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\textsuperscript{th} 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 25th 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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