



# National Council on Independent Living

## Policy Update

# What is Independent Living?

- A program
  - Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
  - Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
- A philosophy
  - People with disabilities best expert on our needs and decision-makers in our own lives



# Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

- New 5<sup>th</sup> core service (transition) added for Centers for Independent Living
- Transition of the Independent Living Program to the Administration for Community Living within HHS.



# Americans with Disabilities Act 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Celebrating progress of the last 25 years
  - Increased access
  - Increased awareness

*\*Look into events in your community!*
- Recognizing the work left to do
  - Attempts to weaken ADA protections
  - People with disabilities still facing barriers and discrimination



# 2015 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- The Independent Living Program
- Housing
- Transportation
- Employment
- Healthcare and LTSS
- Civil Rights and the *ADA*



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For more  
information:

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