If you are new to Independent Living and our acronyms have you dizzy with confusion, this reference is for you. If you are tired of Alphabet Soup, this ready reference will help you unpack the confusion of letters and bring better understanding to your board and staff. If you need to know more than just what the letters stand for, visit our website at [https://www.ilru.org](http://www.ilru.org) for more information about all things Independent Living.

### 704 Report
An annual program performance report of services provided, prepared by a SILC (Part I) or a center (Part II); obsolete term; replaced with Program Performance Reports (PPR).

### 723 State
State in which State funding for centers equals or exceeds the amount of Federal funds allotted to the State under Part C, Chapter 1 and in which the Director of the Designated State Entity (DSE) submits an application and is approved by ACL/OILP to administer the CIL program as provided in section 723 of the Act.

### A
- **AAA or Triple A** – Area Agency on Aging
- **AAGAM** – Awarding Agency Grant Administration Manual
- **AAPD** – American Association of People with Disabilities
- **AARP** – American Association of Retired Persons
- **ACL** – Administration for Community Living
- **ADA** – Americans with Disabilities Act
- **ADA Center** – Americans with Disabilities Act Center; Eleven (11) centers form the ADA National Network
- **ADAAA** – Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008
- **ADAPT** – An organization of disability rights activists.
- **ADLs** – Activities of Daily Living
- **ADRC** – Aging and Disability Resource Center
- **AJC** – American Job Center
- **APRIL** – Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- **ARRA** – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- **ASAN** – Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- **ASL** – American Sign Language
- **AT** – Assistive Technology
- **AUCD** – Association of University Centers on Disabilities

### C
- **CAP** – Client Assistance Program OR Cost Allocation Plan OR Corrective Action Plan
- **CARES** – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
- **CART** – Communication Access Real-Time Translation
- **CAS** – Cost Accounting Standards
- **CBO** – Community Based Organization
- **CC** – Closed Captioning
- **CDBG** – Community Development Block Grant
- **CFDA** – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- **CFR** – Code of Federal Regulations
- **CIF** – Consumer Information Files
- **CIL** – Center for Independent Living
- **CLA** – Community Living Administration
- **CLSP** – Community Living Services Program
- **CMS** – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **COMP** – Compliance and Outcome Monitoring Protocol
- **COSO** – Committee of Sponsoring Organizations
- **CRPD** – Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSR – Consumer Service Record (obsolete term; replaced with Consumer Information Files)

DBTAC – Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (on the ADA) (obsolete term; replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act Centers (ADA Centers))
DME – Durable Medical Equipment
DOE – Department of Education
DOL – Department of Labor
DOR – Department of Rehabilitation
DREDF – Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
DSE – Designated State Entity
DSU – Designated State Unit (obsolete term)

ELO – Extended Learning Opportunity
EN – Employment Network
ES – Electrical Sensitivities

F&A – Facilities and Administrative
FAC – Federal Audit Clearinghouse
FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education
FAPIIS – Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
FAR – Federal Acquisition Regulation
FASB – Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FHC – Fair Housing Council
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act

FMS – Financial Management Services

GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GOTV – Get out the Vote
GSA – General Services Administration

HAVA – Help Americans Vote Act
HHS – Department of Health & Human Services
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HPRP – Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
HUD – Housing and Urban Development

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP – Individualized Education Program
IEPIL – IEP for Independent Living
ILA – Independent Living Administration
ILC – Independent Living Center
ILP – Independent Living Plan
ILRU – Independent Living Research Utilization
I & R – Information and Referral

LRE – Least Restrictive Environment
LTSS – Long-Term Services & Supports
M
MCS – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
MFP – Money Follows the Person
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
MTDC – Modified Total Direct Costs

N
NCIL – National Council on Independent Living
NFE – Non-federal Entity
NIA – Notice of Intent to Award
NIDILRR – National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

O
OCR – Office for Civil Rights
OIG – Office of Inspector General
OILP – Office of Independent Living Programs
OMB – Office of Management and Budget
OPM – Office of Personnel Management
OSERS – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

P
PA – Personal Assistant
PAR – Personnel Activity Report
PAS – Personal Assistance (or Attendant) Services
P & A – Protection and Advocacy

Part B – Refers to Title VII Part B of the Rehabilitation Act, which passes money through the SILC to CILs, more accurately Subsection B
Part C – Refers to Title VII Part C of the Rehabilitation Act, which authorizes direct grants to CILs; more accurately Subsection C
PMS – Program Management System, the system for drawing funds from the Department of Health and Human Services
PO – Project Officer (ACL/ILA state assignments)
PPE – Personal Protection Equipment
PPP – Paycheck Protection Program
PPR – Program Performance Report
PTI – Parent Training and Information Center
PWD – People with Disabilities

Q
QA – Quality Assurance

R
RFP – Request for Proposal
RSA – Rehabilitation Services Administration
RTC – Research and Training Center

S
SAA – Single Audit Act
SAM – System for Award Management
SCA – System Change Advocate
SCI – Spinal Cord Injury
SEFA – Schedule of Expenditures for Federal Awards
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SF 425 – A form for reporting on expenditures of federal funds.
SILC – Statewide Independent Living Council
SPIL – State Plan for Independent Living
SRC – State Rehabilitation Council
SSA – Social Security Administration

T
TDD – Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TA – Technical Assistance
Title VII – Refers to the sections of the Rehabilitation Act relevant to Independent Living programs
TQM – Total Quality Management
TTY – An older designation for a TDD, from teletype

U
UAR – Uniform Administrative Requirements
UG – Uniform Guidance
UCEDD - University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
UEI – Unique Entity Identifier

V
VOA – Volunteers of America
VR – Vocational Rehabilitation
VRI – Video Remote Interpreting (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
VRS – Video Relay Service (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
VRS – Vocational Rehabilitation Services

W
WIB – Workforce Investment Board
WID – World Institute on Disability
WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (July 22, 2014 revision to the Rehabilitation Act)
WIPA – Work Incentive Planning Assistance

Y
YLF – Youth Leadership Forum
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