



# Ohio SILC

Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council

## Education and Outreach Committee

Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington

6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229

October 20, 2021

3:30-5:30

[Meeting Link](#)

### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Discussion on Community Perception Survey
  - Final review and edit
  - Dissemination
  - Timelines – Estimated October – December
- Future Workgroup Meetings with CILs on Urban and Rural Outreach Strategies
- MY Ohio Task Force – Discussion of issuing RFP to have process coordinated
- Chair of Committee for next year
- Public Comment

Committee Chairs: Gwen Harshaw & Davin Marcum

Committee Members: Anthony Moye, Kelly Hickman, Olivia Hook, Kyle Corbin, Pam Davies, Rob Festenstein

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#### **Community Perception Survey Background**

Objective 1.3 of the State Plan states: “Ohioans will better understand the needs and barriers of individuals with disabilities and the value of Independent Living.”

In year one of the Plan, the survey would be developed and in October the dissemination will begin.

Community awareness of Independent Living and how Centers for Independent Living impact the lives of individuals with significant disabilities is needed across Ohio. Through increasing our efforts in advocacy in Objective 1.1 and improving community education activities, we believe that individuals will become more aware of CILs and Independent Living.

Increased awareness of Independent Living and the value of Centers for Independent Living will make the work of the IL Network more impactful. This may lead to increased number of consumers seeking services from the CILs, increased alignment of other partners works with Independent Living, and overall increased understanding of the Independent Living Philosophy.

#### **Future Workgroup Background**

In year 1 of the Plan, the CILs were going to identify the rural and urban populations in their service areas and the challenges to outreach to these groups. In year two, we will begin to hold meetings to discuss as a network the challenges and best practices.

By the end of the year three, we will produce a report that highlights the best practices in rural outreach in Ohio and urban outreach in Ohio.

#### **MY Ohio Task Force Background**

In the State Plan, it is identified that The IL Network will organize a MY Ohio Task Force by the end of year two of the plan. The MY Ohio Task Force will review, among other things, the outcomes of the national MY-CIL Learning Collaborative and assist each Ohio CIL to develop and implement plans and efforts to effectively expand IL services to minority youth in every county they serve.

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**Demographics**

Age (Under 18, 18- 30, 30-45, 45 – 65, 65+, Prefer not to answer)

Gender (Male, Female, \_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_, Prefer not to answer)

Ethnicity (White, Hispanic or Latino, Black or African American, Native American or American Indian, Asian / Pacific Islander, Other, Prefer not to answer)

Ohio County (Fill in)

Are you an individual with a disability (yes, no)

If yes, what type of disability do you identify with: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify how you are representing yourself in answering the survey

- As an individual with a disability
- As a parent/ friend/ relative
- As a service provider
- As a representative of an organization
- As a policy maker
- As a member of the community
- - Other Write In

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**Concept Check Questions**

When you hear the term “disability”, what comes to mind? (Open ended)

What does disability mean to you? (Open ended)

When you hear “independent living” what comes to mind? (Open ended)

Please rate the following statements based on your personal feelings or perceptions: (Strongly agree – Strongly Disagree)

1. Individuals with disabilities are the best experts on their supports and needs
2. Individuals with disabilities are capable of directing decisions in their lives
3. Individuals with disabilities are considered in program and policy decisions made in my community
4. Individuals with disabilities are provided enough opportunity to make decisions about their services and supports.
5. My community has adequate representation from individuals with disabilities.
6. Individuals with disabilities should be leaders of organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities.
7. My community is accessible to individuals with disabilities

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**Questions about CILs**

Have you heard of Centers for Independent Living? (provide list of CILs) (Yes/No) (if yes questions below)

Tell us a little about what you think Centers for Independent Living do in your community (open ended)

What Independent Living Services are you most familiar with?

- Information and referral
- IL skills training
- Peer counseling
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Transition from nursing homes & other institutions
- Diversion from institutions
- Transition of youth
- Other - Write in

What program(s) or service(s) do you think are the most valuable that CILs currently offer? Please check your top 3.

- Peer Support (talking and mentorship from other individuals with disabilities)
- Information and Referral (asking a question or receiving information)
- Independent Living Skills Training (classes and trainings)
- Individual Advocacy (getting help with an issue such, someone attending a meeting or helping understand my rights and prepare for asking for what is needed)
- Systems Advocacy (getting help with a larger issue such as policy changes with programs)
- Loan Closet (such as getting a piece of medical equipment I need)
- Benefits Assistance (assistance with applying and understanding my social security benefits or help getting SNAP [food stamps])
- Case Management Services to Access Personal Care services
- Youth Services (such as help with my IEP or I am still in school and seeking support)
- Youth Transition Services (individuals age 14-24 not attend high school because I graduated or left school and working on future planning)
- Nursing Home Transition/Diversion (receiving assistance returning to the community from a facility stay or assistance with services to prevent entering a facility)
- Transportation assistance (such as learning the bus system, applying for paratransit)

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- Recreation/Socialization (such as attending social events, or getting access to recreation opportunities in my community)
- Employment Program (such as resume writing or interviewing skills)
- Other - Write In

Please rate the following statements based on your personal feelings or perceptions: (Strongly agree – Strongly Disagree)

1. Centers for Independent Living are an important part of local communities
2. Centers for Independent Living represent a range of individuals with disabilities
3. Centers for Independent Living are effective in advocacy work to improve the community for individuals with disabilities
4. Centers for Independent Living provide valuable services to individuals with disabilities
5. I would consider volunteering or donating to my local Center for Independent Living
6. I would refer individuals to a Center for Independent Living in my community
7. Centers for Independent Living empower individuals to take greater control of their lives
8. Centers for Independent Living remove barriers to living independently in my community
9. My community is better because of the work of Centers for Independent Living
10. Centers for Independent Living provide high quality services and supports

For any above that the response is not Agree or Strongly Agree

Please use this space to tell us a little more about why you did not choose strongly agree or agree what could have moved you to a strongly agree

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**Questions about SILC**

Have you heard of the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council? (Yes/No) (if yes questions below)

Please rate the following statements based on your personal feelings or perceptions: (Strongly agree – Strongly Disagree)

The Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council...

1. has strong relationships with various disability partners within Ohio
2. is a valuable resource in Ohio
3. promotes independent living in Ohio
4. develops strategic direction for independent living in Ohio
5. supports the Centers for Independent Living
6. represents a broad range of disabilities
7. welcomes the voices of the disability community

**Additional Information**

Do you have any additional information you would like to share? (open ended)

Would you like to be contacted to follow up with any of your responses (yes/no)

If yes, please provide your contact information (contact info)