

WHAT EVERY SILC MEMBER SHOULD KNOW: A Self-Administered Test

The list below includes basic information that each member of a statewide independent living council should know and understand to be an effective voting member of a statewide planning body. If you are a SILC member and do not know about the issues listed below, you or your SILC may need training to learn and apply this knowledge in your role as a SILC member. Assess your knowledge of the following, writing "YES" or a "Y" for each statement you know and understand and a "NO" or an "N" for statements describing knowledge you do not yet have or fully understand. Be tough minded!

- _____ 1. The history of independent living related to and including the current Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 2014, particularly Title VII.

- _____ 2. The history of how centers for independent living developed in the United States.

- _____ 3. The independent living philosophy— its tenets, principles, values and how it is practiced.

- _____ 4. The location, size, name, brief history and executive director of each center for independent living (CIL) in the state.

- _____ 5. The designated state entity (DSE – the state agency designated in the SPIL) through which Title VII, Part B funding (and Part C in 723 states) flows, its director, its staff related to Title VII programs, and how to reach these individuals.

- _____ 6. The state agencies providing services to persons with disabilities, their missions, general information about what they provide, and their relationships to each other and within state government.

- _____ 7. The divisions of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services related to people with disabilities and the names of the programs administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL).
- _____ 8. The state's allocation under Title VII, Part B and how such funds are being spent.
- _____ 9. The nature and direction of the state's plan for independent living.
- _____ 10. How the DSU (Designated State Unit - state vocational rehabilitation agency or blind agency) spends its Social Security Reimbursement Funds, particularly if such funding supports centers for independent living or independent living services within the state.
- _____ 11. Amount of state funding for centers for independent living and how it is distributed to CILs.
- _____ 12. Any state laws written for creation, definition or maintenance of centers for independent living.
- _____ 13. The definition, assurances, standards and indicators for centers for independent living.
- _____ 14. The nature and direction of the state's plan for vocational rehabilitation and how it relates to the state independent living plan.
- _____ 15. The nature and direction of the state rehabilitation council (SRC) and its relationship to the statewide independent living council.
- _____ 16. The roles, responsibilities, and authority of each member of the SILC.

- _____ 17. The communication system established for effective functioning of the SILC.
- _____ 18. The articles of incorporation (if appropriate), bylaws, or other tools of governance or policy guidance used by the SILC.
- _____ 19. The individual members of the SILC, what they represent on the SILC, their offices or responsibilities, if any, and how to reach any member of the SILC.
- _____ 20. The contents of the SILC's resource plan.
- _____ 21. The budget guiding SILC expenditures, the source(s) of SILC funding, and how such fiscal matters are managed.
- _____ 22. The staff of the SILC and how they relate to the SILC as a whole as well as individual members of the SILC.
- _____ 23. How staff of the SILC are trained, supervised and evaluated.
- _____ 24. The nature and funding for any SILC approved project funded under Title VII, Part B or any state or other funding incorporated into the state plan for independent living (SPIL).
- _____ 25. The basic concepts, definitions, and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.