**State Independent Living Council and the Centers for Independent Living**

2018 Needs Assessment Survey

Purpose of the State Independent Living Council (SILC):

The purpose of the Council is to develop, in collaboration with the Centers for Independent Living (CIL’s), the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The SPIL is a detailed three-year plan that sets goals and guides plans for the delivery of independent living services in Idaho. The Council is also responsible for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the SPIL. Other roles of the SILC are systems advocacy, public education about disability related topics and to provide technical assistance related to independent living. The SILC and the Centers serve people of any age, across all disabilities.

The term “independent living” means different things to different people. To some, it may mean living in a residential program. To others it means living without much help from other people. Others see it as having enough money to buy what they need without help from the government. The SILC’s mission is to promote the independent living philosophy for all Idahoans with disabilities: choice, self-determination and access for all.

CIL Core Services:

Independent Living Services are designed to help people with disabilities reach their personal goals for independence and participation with their families and communities. The five core services of the Independent Living program are:

* Information and Referral
* Independent Living Skills Training
* Peer Counseling
* Individual and Systems Advocacy
* Life Transition Assistance (related to youth leaving high school or people moving out of nursing homes or staying in their own homes with the right supports).

Basic needs & services that the SILC & CILs will always address in some way:

* Housing
* Employment
* Education or Job Training
* Healthcare
* Transportation

Additional needs for full community inclusion:

* Social interaction & inclusion
* Recreation

2018 marks the 28th anniversary of the ADA. The ADA says it’s illegal to discriminate on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. There are many other laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities so we can access our communities.

Access means:

* You are able to get to the places you need or want to go.
* You are able do the things you need or want to do in your community.
* You are able to get the services you need or want. You are able to buy the things you need or want within reason.

By completing this survey, you will help the State Independent Living Council (SILC) and the Idaho Centers for Independent Living (CILs) better understand the needs of people with disabilities in Idaho and to advocate for better services across Idaho. The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

# Please tell us a little about yourself:

1. Are you a (check all that apply):

☐ Person with a disability ☐ Family Member

☐ Service provider ☐ Friend

☐ Advocate ☐ Other

1. If you are a person with a disability, what is your disability? (Check all that apply)

☐ Physical/Mobility ☐ Mental/Emotional

☐ Intellectual/Cognitive ☐ Blind or Visually Impaired

☐ Traumatic Brain Injury ☐ Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deaf or Hard of Hearing ☐ Don’t know

1. Are you a Veteran?
2. What city do you live in?
3. What gender do you identify as?

☐Male ☐Female

☐Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to answer

1. What race do you identify with?

☐ White or Caucasian ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander☐ Black or African American ☐ Multi-Racial

☐ Asian or Asian American ☐ Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Prefer not to answer

1. What is your ethnicity?

☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

☐ Prefer not to answer

1. What is your age? ☐15-24 ☐25-34 ☐35-44 ☐45-54 ☐55-64 ☐65+
2. What primary language do you use?

# We are interested in your experiences with the affordability, accessibility and appropriateness of resources in the following areas: Housing, Transportation, Employment, Education, Healthcare, Mental Healthcare and Community Access. Please rate the following questions on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not important or not at all well and 5 being extremely important or extremely well.

# IDENTIFIED NEEDS

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **10.** **Housing**  | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 10.a. Current housing meets your needs | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 10.b. You have a voice about where you live | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 10.c. Housing is accessible  | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 10.d. You can find affordable housing (cost is 30% or less of your total income) | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about housing here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **11**. **Transportation** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 11.a. Transportation to medical appointments  | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 11.b. Transportation to shopping & social events | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 11.c. Transportation to education or training | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 11.d. Transportation to work | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about transportation here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **12. Employment** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 12.a. You are able to get and keep a job | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 12.b. You have the supports (accommodations) you need to get and keep a job | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 12.c You are paid a fair wage in comparison to your non-disabled peers  | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 12.d. You are paid a livable wage | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about employment here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **13. Education K-12, college or technical training** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 13.a. You can get the education or training you want and need | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 13.b. You have the supports you need to succeed in school or job training | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |  1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 13.c. You are able to find resources to help pay for higher education costs | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about education or training here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **14. General healthcare** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 14.a. You can find doctors near you who meet your needs | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 14.b. You are able to pay for healthcare services with insurance, including Medicaid or your own money | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about general healthcare here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **15. Mental health care** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 15.a. You can find a mental health care provider near you who meets your needs | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 15.b. You are able to pay for mental health care services with insurance, including Medicaid, or your own money | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about mental healthcare here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **16. Awareness in your community of disability needs** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 16.a. Social, recreational and other gatherings in your community are accessible, including physical and communication access | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about accessibility here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **17. Advocacy** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 17.a. You know how to advocate or speak up for yourself when your access needs are not being met | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 17.b. You know who to contact when you aren’t able to access services you need | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 17.c. You would like more resources to help you advocate for yourself, your family member or your community | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |

Please add comments about advocacy here:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **18. Information and technology** | **A. In the past year, how IMPORTANT has this area of need been to you?**Not ExtremelyImportant Important | **B. In the past year, how WELL have your needs in this area been met?**Not at all Extremely Well Well |
| 18.a. You have access to the internet, cellphone service or a computer | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 18.b. You have up-to-date apps for your cellphone or computer software that helps you find information you need or want | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow | 1 2 3 4 5 Don’tKnow |
| 18.c. How do you find information or resources that you need? (newspaper, internet, local organizations, 2-1-1, etc.) |  |

Please add comments about information and technology here:

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?