



National Council on Independent Living

Policy Update

Founded in 1982, NCIL is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities.



Independent Living Programs

- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
 - Four Core Services- Peer Support, I&R, Individual and Systems Advocacy, IL Skills Training
 - Additional Activities- transition, community planning and decision-making, school-based peer counseling and skills training, facilitating employment opportunities, interacting with legislators, and integrated recreational events.
- Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
 - Advise CILs
 - Create the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)



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



- **Diversity Committee**
 - **Women's Caucus**
- **International Committee**
- **Executive Committee**
- **Finance Committee**
 - **Resource Development Subcommittee**
- **Human Resources Committee**
 - **Annual Conference Subcommittee**
 - **Membership & Nominating Subcommittee**
- **Regional Representatives Committee**
- **President's Task Forces Not Listed Under Committees:**
 - **ADRC Task Force**
 - **Outcome Measures Task Force**
- **Legislative & Advocacy Committee**
 - **ADA / Civil Rights Subcommittee**
 - **Violence & Abuse Task Force**
 - **Mental Health Task Force**
 - **Voting Rights Task Force**
 - **Education & IDEA Subcommittee**
 - **Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**
 - **Employment Subcommittee**
 - **Healthcare Subcommittee**
 - **Housing Subcommittee**
 - **PAS Subcommittee**
 - **Rehab Act & IL Funding Subcommittee**
 - **Technology Subcommittee**
 - **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - **Veterans Subcommittee**

2014 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Independent Living and reauthorization of the *Rehabilitation Act*
- Independent Living Funding
- Civil Rights and the *ADA*
- Healthcare and LTSS
- Transportation
- Employment
- Housing
- Education
- Veterans Issues
- Technology
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



2014 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Independent Living and reauthorization of the *Rehabilitation Act*
 - Background and Advocacy
 - S. 1356- a bill to reauthorize the *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* that includes the reauthorization of the *Rehabilitation Act*.
 - Current Status
 - The *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*.
 - Bipartisan, bicameral support.
 - Includes the major changes from *WIA*.
 - Major Changes
 - IL programs move to *ACL*.
 - *NIDRR* changed to *NIDILR* and move to *ACL*.
 - Addition of transition as a fifth core service.
 - Improvements to *SILC* activities, including resource development.
 - Changes *SPIL* sign-off to include *CIL* directors



2014 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Independent Living Funding
 - Funds have been cut
 - Requests in with House and Senate for increase
- Civil Rights and the *Americans with Disabilities Act*
 - Adherence to the ADA
 - ADA rights not weakened through other legislation
 - Voting rights
 - Excessive use of force by law enforcement
 - Capital punishment and individuals with intellectual disabilities



2014 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Healthcare and LTSS
 - Long Term Services and Supports
 - DOL's Fair Labor Standards Act regarding overtime
 - Home and Community-Based Services
 - HCBS Final Rule
 - Person-Centered Planning
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Community First Choice Option
 - Balancing Incentive Program
 - Money Follows the Person



2014 Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Transportation
- Employment and Economic Equality
- Housing
- Education
- Veterans Issues
- Technology
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities