of IL, services/supports and philosophy.
  - SILC and CILs will make arrangements for SILC members and others to tour local CILs.
  - SILC will work in collaboration with CILs to host open houses at various office sites; SILC will utilize strategic planning funds to sponsor one open house per year/per CIL.

**Goal 2.** Ensure people with disabilities residing in South Dakota have access to IL services.

- **Objective 1.** Explore ways to provide access to information to South Dakotans with disabilities regarding IL resources and information.
  - IL Network will develop marketing materials to be distributed by members of SILC and CILs.
  - CIL staff will provide speaking engagements in two of the identified less served communities/counties per year.

- **Objective 2.** Continue to strengthen collaboration and accountability among IL Network Partners to improve service delivery.
  - SILC and CILs will maintain fiscal and programmatic accountability through collaboration with the DSE.
  - SILC and CILs will work with the DSE to implement contract quality and improvement and fiscal management measures for CILs.
  - IL Network will ensure the use of unified descriptions and methods of calculating service units and coding when reporting CIL activities for consistency of service provision.
  
- **Objective 3.** Identify and increase activities to engage individuals with significant disabilities.
  - CILs will increase collaborative efforts with local school districts to disseminate IL information to students/family members.
  - CILs will increase collaborative efforts with Transition Services Liaison Project (TSLP) and include staff participation.
  - CILs will educate Long Term Care Facility administration staff and residents about IL services.

**Goal 3.** Engage in efforts to collaborate, promote, and advocate for needed changes in areas that impact persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

- **Objective 1.** Enhance knowledge and awareness of independent living services/needs of general public, local agencies, organizations, and community.
  - IL Network will attend/participate in community events or meetings where housing, transportation, and other needs of people with disabilities are likely to be discussed.
  - SILC will support advocacy and leadership training for youth and adults with disabilities, family members and/or guardians to attend trainings; and provide support to organizations to provide disability related training initiatives.
  
- **Objective 2.** Monitor the delivery of IL services through participant feedback (public input, needs assessments, satisfaction surveys, attending listening sessions, and review of reports/studies) in order to remain responsive to the needs of those served.
  - SILC will conduct a survey in the 3rd year of the SPIL (2025-2027) of South Dakotans with disabilities to identify the systems advocacy issues/service delivery needs.
  
- **Objective 3.** Enhance knowledge and awareness of independent living services/needs among IL Network Members.
  - SILC will collaborate with others to support activities to raise awareness of disability related issues.

- IL Network will arrange for speakers with expertise to present at SILC and/or CIL meetings to gain a better understanding of issues.

The IL Network identified the above objectives which strive to promote the philosophy of independent living. The overall intent of this SPIL is to improve the independence of South Dakotans with disabilities and the IL Network assures the goals and objectives are compatible with the purpose of the Title VII, Chapter 1.