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Strategic Partnerships & Relationships with Other Disability Organizations

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Who Are Partners?

- SILC Composition (Rehab Act Sec. 705(b)(2))
  - Network of Centers Representative
  - DSU Representative (ex-officio)
  - Other state agencies serving people with disabilities (ex-officio)
  - Sec. 121 Project Representative
- How should SILC work with them
  - In meetings?
  - Beyond meetings?
    - Meet with state agencies
    - Explore common ground for outreach/other goals

Who Are Partners?, cont'd.

- SILC Duties (Rehab Act Sec. 705(c)(3))
  - Coordinate Activities with
    - State Rehab Council
    - Other federal disability councils
      - Developmental Disabilities
      - Mental Health Planning and Advisory
      - Assistive Technology
      - Others
  - How does SILC communicate & coordinate activities?

Who Are Partners?, cont'd. 2

- Rehabilitation Council and State Rehab Plan
  - Statewide Assessment of the Rehabilitation Needs of Individuals with Disabilities
    - How does SRC address rehabilitation needs
  - Staffing
    - How does DSU support the work of the council?
- Assistive Technology
  - How does state AT project work with IL Centers?

Who Are Partners?, cont'd. 3

- DD Council
  - Five-year plan
    - Input on each other's plan
    - Work together on common goals
  - Advocacy
    - Work together on consumer empowerment and advocacy
- MH Planning and Advisory Council
  - Annual/3-year plan
  - Advocacy

Who Are Partners?, cont'd. 4

- SPIL Requirements (Rehab Act. Secs. 704 & 705(c))
- [S]teps that will be taken to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among— [34 CFR 364.26 (a)]
  - (1) The SILS program, the SILC, and centers
    - coordination of funding for centers and IL services [Cf. 34 CFR 364.29] and state CIL funds [34 CFR 366.30(a)]; and
  - (2) The DSU, 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 determined to be appropriate by the SILC.

Who Are Partners? cont'd. 5

- SPIL Requirements (Rehab Act. Secs. 704 & 705(c))
  - [H]ow IL services ... will be coordinated with, and complement, other services, to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, [34 CFR 364.27-.28] including
    - the OIB program authorized by chapter 2 of title VII of the Act

Who Are Partners? cont'd. 6

- SPIL Requirements
  - [H]ow IL services...will be coordinated ...
    - that provide IL- or VR-related services...provided by State and local agencies administering the
      - Special education and vocational education,
      - Developmental disabilities services,
      - Public health and mental health,
      - Housing and transportation,
      - Veterans' programs, and
      - The programs authorized under titles XVIII [Medicare, XIX MA] through XX [SS Block Grant] of the Social Security Act within the State.

Who Are Partners? cont'd. 7

- Working relationships with *other* public & private entities
- Organizations that can be critical partners for SILCs and the IL network to strengthen services and effect systems change.
  - Academic?
  - Business?
  - Foundation?
  - Protection & Advocacy System
  - Disability Advocacy Coalition?
  - Aging Community: AAAs, AARP, etc.

Questions & Answers

Why Have Partnerships?

- Define and identify who is in your IL Network in your State.

- Who is in your IL Network?

  - SILC

  - CILs

  - DSU

  - Association of Centers?

- When should we consider others as part of IL network?

  - To what extent do they support philosophy and mission?

Why Have Partnerships? cont'd.

- The importance of developing IL networks into strong, cohesive partnerships that serve as a springboard to shared goals

- What is success?

  - to know/learn what kinds of things are important to your partners for input to the SPIL

  - to know/learn what kinds of things are going on that could affect implementation of the SPIL

  - accomplish goals & objectives

Why Have Partnerships? cont'd. 2

- Key is shared goals
  - Centers can do resource development. CILs are designed to be governed by local consumers, identify needs in their region, provide services to consumers.
  - SILCs are designed to be a statewide organization, identify patterns of need broader than service areas.
  - SILCs and CILs working closely together should result in higher quality and consistency of IL services, and more accurate 704 reporting, meet more SPIL objectives.

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Why Have Partnerships? cont'd. 3

- Shared Goals
  - Increased funding for services, Centers and CILs,
    - state funding,
    - more than Part B & C funds
    - better product (IL outcomes) makes it easier to get more funding.
  - SPIL implementation
    - advocacy
    - consumer service goals
    - quality of services
    - data collection

Why Have Partnerships? cont'd. 4

- Shared Goals
  - More effective Advocacy
    - Greater number of people.
    - Although SILCs have room within RSA restrictions it is helpful to have IL Network partners that have unrestricted funds to lobby.
    - More people with the unified voice = better advocacy outcomes
  - Share the work load
    - maximize limited resources
    - Council members are volunteers
    - Need to be strategic

Why Have Partnerships? cont'd. 5

- Shared Goals
    - Local, state and national partnerships
    - Carry message inside and outside IL Network

Questions & Answers

How to Partner

- What makes a partnership effective?
  - You are in partnerships whether you recognize it or not
  - They may be ineffective partnerships or effective.
- Focus on mutual goals
  - Partners provide more than you can do alone.
  - In most states CILs are responsible for achieving the outcomes of the majority of the SPIL objectives.

How to Partner, cont'd.

- SILCs and CILs come at it from different places and areas of responsibilities, but need to make it work.
  - Have to maintain relationships on an ongoing basis
- Examples that worked
  - Have SILC meetings at CILs—get to know staff/Center, hold public hearings, save money
  - Provide joint trainings—NCIL, CANAR, in community
  - Retreat to identify major needs for SPIL
  - Work groups to develop those needs into goals, objectives, activities, etc.

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How to Partner, cont'd. 2

- Examples that worked (cont'd)
    - IL Network Branding—joint brochures, website, share office, joint advocacy Committees
    - Have at least 2 co-events per year: IL Days and joint meeting between ILC network and council
    - Work cooperatively with State Rehab Council to explore ways VR might support IL Centers and IL Program
    - Work cooperatively with other Councils to support IL Centers and IL Program
    - Consumer conference

How to Partner, cont'd. 3

- Examples that didn't work
  - Unprepared representation on Council meetings, other with disability or public, private orgs
- DSU—what is their role & how is it communicated?
  - SILCs need ownership of the IL program, not the DSU
  - DSU has responsibilities other than IL program, Let the SILC coordinate IL.

How to Partner, cont'd. 4

- Effective practices
  - How can impact be supported despite a low level of staffing?
    - Cooperation with partners
      - How does SILC maintain role?
      - Communication
    - Council members as human power
  - Ask
    - What can be improved?
    - How can we make incremental progress?

Other Partnerships

- Larger IL Community
  - NCIL
  - APRIL
  - ILRU
  - SILC Congress
- Why?
  - SILCs have high turnover
    - these partnerships can help assure that personnel have relationships and skills to do jobs
  - Provide a context for the work we do
    - help understand the environment in which SPIL will be implemented

Questions & Answers

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