



Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 1:00pm to 5:00pm

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Thursday, August 6, 2026, 9:00am to 12:00am

Resources for Independent Living
2001 21st Street, Kenner, LA

Join the meeting virtually at

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“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 meeting will be conducted pursuant to R.S.42:17.1. Public comment may be submitted prior to the meeting by email to silclacoord@gmail.com. ASL interpreters and auto-generated captioning will be provided during the meeting. Email silclacoord@gmail.com to request other accommodations for the meeting.

Public Comments will be allowed on each agenda item.

Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting (Day 1)
Wednesday, August 4, 2026, 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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Call to Order (including reminder of [Meeting Protocols](#)) **1:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

[Roll Call](#)

Mission Statement

Approval of the [May 2026 SILC Minutes](#)

[Louisiana Works](#) – Melissa Bayham **1:30 pm**

Indicator #2.1.1: Collaboration with Louisiana Workforce Commission is achieved through the SILC Executive Director holding membership on the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council to report SILC activities and reporting LRC information at quarterly SILC meetings.

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.

State Government Agency Updates regarding SPIL Section 2: Services **1:45 pm**

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

[Office for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Supports](#) - Bernard Brown

- **Discussion on recommendations of which state agencies to have appointees on SILC and from which agencies to request periodic reports.**

SILC Budget Update **2:30 pm**

- [FY 2026 Quarterly Financial Report](#) - Fiscal Agent (NHILC)
- SILC Bank Account Balance: \$2,525.65 - Pam Allen, SILC Treasurer
- (For Information) [LRS approved FY27 Budget](#)
- **VOTE: Approval to contract with LRS**

Indicator #4.1.5: The SILC will transition to the Fiscal Agent and continue with LRS contracting.

Objective #4.3: SILC will transition to full budgetary control not needing a fiscal agent and will contract directly with LWC/DSE.

SPIL Development Committee

- Community Input meetings to be held at each Center for Independent Living.
- First SPIL Development Committee Meeting met in June 2026. Next meeting will occur at the conclusion of data collection.
- Council Member responsibility is to assist with sharing the [statewide needs assessment](#).

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) Reports

3:00 pm

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.

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

SPIL Training

4:00 pm

Adjournment

5:00 pm

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9:00 am

[Roll Call](#)

Mission Statement

Bylaws and Policies and Procedures

9:10 am

Phillip Credeur, Bylaws and Policy & Procedure Committee Chairperson

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

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 a new fiscal process to By-laws.

- **Vote on the SILC [Fiscal Policy and Procedures](#)**

CILs and SILC Members Report

9:25 am

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.

- **Report on NCIL - Bambi, Brandy, and Rowan**
- **Vote for travel to the APRIL Conference** per Fiscal Policy and Procedures (J)

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 #2.2.5: SILC members and CILs participate in advocacy and education to decision-makers for accessible, affordable housing for individuals with disabilities and report activities and progress at each quarterly meeting.

Objective #2.1: Promotion of economic stability through employment for individuals with disabilities

- **Update on Empowerment through Employment Conference - collaboration between SILC, LSU Human Development Center, Families Helping Families centers, Disability Rights Louisiana and OIDD - Bambi Polotzola**

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.

- **Consideration of actions**

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.

- **EMDAC met on May 18 and July 27.**

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 about 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.

- **Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol on May 4**

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.

- [Deaf/ DeafBlind/ Hard of Hearing \(DDBHH\) Update](#)- Brandy Bordelon

Indicator #3.1.1: SILC members advocate to the legislature for the SILC and CILs and report activities at quarterly SILC meetings at least once a year.

Nationwide Disability Updates Rowan DeJean

10:00 am

Compliance, Reporting, Training

10:30 am

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.

- [SILC FY25 PPR Report](#)

Executive Director's Report Bambi Polotzola

10:40 am

- Update on SILC appointments and term expirations
- Update and Review of new website: www.lasilc.org

Personnel

11:00 am

- **Annual Review of Executive Director** (Executive Session)

Election of Officers

11:30 am

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large

Additional Business

Future Meeting Dates November 4 & 5, 2026 - Crowne Plaza - Baton Rouge, LA

- **Discussion of when meeting at a CIL will be held in 2027**

Adjournment

12:00 pm