

Funding Issues:

FSI supports increases in funding necessary to maintain or enhance critical support services that allow people with disabilities to live, work, and engage in recreation in the community.

- All Medicaid Waiver Programs
- Birth-to-Three-Program
- Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Employment Attendant Care Program
- Extended Supported Employment Services
- Family Support
- Long-term and Services and Supports
- Medicaid Expansion Program
- Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Program (RYPAS)
- Independent Living Services (CLSP)

Contact us:

Paul Smith, FSI Coordinator

6908 MacCorkle Avenue, St. Albans WV, 25177

Phone: 304-766-4624

Fax: 304-721-8242

Email: Paul.Smith@wvsilc.org

Website: www.wvsilc.org



2026 Disability Priorities

Fair Shake Initiative is a program of the West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council formed to carry on the work of the Fair Shake Network.

These are the legislative issues that are important to the disability community of West Virginia.

We hope you will support these issues and the thirty-seven percent of West Virginians who live with a disability.

Because we all deserve a Fair Shake

Below are the top issues important to the people of WV with disabilities.

It is the goal of WVSILC to educate the public and the WV legislature in the importance of these issues.

Home and Community Based Services

FSI will advocate for legislation for Home and Community based services and other services, including competitive reimbursement rates and individualized training for direct care workers to help alleviate the direct care worker shortage.

(So, people with disabilities can live at home and not have to live in nursing homes, hospitals, large group homes etc.)

Accessible Transportation

FSI will advocate for legislation and initiatives that will increase access to statewide and affordable accessible transportation.

(So, people with disabilities will have a greater opportunity to work and participate in the communities they live in.)

Expanding Independent Living Centers

FSI will advocate for funding to expand the network of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) statewide to ensure every West Virginian with a disability has access to the services and resources provided by a CIL.

(So, people with disabilities will have Centers for Independent Living in their area and access to the services they need)

Healthcare

FSI will advocate for legislation that improves accessibility to healthcare in rural areas of our state.

(So, people with disabilities will have access to the healthcare they need)

Employment

FSI will advocate for employment rights and opportunities for people with disabilities such as Employment First, Supported Employment Services and the Elimination of Sub-Minimum Wage.

(So, people with disabilities can live a full and rewarding life as a member of the workforce)

In addition to the issues above, we will be monitoring other important issues such as:

- ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Civil Commitment Process
- ❖ Affordable Housing
- ❖ Elimination of Out-of-State Placements
- ❖ Inclusive Education