National Policy Update

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Transition of the Independent Living Program

- Changes to the IL program in amendments to the Rehabilitation Act in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
  - Transfer from RSA to ACL
    - Creation of ILA
  - Addition of 5th Core Service
- 2015 NPRM on Independent Living program revisions in WIOA
- Ongoing efforts and collaboration
2012–2014

- Core services—nearly 5 million
- Transition—13,030
  - Over $500 million in savings to states and the Federal government
- Additional services: personal assistance, housing, assistive technology, vocational services, transportation, youth-focused services
Collaborative effort of NCIL, RSA, and the independent living community

Findings:
- 85% of at-risk consumers kept out of institutions
- 30% of institutionalized consumers transitioned
- 72% of callers received the information requested
- 70% of consumers have new skills, knowledge, or resources because they contacted their CIL
Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Diversity Committee
  - Queer Caucus
  - Women’s Caucus
  - Youth Caucus
- International Committee
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
  - Resource Development
- Human Resources Committee
  - Annual Conference
  - Membership & Nominating
- Regional Representatives Committee
- President’s Task Forces Not Listed Under
  - Outcome Measures Task Force
- Legislative & Advocacy Committee
  - ADA / Civil Rights Subcommittee
  - ADRC
  - Education & IDEA
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Employment – Social Security
  - Healthcare
  - Housing
  - Mental Health
  - PAS
  - Rehab Act & IL Funding
  - Technology
  - Transportation
  - Veterans
  - Violence & Abuse
  - Voting Rights
Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Independent Living funding
  - Requesting increased appropriations to:
    - Restore cuts, account for inflation, and address increased demand
    - Addition of a fifth core service requirement
    - Currently receiving $2.5 million less than in 2010
Community Integration
- Disability Integration Act (S. 2427)
  - Introduced this year by Senator Schumer
  - Aims to end institutional bias
- Home Care Rule
Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

Housing

- Focus on accessible, affordable, health/nontoxic, decent, safe, and integrated housing.

- Funding

- Eleanor Smith Inclusive Home Design Act (H.R. 3260)
  - Introduced in 2015 by Representative Jan Schakowsky
  - Requires new construction to conform to visitability standards
Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

Transportation

- Ongoing areas of concentration:
  - Universal and accessible design of rural passenger transportation systems
  - Livable communities: safe and accessible rights-of-way
  - Accessibility of private transportation services
ADA / Civil Rights

- Laws impacting the ADA
  - ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores & Services (ACCESS) Act (H.R. 241)
  - ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015 (H.R. 3765)
  - Correcting Obstructions to Mediate, Prevent, and Limit Inaccessibility (COMPLI) Act (H.R. 4719)
- Bills restricting or denying rights based on diagnosis or disability
- Rights of parents with disabilities
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