

Independent Living Services

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What is a Center for Independent Living?

The term "center for independent living" means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, non-residential private nonprofit agency that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provides an array of independent living services.

Core Independent Living Services

- Advocacy – individual & systems
- Independent Living Skills Development
- Peer Support
- Information and Referral
- Transition services:
 - Transition from nursing homes & other institutions to home & community-based residences
 - Diversion from nursing home & other institutions
 - Transition of youth (who were eligible for IEPs) to employment or postsecondary education

Other Independent Living Services

- Home Modifications, Equipment & Technology (CLSP Program)
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment
- ADA Compliance Surveys
- Housing (CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing & CILs are not places for people with disabilities to live)
- Transportation
- Recreation Services
- Other services as determined by the CIL Board of Directors
- Veterans Community Access Program

20 Counties directly served by a CIL:

Appalachian CIL – serving Kanawha, Clay, Boone, and Putnam

Mountain State CIL – serving Cabell, Wayne, and Raleigh

LiveAbility – Monongalia, Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Upshur (many of these counties are underserved)

As additional funding becomes available, new CIL's will be established according to the design for a statewide network of partners (shown on the reverse side) to expand the WV Independence Network (WIN)

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