Idaho State Independent Living Council

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THE IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC) IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the independent living movement and philosophy?

The Independent Living Movement is founded in the belief that people with disabilities, regardless of the form, have a common history and a shared struggle – Our community and culture are stronger when we unite with one voice to create positive change across all communities.

Who serves on the Council?

SILC membership is made up of a majority of people with disabilities. The Council strives for membership that reflects the diversity of Idaho. It is important that all voices and life experiences are heard and represented; that the State Plan for Independent Living meets the needs of ALL Idahoans with disabilities.

What experience is needed to serve on the Council?

No previous professional experience is required. Council members are encouraged to share their lived experience as people with disabilities. All Council members are provided with training and opportunities to participate in state and national conferences.

What do Council Members do?

- Represent their geographic area, presenting issues and concerns from their region to inform efforts toward systemic change.
- Help develop Idaho SILC policy, programs, and our legislative agenda.
- Help conduct the statewide needs assessment and develop and monitor the State Plan for Independent Living.
- Commit to attending quarterly meetings.
    - The Council meets quarterly, in January, April, July, and October. January and July meetings are via Zoom.
    - In-person meetings in April and October are two days and in Boise. Travel, hotel accommodations and meals are paid for by the Council.
    - Resources are available to help remove barriers to participation for Council Members.
- Serve on a committee. The committees meet via Zoom at least quarterly, some more frequently. Meetings are usually 1 to no more than 2 hours.

Are you passionate about independent living and disability justice? Come join us in elevating the voices of people with disabilities, breaking down systemic barriers to inclusion and integration through advocacy and enhancing the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently, direct their lives and strengthen their communities.

Link to Council Membership webpage: https://silc.idaho.gov/council-members/
For help with the application or questions about the Council, please call the SILC office: 208-334-3800
or toll-free: 1-800-487-4866

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