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