

HCBS Pre-Conference Intensive: Aging and Disability 101

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**National Council on Independent
Living**



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Background: What is Independent Living?

- People with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs.
- People with disabilities deserve equal opportunity to decide how to live, work, and take part in their communities.

Independent Living is:

- A movement
- A community
- A program



The Independent Living Network

- Local: Centers for Independent Living – consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, nonprofit agencies designed and operated by people with disabilities
- State: Statewide Independent Living Councils, Associations – statewide, cross-disability planning organization, responsible for developing the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to improve IL services across the state
- National: National Council on Independent Living – national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities
- Federal: Independent Living Administration (ACL/HHS) – housed within the Administration on Disabilities (AOD) in the Administration for Community Living.



The Independent Living Network

- CIL Core Services
 - Information & referral
 - Independent living skills training
 - Individual and systems advocacy
 - Peer counseling
 - Transition from nursing facilities and other institutions to community-based residences
 - Assisting individuals to avoid institutional placement
 - Transition of youth with significant disabilities from secondary education to postsecondary life.
- Additional services (vary by community needs)

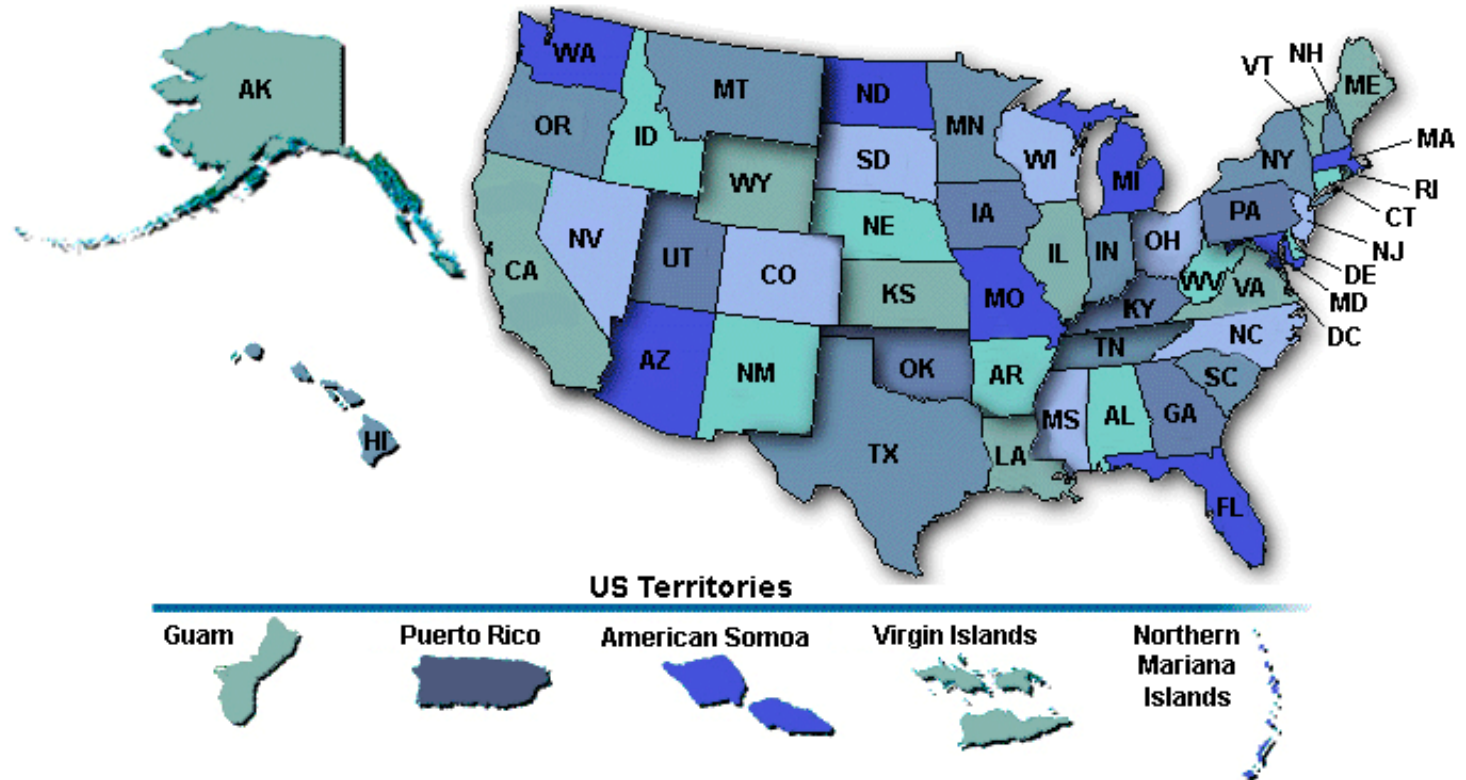


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- Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
 - Each state must establish and maintain a SILC
 - SILC members are appointed
 - Develop the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) with the CILs
 - Monitor, review, & evaluate implementation of SPIL
 - Advise CILs
 - Identify the need for expanded services
 - Coordinate activities with other entities in the state



Resource: CIL/SILC Directory



<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

The Independent Living Network: NCIL

- The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities.
- NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals throughout the US including:
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
 - Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
 - Other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities.

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NCIL's 2019 Top Legislative Priorities

- Rehabilitation Act/ Independent Living Funding
- Housing
- Long Term Services & Supports/ Healthcare
- Civil Rights/ Americans with Disabilities Act
- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Social Security/ Employment
- Voting Accessibility
- Violence & Abuse
- Education



The Independent Living Network: APRIL

- The Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) is a national grassroots, nonprofit membership organization concerned with the independent living issues of people with disabilities living in rural America.
- APRIL represents over 260 members from:
 - Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
 - Satellite and branch offices
 - Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
 - Other organizations and individuals

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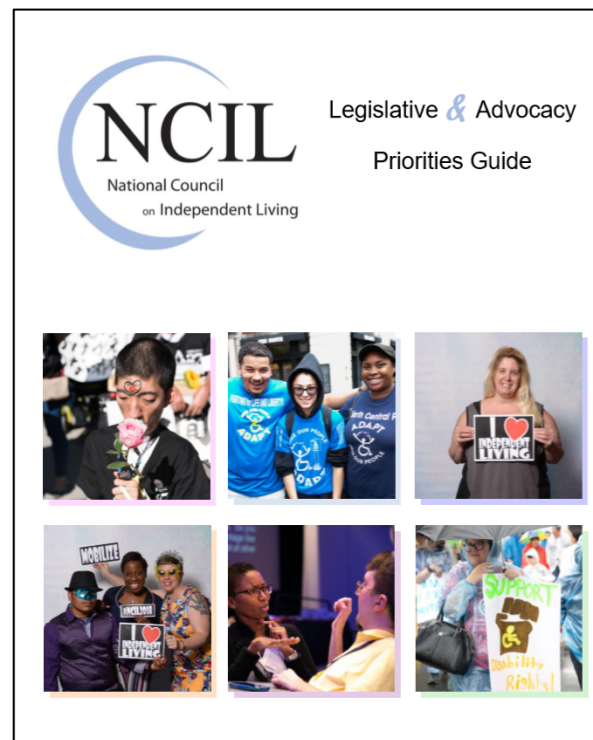


Resource: 2020 Advocacy Priorities & Talking Points

For more
information:

www.ncil.org/press-room

Legislative &
Advocacy Priorities
Guide



Resource: Upcoming Events

Upcoming Trainings

Financial Management for Centers for Independent Living-
September 21-24, 2020

Business Development for Community Living: A Learning
Collaborative for CILs to Build Sustainable Programs and Diversity
Revenue- *October 2020 – August 2021*

All upcoming trainings:

<https://www.ncil.org/annual-conference/training/>

Training archives can be found here:

<https://www.ilru.org/training-on-demand>



Resource: Weekly Advocacy Monitor



the advocacy monitor

Independent Living News & Policy from the National Council on Independent Living



The Advocacy Monitor is a project of the National Council on Independent Living, a leading cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities that represents Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), individuals with disabilities, and other organizations that advocate for the human and

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For the last 35 years, the HCBS Conference has convened state and federal agencies around improving systems that deliver long-term services and supports (LTSS) for all ages and abilities. The HCBS Conference attracts more than 1,500 attendees from over 50 states and territories and highlights best practices from across the country in home and community-based services.

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