



WHAT IS THE SILC?

“SILC” stands for **State Independent Living Council**. In Oregon, the SILC is an independent government entity, created by Executive Order of the Governor. Oregon’s SILC has up to twenty-one voting members. The majority of the members must be people with disabilities. The Council includes current or past consumers of Independent Living (I.L.) services, Center for Independent Living (CIL) representatives, private business representatives, other persons with disabilities, parents, guardians and advocates for individuals with disabilities. By law, the Oregon Commission for the Blind (OCB) and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVRs) each has an ex-officio, non-voting member on the SILC. The Rehabilitation Act describes the duties of a SILC.

The SILC:

- Identifies Independent Living service needs in the State of Oregon
- Co-develops the State Plan for Independent Living with OVRs & OCB
- Monitors the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living
- Coordinates with other disability organizations to promote IL philosophy in services, and to address service gaps and service duplication
- Advises on Independent Living issues in Oregon, including policy review

WHAT IS THE SILC's MISSION?

The Mission of the SILC is to promote choice, equal access, and full inclusion of people with disabilities, throughout the State of Oregon.

The philosophy of Independent Living considers disability to be a natural part of life, which in no way takes away an individual’s right to enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, seek a meaningful career, and enjoy full inclusion in all aspects of American society. SILC members work as individuals, as a Council, through partnerships with Centers for Independent Living and other agencies, and through its committees to further the SILC Mission and Independent Living philosophy.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

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