

Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council Notice for Public Hearings

34-CFR 20 (g) (1) Method of notice for public hearings

A. Public hearings

1. OHIO SILC shall conduct at least one public hearing during the development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)
2. Ohio SILC shall conduct at least one public hearing for final public input after the draft of the SPIL is written but before it is jointly submitted by the SILC and DSU to RSA for approval.
3. During the term of the SPIL at least one public hearing will be held to garner public input about the implementation of the SPIL

B. Notification for public hearings. At least thirty days before the public hearing, OHIO SILC shall prepare a notice of public hearing, which includes all of the following:

1. A statement that it is OHIO SILC's intention to monitor, propose, amend, or rescind sections of the SPIL
2. The date, time, and place of the hearing.
3. A general statement of the subject matter to which the proposed amendment or rescission relate.
4. The reason for proposing, amending, or rescinding the SPIL.
5. A statement that the SPIL shall be available for review, free of charge, at the office of the OHIO SILC and online at www.ohiosilc.org.
6. A statement that the notice of the public hearing and/or the full text of the SPIL is available from the office of the OHIO SILC by any person who requests it and pays a fee not to exceed the cost of copying and mailing.
7. A statement that the public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Ohio's Open Meetings Laws.

8. At least thirty days before all public hearings, OHIO SILC shall mail, by first-class postal mail or electronic mail, the notice of public hearing to the following:
 - a. The OHIO SILC council members, liaisons, ex-officios
 - b. the Executive Directors of Ohio's disabilities agencies
 - c. Gongwer
 - d. local newspapers
 - e. the Ohio SILC website www.ohiosilc.org
 - f. a method for persons wanting to send in written comments

C. Accessibility

1. all written materials including the draft SPIL will be provided in alternative formats
2. the hearings will be held in physically accessible locations
3. costs for accessible transportation will be reimbursed on a case by case basis upon advance written notice
4. sign language interpreters are available at the hearings
5. CART is available upon advanced written request
6. transportation reimbursement.

D. Court reporter is used to transcribe the proceedings.

1. A transcript is kept in accordance with RSA guidelines
2. A written copy is available for a fee from the OHIO SILC office

E. A copy of the notice is available from the OHIO SILC office or on the website.

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