

2025 -2027 State Plan for Independent Living

Background

The Arkansas Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) works with the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to create the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The SPIL is a three-year plan that gives the SILC and CILs goals to work on together to improve services and the community.

This draft SPIL is in the process to be finished and submitted by June 30, 2024.

When approved, the SPIL will be active on October 1, 2024 and end September 30, 2027.

Summary

The Arkansas SILC and CILs started the process to develop the SPIL with forums and events for people to provide input on different topics that are important to the disability community. There were also surveys and data collection done at this time.

The State Plan Committee of the SILC reviewed the information, and a the process began to write the language for the SPIL. The information from the network of centers and any comments received from the public helped create the SPIL draft.

The SPIL draft will now be up for a 30-day comment period to ask for additional feedback. All feedback will be reviewed by the State Plan Committee that includes the CILs and other members of the network. Any recommendations to make changes will be made to the SILC before the final vote to approve. Once the updates are made and the CILs and SILC agree, all signatories will receive an email for signature. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) will sign agreeing to continuing to be the Designated State Entity (DSE). The final SPIL, with all signatures, is due to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) on or before June 30, 2024.

Details in the SPIL by Section

Title Page and

- This page gives the details of the date the SPIL starts, the State, and the federal funding included.

Executive Summary

- This part gives you a summary of the SPIL. It lists the goals of the SPIL and gives a summary of the reason for all the sections.

Section 1: Goals, Objectives, and Activities

- Section 1.1 – The Mission of the three-year plan.
- Section 1.2 – The Goals of the three-year plan.
- Section 1.3 – The Objectives and the specific work that will be done for the three-year plan.
- Section 1.4 – The ways that the three-year plan will be reviewed.
- Section 1.5 – The financial information for the three-year plan.

Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangement of Services

- Section 2.1 – The services that will be provided by CILs.
- Section 2.2 – The plans for outreach for the three-year plan.
- Section 2.3 – The plans to work together and with other organizations.

Section 3: Network of Centers

- Section 3.1 – The list of the CILs, the funding they have, and the compliance they will follow.
- Section 3.2 – This gives information on CIL funding, expansion, and other important details about the CILs.

Section 4: Designated State Entity (DSE)

- Section 4.1 – The things ARS will be doing.
- Section 4.2 – The support ARS will provide.
- Section 4.3 – Rules from the State that need to be followed.
- Section 4.4 – The way ARS will give funding to CILs.
- Section 4.5 – The way ARS will review the CILs.
- Section 4.6 – Arkansas is a 722 state. This means that there is more federal funding than state funding for CILs.

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

- Section 5.1 – This gives information about the SILC and it's structure.
- Section 5.2 – This gives information about the SILC's funding.
- Section 5.3 – This gives information about how the SILC will keep working.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

- Section 6.1 – Gives the information about ARS
- Section 6.2 – Gives the information about the SILC.
- Section 6.3 – Lists the CILs that can sign the SPIL.
- Section 6.4 – This makes sure that everyone can work on the SPIL.

Section 7: DSE Assurances

- This section gives the list of what ARS will follow to be the DSE.
- ARS Commissioner, Joseph Baxter will sign this agreeing to the information.

Section 8: SILC Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

- This section gives the list of what the SILC will make sure it is doing to be the SILC.
- The Chairperson of the SILC must sign agreeing to this.

Section 9: Signatures

- The Chairperson of the SILC and the CIL Directors sign here agreeing to work on the information in the Plan together.
- The SILC must sign agreeing to work on the goals and the SPIL.
- A majority of the CIL Directors must sign the SPIL for it to be sent for approval. Arkansas has decided that all four centers will sign.

Public Comment Opportunities

1. The draft SPIL will be available on the Arkansas SILC website for review until June 24th, 2024.
 - Comments may be submitted by email to arcoordinator@arsilc.org. or arsilcdirector@arsilc.org
 - Comments may be made by calling 501-372-0607
 - Comments may be mailed to: 10 Corporate Hill Drive Suite 240. Little Rock, AR 72205
2. There will also be two public forums:
 - June 6th, 2024 – 11:00am – 12:00pm
Register Here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsf-qgrTkvEtX0P4Af2NCSa_XsCYvOn0xu