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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM**

(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

Part I

INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
And Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

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SUBPART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act

Indicate amount received by the DSE as per each funding source. Enter "0" for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$348,060.00
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only	\$0
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	\$0
(D) Other Federal Funds	\$129,500.00
Subtotal - All Federal Funds	\$477,560.00

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	\$0
(F) Local Government Funds	\$0
Subtotal - State and Local Government Funds	\$0.00

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	\$0
(H) Other resources	\$0
Subtotal - Private Resources	\$0.00

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$477,560.00
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Item 5 - Pass Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$0
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) minus amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$477,560.00
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Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.10

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSE Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$0	\$104,418.00
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$0	\$73,092.60
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$0	\$0
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	\$0	\$153,146.40
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$0	\$0
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$0	\$0
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$0	\$0
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$0	\$17,403.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$348,060.00

Section C - Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act

Enter the requested information for all DSE grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter "N/A." If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter "\$0" in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSE or Provider	Consumer Service Records (CSRs) Kept With DSE or Provider
SILC	Res plan systemic underserved outreach education	\$104,418.00	\$11,602.00	N/A	N/A
DAC-NW	Statewide education outreach resource development	\$17,403.00	\$1,933.67	N/A	N/A
LINC	General CIL Operations	\$85,274.70	\$9,474.97	N/A	N/A
LIFE	General CIL Operations	\$67,871.70	\$7,541.30	N/A	N/A
ICBVI	Direct IL services outreach education	\$73,092.60	\$8,121.40	N/A	N/A
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$348060	\$38673.34		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or For the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes

other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

No Title VII, Part B grants or contracts were issued by the DSE for purposes outside of direct IL services or general CIL operations during the reporting period.

Section E - Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

As the Designated State Entity (DSE), the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) maintained oversight of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B funds during the reporting year. Given the small dollar amount and low-risk nature of the subaward, IDVR implemented a right-sized, light-touch monitoring strategy consistent with federal requirements.

Oversight activities included:

- * Reconciliation of passthrough expenditures;
- * Review of financial documentation submitted by the SILC and ICBVI;
- * Periodic communication with subrecipients regarding program performance and allowability; and
- * Participation in statewide IL planning and assessment activities.

A DSE representative also serves on the SILC and actively participates in quarterly Council meetings. During the reporting year, the representative assisted in monitoring activities and collaborated with the SILC on survey development and ongoing assessment efforts that support State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) implementation and evaluation.

No findings or corrective actions were required during the reporting period. Beginning next year, due to federal requirements the DSE (IDVR) will implement a Administrative Time-Based Cost Recovery rate to reflect administrative oversight in accordance with its federally approved indirect cost structure. This is anticipated to be less than one half of one percent for time spent on the grant.

Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act

Item 1 - Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSE to the Part B Program.

During the reporting year, the State Independent Living Council (SILC) reported 1.0 FTE charged to Title VII, Part B funds in a decision-making capacity. This position is filled by an individual with a disability and reflects administrative and leadership responsibilities directly supporting the independent living program.

The Designated State Entity (IDVR) provided administrative oversight for the grant, including reconciliation of passthrough funds and light-touch fiscal monitoring. However, no IDVR staff time was charged to the grant during the reporting period. Beginning next year, due to federal requirements the DSE (IDVR) will implement a Administrative Time-Based Cost Recovery rate to reflect administrative oversight in accordance with its federally approved indirect cost structure. This is anticipated to be less than one half of one percent for time spent on the grant. No costs were charged for this year.

In addition to fiscal oversight, the DSE maintained an active role in the implementation and monitoring of the IL program.

Item 2 - Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSE and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs)

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	1	1
Other Staff	0	0

Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY

Section 723 of the Act, 45 CFR 1329.12

Item 2 - Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act

Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i)

Item 4 - Updates or Issues

SUBPART II - NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4)

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSE, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual CIL PPRs.

Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	72
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	24
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	96

Section B - Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	1
(2) Withdrawn	0
(3) Died	1
(4) Complete Goals	8
(5) Other	5
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	15

Section C - Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30th of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	81

Section D - IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	94
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	2
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served during the reporting year</i>	96

Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	0
(2) Ages 5 - 19	6
(3) Ages 20 - 24	2
(4) Ages 25 - 59	88
(5) Age 60 and Older	0
(6) Age unavailable	0
(7) <i>Total number of consumers served by age</i>	96

Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	59
(2) Number of Males served	37
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served by sex</i>	96

Section G - Race And Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below. ***Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the Program Performance Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).***

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	2
(2) Asian	0
(3) Black or African American	4
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
(5) White	80
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only	8
(7) Two or more races	0
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	1
(9) <i>Total number of consumers served by race/ethnicity</i>	96

Section H - Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	13
(2) Mental/Emotional	25
(3) Physical	17
(4) Hearing	12

	# of Consumers
(5) Vision	96
(6) Multiple Disabilities	17
(7) Other	32
(8) <i>Total number of consumers served by by disability</i>	212

SUBPART III - INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4); Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A - Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSE staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	0	0
(B) Assistive Technology	9	7
(C) Children's Services	0	0
(D) Communication Services	5	4
(E) Counseling and related services	6	5
(F) Family Services	0	0
(G) Housing, Home Modification, and Shelter Services	1	1
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	13	12
(I) Information and Referral Services	13	12
(J) Mental Restoration Services	0	0
(K) Mobility training	7	7
(L) Peer Counseling Services	1	1
(M) Personal Assistance Services	0	0
(N) Physical Restoration Services	0	0
(O) Preventive Services	0	0
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and other appliances	1	1
(Q) Recreational Services	0	0
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	8	7
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	0	0
(T) Transportation Services	0	0
(U) Youth/Transition Services	0	0
(V) Vocational Services	0	1
(W) Other	2	2
Totals	66	60

Section B - Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 - Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	6	1	5
Communication	44	9	35
Mobility/Transportation	57	13	44
Community-Based Living	10	2	8
Educational	2	1	1
Vocational	4	2	2
Self-Care	14	6	8
Information Access/Technology	43	8	35
Personal Resource Management	8	4	4
Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	0	0	0
Community/Social Participation	7	2	5
Other	19	5	14
Totals	214	53	161

Item 2 - Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	9	8	1
(B) Health Care Services	5	4	1
(C) Assistive Technology	9	8	1

Note: For most IL services, a consumer's access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform ACL how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider did ____ / did not **X** engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C - Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

During FFY2024, the Independent Living (IL) program has experienced both successes and challenges. One of the most significant barriers for individuals who are blind or visually impaired in Idaho is the lack of accessible public transportation, particularly in rural areas. Many of these communities do not have transportation services let alone access to ride-sharing services such as Uber or Lyft, and even where available, the cost can be prohibitive for many individuals. Additionally, the rising cost of housing presents another major challenge. Idaho has seen unprecedented increases in housing costs over the past few years, making it difficult for individuals to afford not only housing but also basic daily necessities.

Despite these obstacles, the IL program continues to foster increased independence among its clients. One notable success story is that of a long-term IL client, whom we will refer to as Kris to protect her privacy. Over the past 11 years, Kris has had multiple opened cases with ICBVI's IL program.

When she first sought services, she had earned a high school diploma but was not engaged in any vocational or personal development activities. She was living with her parents, who were highly protective and discouraged her from pursuing employment or post-secondary education. Instead, she was expected to remain at home, assisting her mother with household tasks and caring for her younger siblings. Although she received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), her father managed her finances despite not being her court-appointed guardian or designated payee.

Through ongoing training and support provided by ICBVI, including the provision of aids and appliances funded through Part B, Kris developed essential independent living skills. She received training in activities of daily living (ADLs), orientation and mobility (O&M), and assistive technology. Her progress enabled her to qualify for and receive a guide dog, and she also pursued college coursework, demonstrating strong academic ability despite not completing a degree. She moved out from her parents and lived as an independent young woman.

Today, Kris is married, independently manages the household finances for herself and her husband, and takes primary responsibility for their home. She attributes much of her growth and self-advocacy to the training and resources provided by ICBVI.

Having witnessed Kris's transformation over the past 11 years, I am incredibly proud of her progress and confident that she will continue to achieve new milestones. It is unlikely that Kris would have reached this level of independence without the comprehensive services and support she received through ICBVI.

SUBPART IV - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.17(c)

Section A - Community Activities

Item 1 - Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSE, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Community Living	One on one and group communication	ICBVI	17.00	Provide education and outreach	Educate professionals, providers and individuals regarding blind and visually impaired issues to expand expectations for those with visual impairments.
Independent Living	One on one and group communication	ICBVI	41.00	Provide education and outreach to medical providers	Educate physicians, hospital and clinic staff throughout the state of Idaho regarding ICBVI services and recommendations when working with blind or visually impaired patients
Independent Living	Community, Health and Senior fairs	ICBVI	92.00	Provide education, outreach and develop partnerships	Increase individuals' awareness and referrals to the IL program. Provide information and resources to the public and networked with other service providers in local areas.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Community Access	Transportation	ICBVI	74.00	ICBVI staff sit on a variety of public transportation committees/groups in different local areas advocating for better public transportation access and services.	Work with local community leaders and organizations to bring awareness and advocate for accessibility solutions to improve services for the blind and visually impaired in those local areas.
Healthcare access	Healthcare settings and systems	SILC	141.00	Improve health access and equity reaching underserved communities including migrant farmworkers, immigrants/refugees and people who are unhoused.	Distributed over 40,000 COVID tests to established and new partners serving unserved and underserved. Staff and Council members participated in a Healthcare Access workshop for a State Health Priorities conference.
Housing access	Community Systems	SILC	85.00	Retain and increase affordable, accessible housing options addressing the lack of housing and increasing evictions, including evictions from nursing homes, group homes and assisted living facilities.	Increase public awareness re: lack of affordable, accessible housing due to pop. growth, lost wages, substantial increase in property values and rent, reduced HCBS settings due to closure of assisted living facilities and certified family homes.
Community access	ADA, Fair Housing Act (FHA) and Rehab Act, including 508	SILC	45.00	Increase/improve community access to governmental systems and community infrastructure.	Brought awareness of city, county, state and federal accessibility issues including lack of broadband access for people with disabilities living in rural and frontier communities.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Community access	HCBS	SILC	675.00	Address growing crisis and loss of HCBS due to loss of housing, lack of funding for transition from facilities and direct support professional workforce crisis.	Collaborated with ID Council on Dev. Disabilities to host legislative events emphasizing the loss of DSP. Addressed increased institutionalization of PWD, including work with the DOJ re: the loss of transition services through Medicaid waivers.
Emergency Planning	Community Systems and technical assistance	SILC	108.00	Disability inclusion is built into all aspects of emergency management. 	Hosted 7 Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition Meetings. Participated in LEPC meetings around the state and Idaho Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Participated in Idaho Office of Emergency Management events and exercises.
Independent Living	Financial Planning	SILC	670.00	Provide information and Technical Assistance regarding how to open ABLE accounts in other IRS approved state programs. Note: Idaho does not have an ABLE savings program.	Increased savings access through 11 workshops to 104 people and provided technical assistance (TA) to 318 people with disabilities or their families/guardians in opening accounts. Follow up indicates the majority opened an account.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Emergency Preparation	Emergency Preparation Workshops and Technical Assistance (TA) 	SILC	84.00	Increase personal awareness, understanding and preparation for people with disabilities in all phases of disaster.	Presented to 87 people on developing personal preparedness plans. Participants are better prepared for a personal or community wide emergency or disaster. Distributed 72 emergency bags.

Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSE, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The SILC frequently works with Public Health, other health care systems, the Community Council of Idaho (serving migrant farm workers) and various organizations serving people who are unhoused, such as the Boise/Ada Homeless Coalition to increase access to care and resources, such as providing COVID Tests to migrant farm workers and people accessing homeless shelters. Additionally, we work with Public Health to educate health care providers about the barriers people across disability types face when trying to access healthcare. Council members and SILC staff provided a workshop based on real world examples of discrimination in healthcare settings for people with autism, people with mental health conditions, people who are blind, people who are Deaf and people with ambulatory disabilities at the Idaho Health Priorities Summit, attended by more than 300 health care providers, educators and health care students.

The SILC works with and hosts workgroups addressing increased loss of affordable accessible housing and evictions across settings, including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, rental housing and groups homes. Workgroups include the Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Public Health, the state Protection and Advocacy system, the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Idaho Hospital Association and many other local community organizations. The SILC and our partners continue to engage in housing issues made worse during the public health emergency and explosive population growth across Idaho. There continues to be a crisis of people being evicted from skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), Residential Assisted Living Facilities (RALFs) as well as other community settings due to the reduced number of Medicaid beds available and a sharp loss of personal care and community support workers. The SILC, CILs and other partners are working to help families and individuals address these issues and access assistance from the appropriate organizations.

Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSE and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships

among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSE, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

The DVR General Supervisor for the Customer Center Southwest represents the DSE as an ex-officio member. The DSE representative is an active member of the assessment and planning committee. His participation on the committee and planning activities helps the team enhance quarterly council member surveys, the effectiveness of the statewide assessment and on-going effectiveness of the SPIL.

- The SILC Program Specialist serves as a voting member of the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).
- The Center Director from Life, A Center for Independent Living and the IL manager, also from LIFE, an IL specialist from DAC-NW serve on the SILC.
- The IL coordinator from the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) was an ex-officio member of the SILC. His term ended in May at which time, the ICBVI Administrator was appointed to the Council.
- Center Directors from DAC-NW and LINC frequently attend SILC meetings as invited guests.
- A clinician from the Department of Health and Welfare, Family and Children's crisis services serves on the SILC as an ex-officio member.
- The Outreach and Education Specialist from the Idaho Commission on Aging ICOA serves as ex-officio Council member.

Exchanges between the organizations and constituents named above provide opportunities to learn more about what each organization does and how we may best support each other, thereby improving services and opportunities to our constituents. All the above-mentioned administrators, staff and directors participate in statewide assessment planning as well as SPIL planning meetings.

Other administrators from the Department of Health and Welfare/Medicaid programs attend Council meetings as guests as their availability allows. Such participation provides DHW and other agency administrators with information and perspectives that they might not otherwise have in order to enhance community living for people with disabilities.

The ICBVI Administrator serves on the Idaho Workforce Development Council (WDC) as a voting member as required under WIOA. Such involvement ensures that employment of people with disabilities is considered beneficial for business and industry.

The Directors or other agency staff of the above-named organizations are active members in Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) - a statewide organization that sponsors Fred Riggers - Disability Advocacy Day at the Idaho State Capitol. This event provides an introduction for many people with disabilities and their families to the legislative process, advocacy and activities at the statehouse during the legislative session. It also provides an opportunity for legislators to see what we're doing and to meet the people impacted by the advancement (or loss) of services and supports in the community. The CID works throughout the year to systemically improve services for people with disabilities by helping people who receive Medicaid services educate policy makers. The SILC E.D. serves on the CID executive board.

The exponential loss of affordable and accessible housing in recent years disproportionately impacts people with disabilities, families and care providers (workforce) across our state. The SILC director, at the direction of the Council and via SPIL priorities, regularly works on housing issues across Idaho. The SILC E.D. serves on the governing board for the Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) and is a member of the Ada County Homeless Coalition.

Such partnerships help us have a better understanding of housing needs, specific locations where

there are housing shortages and to bring awareness about areas of disability discrimination in housing.

The SILC Program Specialist works extensively with ICBVI, the CILs, the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, the FEMA Region X Regional Disability Integration Specialist and local emergency planners regarding emergency mitigation, planning and recovery. The Program Specialist coordinates the Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition (IIEC). The IIEC is made up of statewide representatives, the majority of whom have a disability, as well as representatives from the Red Cross and other volunteer organizations, County Emergency coordinators and Federal Emergency Management Agency staff.

The group meets to increase local participation in preparedness projects and activities. The Program Specialist also works with the above groups, providing training to ensure that the disability community is not forgotten in an emergency. Work within emergency preparedness builds relationships and inclusion in all aspects of emergency planning. It is through these relationships that we have been able to more quickly respond to issues related to the Public Health Emergency.

The SILC E.D. participates in several 1915c/i workgroups, including the statewide collaborative, Our Care Can't Wait, and Department of Health and Welfare workgroups to address workforce shortages of direct support professionals, case managers and department staff.

The Council hosted state legislators during our October quarterly Council meeting, providing an opportunity for Legislators to learn more about the SILC and people with disabilities, and for Council members to have an opportunity to meet our state legislators as real people. The event was casual and an overwhelming success. The Council plans to invite legislators again in 2025.

SUBPART V - STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 45 CFR Part 1329.14-16

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 - Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Shiloh Blackburn	Neither	PWD Reg VI	Voting	05/06/2019	05/28/2025
Erik Kimes	Neither	PWD Reg III	Voting	12/11/2020	05/28/2026
Anhora Snodgrass	Neither	PWD At Large	Voting	01/24/2023	01/24/2026
Justyne Collins	Neither	PWD Reg I	Voting	05/01/2023	05/01/2026
Faith Neibert	Neither	PWD Reg VII	Voting	07/09/2024	07/09/2027
Tara Rowe	Neither	PWD Reg V	Voting	05/01/2023	05/01/2026
Ian Bott	Neither	PWD Reg IV	Voting	02/01/2024	05/26/2026
Kylie Reed	Neither	PWD At Large	Voting	07/09/2024	07/09/2027
Brittany Shipley	Neither	PWD Parent Advocate	Voting	12/27/2021	05/28/2027
Michael Lefevor	CIL	CIL Director	Voting	05/28/2022	05/28/2025
Sherri Boelter	CIL	CIL Rep	Voting	05/28/2022	05/28/2025
Erin Olsen	State Agency	Ex-Officio - ICOA	Non-Voting	04/07/2021	05/28/2027
Alan Aamodt	State Agency	Ex-Officio - IDVR	Non-Voting	05/28/2021	05/28/2027
Beth Cunningham	State Agency	Ex-Officio - ICBVI	Non-Voting	07/09/2024	07/09/2027
Russell Salyards	State Agency	Ex-Officio - IDHW	Non-Voting	05/28/2022	05/28/2025

Item 2 - SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	15
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	9
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	11
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	9

Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.14(a)

Item 1 - Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The Idaho SILC follows the State Department of Health and Welfare boundaries. These boundaries divide Idaho's 44 counties into seven regions. Council representation comes from mostly rural parts of the state and Idaho's most populous area, the Treasure Valley, which includes Caldwell, Nampa and Boise. Ideally, each region is represented on the SILC by at least one voting member with a disability who is not employed by a Center or the state.

Two of the CILs are represented: Disability Action Center-Northwest (DAC- NW) to the north currently has one appointed staff member, an IL specialist; and from Life, A Center for Independent Living in Eastern Idaho a Center Director. The IL Program Manager from LIFE served for half the year before resigning for personal reasons. We're awaiting appointment of their replacement who is the PAS coordinator at LIFE. In May of the coming year, the two eligible CIL Directors plan to switch and alternate three year terms to ensure someone from each of the three centers is on the Council. One CIL Director is ineligible for gubernatorial appointment under state law because he does not reside in the state of Idaho.

There is currently one at large seat open from otherwise marginalized populations such as immigrant or Native American community member, young adult and underserved or veteran. One young adult at large seat was filled in 2024. There is currently one vacancy for a person with a disability in Region II, though there is a member from that region who serves in an at large position.

Our appointment process in cooperation with the Governor's office remains challenging due to delays related to required and in-depth criminal background checks and internal processes at the office of the Governor. Given the difficulty, we've begun telling people that an in-depth background check is conducted and if they anticipate anything coming up, we'd appreciate knowing in advance so we can support them through the process. We do not discourage people from applying. However, some have opted out once learning of the in depth criminal background check. Complicating the process, due to the length of time appointments may take, some people lose interest or have other commitments by the time the appointment is finally secured.

The SILC requires all members to be at least 18 years of age. There is no age requirement for Community members who wish to participate in the SILC ad hoc committees or emergency exercises.

Item 2 - Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

The Idaho SILC is comprised of people across the disability spectrum, including people from the Deaf

community; individuals who are blind; people with mental illness, traumatic brain injury, intellectual and developmental disabilities, rare illness and people with ambulatory disabilities or combinations of the afore mentioned. We are actively seeking representatives from an unserved/underserved community as defined in our SPIL and Veterans, for regional or at large positions. A current Council member is a Veteran, who is appointed to a regional seat.

The Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition (IIEC) and the ABLE workgroup are broadly inclusive SILC ad hoc committees that includes people from across the state and disability spectrum. Members include some Council members, advocates from other state and community organizations, such as the Department of Health and Welfare, Caregivers Alliance, FEMA, representatives from state and local public health, and emergency managers.

We continue to make inroads with immigrant populations and the Tribes. One Council member is a Tribal member. This process is slow and on-going.

Above indicates nine voting members, all of whom are people with disabilities who do not work for a CIL or the state. The Council may also elect to add other at-large seats to ensure cross disability representation and majority. Specific at-large seats are not added into our by-laws. The Council values the input of new members, especially young adults and those from communities otherwise not well represented.

Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

Council applicants are initially referred for SILC membership through the Centers or other disability organizations and stakeholder groups. Most frequently, applicants have received services from a CIL or other disability organization which promotes disability rights, or they may have participated in an IL event.

Applications include a resume (or similar document explaining interest and experience). Upon review, the membership committee recommends an interview to be conducted by the membership chair(s) to learn more about the applicant's experience and understanding of IL. Upon final review by the committee, a recommendation is made to the full Council. Upon successful Council approval, applicants complete paperwork for a Gubernatorial appointment. SILC staff submit the appointment form to the Governor's office. Upon successful completion of the background check, applicants are appointed and swear an oath of service to the state of Idaho.

New Council members are provided with a Council orientation including an in-depth workshop on general and Idaho specific disability and Independent Living history, and an introduction into IL philosophy within the context of the SILC. These introductory workshops are provided by members of the executive committee and SILC staff. Public notice is provided for the orientation and current members and the public are invited to participate.

During our two-day Council meetings (twice a year) most of day two is dedicated to training on topics requested by Council members. In 2024 training focused on information that would help Council members better understand the SPIL and their duties as SILC members, as well as team building and emergency preparedness.

Council members are encouraged and supported to provide training during Council meetings and to provide workshops at area conferences and events, including national, state, regional IL and other conferences. Executive committee members provided training on disability history and shared lived experiences growing up before the accommodations we have today existed and how that impacted their lives.

Six Council members and two SILC staff presented a workshop at the Idaho Health Priorities Conference about barriers to health care access, specific to each type of disability participants have. The group role played a variety of real life scenarios that they had experienced recently, including discrimination, lack of access and understanding. The group also fielded a Q&A session allowing attendees to ask questions and learn more about providing health care access for all.

The SILC generally sends 3-10 Council members to local, state and national training as resources allow. Further, SILC staff and the executive committee share training opportunities available on-line through HHS, ACL, ILRU, NCIL and APRIL. These are shared through a monthly newsletter emailed to all council members. Council members keep a log of completed training in their Council binders and report activity in quarterly surveys.

Section C - SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 - SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

Mel Leviton, FTE Executive Director 120 South Cole Road Boise, Idaho 83709 208.334.3800
mel.leviton@silc.idaho.gov

FTE One Administrative Assistant, FTE One Program Specialist/Planner, FTE One Financial Specialist
Total of four (4) full-time employees

The Idaho SILC is a governmental entity, yet not a state agency. The SILC does not operate from within another state agency or organization. The Idaho SILC is not a 501c3. Idaho SILC staff are state employees, receiving state benefits such as health insurance, public retirement, vacation and sick leave. SILC staff, except for the executive director (E.D.), are protected by state employee human resources department guidelines. The E.D. serves at the will of the Council with no such assurances for employment or opportunity for interdepartmental transfer.

Item 2 - SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSE, if any.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) - the DSE - disburses Title 7, Part B funds on a reimbursement basis. IDVR reviews invoices submitted for reimbursement. IDVR staff respond to

questions or concerns related to allowable expenses and accounting questions.

The IDVR administrator provides access to the PPR for the DSE fiscal staff and Idaho Commission for the Blind and Vision Impaired staff to enter the appropriate sections of the PPR. IDVR fiscal staff enters DSE data prior to submission. The IDVR administrator reviews the PPR prior to submission.

The DSE stopped charging the allowable 5% administration fee October 1, 2020. This continued through the 2021-2024 SPIL. We were notified in late December of 2024 that the DSE will begin (date to be determined) charging up to the 5% (amount to be determined) allowable administrative fee sometime in the near future.

Section D - SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 45 CFR 1329.15

Item 1 - SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

The three Idaho Centers, the Idaho SILC, ICBVI and the DSE, IDVR, began preliminary work on what we thought would be the 2024-26 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in the fall of 2021. There was agreement that the SPIL should address the statewide needs of Idahoans across disabilities and lifespan; and the Idaho SILC conducted a statewide survey of the needs of people with disabilities January 25 - September 16, 2022. Given the extension of the 2021-23 SPIL, we had time to drill deeper and develop a more meaningful response to address needs through the next SPIL phase.

We received input from a total of 871 Idahoans representing 34 of the 44 counties. The majority of the responses came from individuals between the ages of 41- 50 and 67% were between 21 - 60. Surveys generally collect quantitative data and while important, the responses received demonstrate a qualitative perspective often missed through such surveys.

The SILC contracted with the Boise State University Center on Aging and worked with an intern to more thoroughly evaluate responses received from the survey, interviews and listening sessions. The greater depth provided helped the SPIL Planning Committee better build goals and objectives for the upcoming 2025-2027 SPIL.

The IL Network and SPIL planning committee began SPIL drafting meetings in early October 2022, concluding the end of September 2023. A total of seven SPIL drafting meetings provided additional public input opportunities which included further review of the statewide assessment, recent PPRs and other updated local data (affordable and assessable housing/homelessness data, reports issued by

state oversight committees related to the direct care workforce shortage and loss of home and community based services, etc.). All meetings were held virtually and posted publicly on the SILC website, social media platforms and on the Idaho Townhall website (part of Transparent Idaho). Further, SPIL development reports and opportunities for comment were provided during quarterly SILC business meetings held through January 2024, prior to posting the draft for the 30-day public comment period. Several members of the public frequently attended Council meetings during this timeframe. Members of the public are permitted time to comment and ask questions at the discretion of the chairperson as was allowed during SPIL development discussion. A draft of the Plan contained herein was reviewed and approved for the publicly posted comment period during a public Council meeting on January 19, 2024. The Plan was posted to the SILC and CIL websites, and shared widely via CIL, SILC and partner email lists and newsletters during the 30-day comment period January 30 - February 28, 2024. An additional public hearing via Zoom was held on February 5, 2024 to review any concerns, questions or receive further public input. ASL was provided for this meeting. The meeting notice was posted on the SILC website, the State of Idaho Townhall website and via partner organizations' communication channels, including the Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities, Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol on February 2, 2024.

In spite of our efforts to get the word out about the zoom meeting held on February 5, no one attended. We also did not receive any additional comments during the 30-day comment period. We attribute the lack of additional response to the fact that all SPIL development meetings, including quarterly Council meetings have been public and we blanketed the state with public meetings in the prior year. This is the fifth Plan, including extension amendments, that we have developed since 2015. During a recent conversation with another state disability organization director, they noted that "you are always working on a SPIL." Indeed, this can be attributed to some circumstances beyond our control and the fact that SPILs only cover a three-year period instead of the more typical five-year period for the Department of Education or Developmental Disabilities Councils.

Unfortunately, getting the plan into the Q90 platform was delayed. We were one of the states in the beta test group allowing slightly earlier access to the Q90 template. However, by the time we were ready to submit, the DSE administrator contacted us to say they were facing finance challenges and weren't sure they could continue as DSE, therefore, they couldn't sign the SPIL. After several long weeks, the DSE determined they could continue and the SPIL was signed by all parties and submitted.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

The Planning Committee, Executive Committee and SILC staff continue to improve the quarterly online survey to increase participation and ease quarterly reporting for Council members and Part B subrecipients. The planning committee develops and works to improve questions best suited to match the SPIL and provide meaningful information to the Council during quarterly meetings. Surveys are sent out during the first week of each new quarter during the SPIL cycle. The SPIL is reviewed and monitored first by the executive director and the planning committee chair. The report is then shared with the executive committee for input, suggestions and review and finally reviewed and reported by the Planning Chair during SILC quarterly business meetings. Goals and objectives are reviewed for activity updates and review of success/barriers by the germane committees during the quarterly committee meetings.

Idaho SILC staff monitored and reviewed the 2021-2024 SPIL monthly. The SILC meets at least

quarterly to review, monitor and potentially revise the SPIL as needs warrant. Expectations in 2024 were met or exceeded within the goals. Some activities may be modified based on shifting resources, response to public health notifications and other emerging issues, such as the housing crisis, the direct support professional shortage across Idaho impacting Idahoans with disabilities and their family's disproportionality and increased institutionalization as a result of reduced home and community based services.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

- The SILC Program Specialist serves on the SRC, ensuring representation from the IL community and communication between the SRC and the SILC. A regional DVR General Supervisor serves on the SILC to ensure communication and participation with each other. They also participate in Neighbors United, a collaborative of individuals, community leaders, organizations and companies who strengthen refugee resettlement resources locally as well as many behavioral health workgroups.

- The Council vice-chair serves on Community NOW!, a project through the Department of Health and Welfare, Medicaid improving Developmental Disabilities waiver services (HCBS).

- The Council chair serves on the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Project and Idaho State Juvenile Justice Commission.

- Other council members serve on the Saint Alphonsus Deaf and Hard of Hearing advisory board, the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance and National Alliance on Mental Illness, to name a few.

- The SILC and the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities frequently serve on many of the same Medicaid waiver workgroups. The two Councils frequently partner on statewide projects. During the summer of 2023 and into early FFY2024, the two Councils hosted a bi-weekly lunch and learn series to help people with disabilities and family members better understand Idaho's two adult Medicaid waivers (DD and A&D), which waiver they are on and how to advocate for improved training and wages to address the direct care workforce crisis. The two Councils have discussed member exchanges to learn from each other about needs and how respective Council operate.

- Several Council members are also members of local community groups, including faith based and political organizations. Council members are committed to highlighting the need for meeting space access and disability issues within these forums.

- CIL Directors and several CIL staff serve on a variety of local, regional and state boards and committees to elevate the issues and concerns of the disability community, including local ADA advisory committees through city councils and highway districts.

- The SILC executive director participates in several public health and Department of Health and Welfare committees and workgroups, primarily focused on HCBS improvements, monitoring, quality

assurance and safety issues around paid family care givers and the direct care workforce shortage. The SILC executive director served on the Intermountain Fair Housing Council and the St. Alphonsus Hospital board as well as several other housing committees and workgroups across the State.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

The Idaho SILC held quarterly council meetings, quarterly executive committee meetings (one month prior to Council meetings) and other meetings, such as SPIL development and planning meetings, an ABLE Idaho stakeholder group and the Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition.

Quarterly meetings are scheduled annually during the summer meeting and posted on our website as soon as dates and locations are confirmed. Notice of scheduled SILC meetings, including agendas are emailed to stakeholders, Council members and other community groups a minimum of 3 - 5 days in advance of public meetings, though generally two weeks prior at the request of Council members.

Visitors on the SILC website and Facebook page can also view meeting Notices. All meetings and agendas are posted on our website, Facebook page and exterior doorway at least 24 hours in advance of meetings in compliance with Idaho's Public Meetings laws, with a stated goal of providing notice 72 hours in advance when possible. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings, except executive sessions that address human resource issues. Additionally, all meetings and agendas are posted on the state's Townhall website in compliance with state public meeting law.

Quarterly council meetings are held in-person twice a year, and the January and July meetings are held on-line to alleviate travel worries during the wintertime and to conserve resources. Idaho Public Meeting law requires at least one person on site for a virtual meeting. All SILC staff are on site for Council meetings. ASL is provided for all Council meetings. Given Idaho's often poor broadband, ASL doesn't always work well for some participants. However, captioning also has proven to have limited success. While we have experimented with various means to provide ASL and captioning for our public meetings, we've yet to find a solution that works for everyone, especially for hybrid (in-person & virtual) meetings. We have purchased technology to help us address these concerns and will continue to work with our Council members and constituents from the Deaf and hard of hearing community to improve access.

Meeting materials are mailed out to Council members who prefer hard copy documents in advance of virtual meetings. Large print materials are sent to Council members who request the format. Documents are also provided to participants who aren't Council members in advance on request prior to or after a meeting.

Item 2 - Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

The SILC uses state general funds to provide our match for Title 7 Part B and support program staffing

and Title 1, Innovation and Expansion funds, to offset administrative costs.

Additionally, the SILC maintains a small, unrestricted fund in which donations and interest deposits accumulate and support activities such as extra ASL interpreters for community events (not hosted by the SILC), supplies for youth activities, food purchase for groups meeting for a short period of time during mealtimes, such as an evening SILC orientation and other activities the Council deems appropriate.

The program specialist position is largely supported through state general funds. These funds fully support 1 FTE Program Specialist who provides emergency preparedness and recovery education and training, technical assistance in opening ABLE accounts in other state programs (Idaho doesn't have an ABLE program) and financial literacy education.

Activities under these two programs are generally funded through state funds only, though there may be some overlap with programs funded under Title 7 Part B funds as the SPIL allows. State funds may also be used to support publications in languages other than English. These activities, funded by the state provide other avenues for the SILC to take the IL message and resource information to our frontier communities. State General funds are used to support SILC operations, conferences and other community events and activities above Part B allocated resources.

The Idaho SILC Executive Director may on rare and Council approved occasions, also use state general or unrestricted funds when there may be concern about an activity falling within federal grant requirements, as allowed by state law.

Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by ACL for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training And Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development General Overview Community/Grassroots Organizing Individual Empowerment Systems Advocacy Legislative Process	8 6
Applicable Laws General overview and promulgation of various disability laws Americans with Disabilities Act Air-Carrier's Access Act Fair Housing Act Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care	

Training And Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	5
Social Security Act	
Workforce Investment Act of 1998	
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999	
Government Performance Results Act of 1993	
Assistive Technologies	
General Overview	
Data Collecting and Reporting	
General Overview	
PPR/704 Reports	7
Performance Measures contained in Program Performance Report	9
Dual Reporting Requirements	
Case Service Record Documentation	
Disability Awareness and Information	
Specific Issues	
Evaluation	
General Overview	
CIL Standards and Indicators	
Community Needs Assessment	10
Consumer Satisfaction Surveys	
Focus Groups	
Outcome Measures	
Financial: Grant Management	
General Overview	
Federal Regulations	
Budgeting	
Fund Accounting	
Financial: Resource Development	
General Overview	
Diversification of Funding Base	
Fee-for-Service Approaches	
For Profit Subsidiaries	
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	
Grant Writing	
Independent Living Philosophy	
General Overview	
Innovative Programs	
Best Practices	
Specific Examples	
Management Information Systems	
Computer Skills	
Software	
Marketing and Public Relations	

Training And Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
<p>General Overview</p> <p>Presentation/Workshop Skills</p> <p>Community Awareness</p> <p>Networking Strategies</p> <p>General Overview</p> <p>Electronic</p> <p>Among CILs & SILCs</p> <p>Community Partners</p> <p>Program Planning</p> <p>General Overview of Program Management and Staff Development</p> <p>CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building</p> <p>Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution</p> <p>First-Line CIL Supervisor Skills Building</p> <p>IL Skills Modules</p> <p>Peer Mentoring</p> <p>Program Design</p> <p>Time Management</p> <p>Team Building</p> <p>Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations</p> <p>General Overview</p> <p>Disability</p> <p>Minority</p> <p>Institutionalized Potential Consumers</p> <p>Rural</p> <p>Urban</p> <p>SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs</p> <p>General Overview</p> <p>Development of State Plan for Independent Living</p> <p>Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL</p> <p>Public Meetings</p> <p>Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board</p> <p>Role and Responsibilities of General Members</p> <p>Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders</p> <p>CIL Board of Directors</p> <p>General Overview</p> <p>Roles and Responsibilities</p> <p>Policy Development</p> <p>Recruiting/Increasing Involvement</p> <p>Volunteer Programs</p> <p>General Overview</p> <p>Other</p> <p>Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p>

SUBPART VI - STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL) COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REPORTING YEAR

Section 704(n) of the Act

Section A - Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 - Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

Goal 1: The Idaho IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of all Idahoans with disabilities across communities, lifespan and cultures.

Objective 1.1: State and local emergency officials include individuals with disabilities and address their unique needs in emergency planning: mitigation, preparation, response and recovery.

Objective 1.2: The IL Network will represent the voice of individuals with disabilities in improving the availability of housing, transportation, health care and community access.

Objective 1.3: The Idaho SILC, the Network of Centers, ICBVI, and the DSE will promote financial independence, including ABLE and other savings programs, and health care options, including the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program, by providing information and education to Idahoans with disabilities, service providers and community organizations.

Notes:

Objective 1.1 - It remains difficult to get people with disabilities to local emergency planning group meetings and exercises due to a lack of community support workers for ADLs and community activities. Benchmarks were achieved due to the availability of statewide virtual meetings. However, it is worth noting that in person works better for many people with disabilities and others do not have access to technology to participate.

Objective 1.3 - The benchmarks for this objective are primarily driven by SILC staff activities. CILs and ICBVI complete this work generally driven by one-on-one work with individuals.

Objectives 1.1-1.3: Benchmarks Achieved

Goal 2: The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective Network operations that are adequately funded and increase capacity.

Objective 2.1 - Years 1 and 2: Address Subchapter Part C funding inequities, Years 1 and 2

Note: Objective 2.2 Years 1-3 are complete and now dependent on Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Objective 2.2 - Year 3: Address Subchapter Part C funding inequities

Note: Objective 2.2 Years 1-3 are complete and now dependent on Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Objective 2.3: The three Idaho Centers: Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC), Life, A Center for Independent Living and Disability Action Center Northwest (DAC-NW) and the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) will collaborate and work to identify other resource development options to enhance providing independent living services to the citizens of Idaho. On-going.

Benchmarks Achieved

Goal 3: Idahoans with disabilities receive the community-based supports they need to live in their community of choice with greater independence.

Objective 3.1: Provide Independent Living services to people with disabilities to increase community access in rural areas and/or unserved and underserved populations identified in section 3.2 of the 2021-24 SPIL.

Objective 3.2: The Idaho SILC, Network of Centers and ICBVI will expand cultural competence by participating in events, listening and learning about community specific concerns/issues, to/with unserved/underserved populations. See Section 3.2 of the 2021-24 SPIL definitions.

Objective 3.3: Increase demonstrable community connections by the number of, and participation in, community cross disability peer to peer mentoring and learning groups.

Benchmarks achieved through revised survey process recommended by the planning committee, and Part B partners.

Item 2 - SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSE administration of the ILS program.

SILC Resource Plan updates for FY2025: The Governor's office and state legislature increased wages for state employees beginning July 1, 2024. The increase remains beyond the ability of the SILC to cover without impacting our federal funds. The SILC submitted a line item request for increase of state general funds to address increased costs related to employee compensation for 2026. It will be an ongoing challenge to meet wage increases implemented by state government without sufficient state fund increases and flat federal funding.

Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSE and SILC

not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

Advocacy efforts to increase wages for direct support professionals and the reestablishment of case management for people accessing personal care services (PCS) were successful during the 2024 legislative session. We worked with our sister agency, the Council on Developmental Disabilities and other partners to meet with legislators and increase DSP wages. Medicaid rate increases were approved by the Legislature during the 2024 session.

The SILC has tirelessly advocated for the return of case managers for people who use PCS and do not have access managed care. Access to case management for non-duel eligible Medicaid beneficiaries was removed by the Legislature in 2009, impacting people from 2011 forward. Case management will finally be reimplemented in January 2025, positively impacting more than 3000 people.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the SILC and the Idaho Anti-trafficking Coalition submitted requests to members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee asking that a study be conducted by the Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations regarding Idaho Residential Care Programs for Children and Youth. The formal request to the committee was made with bipartisan support due to concerns about the safety and welfare of children and youth living in Idaho's residential programs. A disproportionate number of children and youth with behavioral health concerns and developmental disabilities are housed in facilities with little oversight by the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Licensing and Certification. The situation is significant enough that the Department of Juvenile Corrections will no longer contract with specific facilities due to increased safety risks. The projected completion date for this study is Spring of 2025.

Section C - Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSE and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSE; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

Section D - Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE (PHWF) - DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grant Number	10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024 ID
Reporting Period	
State	

Item 1 - Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	0
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Item 2 - Type of Public Health Professional(s) Hired

Type	#
Case Investigator	0
Contact Tracer	0
Social Support Specialist	0
Community Health Worker	0
Public Health Nurse	0
Disease Intervention Specialist	0
Epidemiologist	0
Program Manager	0
Laboratory Personnel	0
Informaticians	0
Communication and Policy Experts	0

Item 3 - The Activities They Are Engaged In To Advance Public Health

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSE directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

Brittany Shipley - Signed Digitally

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

06/24/2025

DATE

Brittany Shipley - Chairperson

NAME AND TITLE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

(208) 720-4004

PHONE NUMBER

judy taylor - Signed Digitally

SIGNATURE OF DSE DIRECTOR

06/26/2025

DATE

judy taylor - Interim Administrator

NAME AND TITLE OF DSE DIRECTOR

(208) 334-3390

PHONE NUMBER