



Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
&
Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Crowne Plaza, Bayou Levee Room,
4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA

Attend via zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84249450479?pwd=rDwyCbWTyADSyFNizuLJc7gMRJnnUa.1>

“The mission of Louisiana’s Independent Living program(s) is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, facilitating integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society. Louisiana’s IL Partners promote a philosophy of Independent Living, including consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy.”

The above referenced meeting will be conducted pursuant to R.S.42:17.1 Public comment may be submitted prior to the meeting by email to silcofla@gmail.com. Email silcofla@gmail.com to request accommodations for the meeting.

**Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting (Day 1)
Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
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Call to Order (including reminder of [Meeting Protocols](#))

1:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

[Roll Call](#) (including welcoming and introduction of new members)

Mission Statement

Approval of the [August 2024 Meeting Minutes](#) and correction of [May 2024 Minutes](#)

Report of [Approval](#) and Review of FY25-FY27 [State Plan for Independent Living](#)

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) Reports

1:45pm

Indicator #1.1.1: CILs updates are presented at each SILC quarterly meeting.

Indicator #2.1.2: CILs promote completion of income taxes for consumers who are employed with referrals to free preparation sites or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites and provide updates of referrals at quarterly SILC meetings.

Indicator #2.2.4: CILs maintain membership and participation in Louisiana's Emergency Management Disability and Aging Coalition (EMDAC) and report on EMDAC activities at quarterly SILC meetings.

Indicator #2.3.1: The CILs maintain AT/DME programs to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to equipment as needed, with CILs reporting activities and progress in quarterly SILC meetings.

Indicator #2.3.2: The CILs provide telecommunication access equipment, hearing aids, and ASL interpreting to consumers who are Deaf, have hearing loss, or who have speech impairment and report on activities at each quarterly SILC meeting.

Indicator #2.3.3: The CILs provide referrals to DME providers and LA Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN) and report referrals and related activities at quarterly SILC meetings.

Indicator #3.1.2: The CILs explore resource development sources to provide alternative funding and promote maintenance of current alternative funding, reporting updates at each quarterly SILC meeting.

- [Southwest Louisiana Independence Center](#) (@SLIC)– Randy Dartez
- [New Horizons Independent Living Center](#) (NHILC) – Patricia Yoruw
- [Resources on Independent Living](#) (RIL)- Alisha Hammond

SILC Members Reports**2:30pm**

Objective #1.1: Individuals with disabilities throughout the state are informed of Independent Living philosophy and services.

Indicator #1.1.2: Quarterly presentation by SILC members any services or programs that will benefit the disability community.

Indicator #1.1.3: SILC members promote and attend disability-related events at least once a quarter to educate and raise awareness of the Independent Living philosophy, programs, initiatives, and CIL services.

Indicator #1.1.5: Updates are provided by SILC members at each quarterly SILC meeting regarding activities/events occurring in each member's local community that might provide opportunities for dissemination of Independent Living services and philosophy.

CILs and SILC Members Report**2:55pm**

Objective #3.2: SILC and the CILs utilize best practices of successful SILCs and CILs

Indicator #3.2.1: SILC members and the CILs participate in webinars, conference calls, and other training and report on new and creative ideas learned at each quarterly SILC meeting.

Indicator #3.2.2: SILC members and CILs partner with other SILCs, CILs and other disability-related organizations to foster best practices and report on new and creative ideas learned at each quarterly SILC meeting.

Indicator #2.2.1: SILC members and CILs organize and coordinate activities to promote voter registration through "Register, Educate, Vote - Use your Power" REVUP each year prior to major elections.

Amina Mitchell, Southern University, Founder of ASL on the Bluff**3:15pm**

Indicator #1.1.6: Post-secondary youth are invited to participate in the quarterly meetings of the SILC.

Compliance, Reporting, Training**3:30pm**

Objective #4.2: The SILC achieves compliance with federal SILC standards and indicators.

Indicator #4.2.1: The SILC Chair will review an evaluation tool quarterly to note progress on fulfillment of SILC standards and indicators and will report findings at quarterly SILC meetings.

Indicator #4.2.2: The SILC Chair, Executive Committee and CIL Executive Directors will formulate an Orientation Training Plan during the first quarter of the SPIL for each SILC member to complete training, with members reporting at each quarterly meeting on their progress.

**Public Comment
Recess**

4:00pm

**Statewide Independent Living Council
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9:00am

[Roll Call](#)

Mission Statement

Discuss plan to engage transportation representatives

9:15am

Indicator #2.2.2: SILC members receive updates at quarterly SILC meetings from a state or local transportation representative regarding transportation issues that affect individuals with disabilities in order to provide advocacy when issues are identified.

State Government Agency Updates regarding SPIL Section 2: Services

[Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs](#) - Welma Jackson

[Office of Behavioral Health](#) - Charlene Gradney

[Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs](#) - Cheri Crain

[Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities](#) - Bernard Brown

Louisiana Housing Corporation- Juon Wilson

Invited Guest: ULM Gerontology Institute- Dr. Anita Sharma

[Louisiana Rehabilitation Services](#) – Robbie Gray

10 :00am

Indicator #2.1.3: The SILC advocates to Louisiana legislators in support of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services within the Louisiana Workforce Commission and reports advocacy efforts at least once quarterly at SILC meetings.

SILC Quarterly Budget Update- Fiscal Agent (NHILC)

- [Fiscal Year Ending 2024 Final Financial Report](#)
- [Fiscal Year Ending 2025 Financial Report through October 31](#)

Resource Development and Policies and Procedures

10:30am

Objective #4.1: The SILC will continue to pursue full autonomy.

Indicator #4.1.1: The SILC Chair appoints a Resource Development Committee within the first SPIL year to explore ways to support independent SILC operations and receives committee reports at each SILC meeting.

Indicator #4.1.4: The [Policy and Procedure manual](#) and [By-Laws](#) will be reviewed at least once a year and updated as needed to reflect any operational or procedural changes, including virtual meetings to allow for a quorum.

Indicator #4.3.2: SILC will add new fiscal process to By-laws.

Public Comments

Next Meeting Date and Location

February 5 & 6, 2025

Adjournment