SILC Duties and Responsibilities

Frequently Used Terms

- APRIL — Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- CIL / Center for Independent Living — nonprofit organization providing non-residential IL services to people with disabilities to support independent living in a designated service area
- COLA / Cost of Living Allowance — additional funds to compensate for inflation
- DSU — Designated State Unit — the unit of state government that is usually responsible for administering the vocational rehabilitation program funded under the Rehabilitation Act
- ED — Education Department (also Dept. of Education) — Cabinet-level agency of U.S. government that administers most federal assistance to education as well as vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs
- EDGAR / Education Department General Administrative Requirements — Rules governing programs administered by ED
- IRLU — Independent Living Research Utilization
- IL Services — services to people with disabilities to support their living independently, including Information & Referral, Advocacy, IL Skills training and Peer Support
- NCIL — National Council on Independent Living
- OSERS — Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services — a program of the U.S. Department of Education that oversees the Office of Special Education Programs, the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the Rehabilitation Services Administration
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973 — federal law authorizing many disability-related programs and requirements including the vocational rehabilitation services and the independent living programs
- Part B — Part of Title VII defining state IL programs
- Part C — Part of Title VII defining federal CIL program

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• RSA — Rehabilitation Services Administration — division of OSERS administering independent living & rehabilitation programs

• 704 Report — annual report to RSA from CIL and state IL programs

• SILC — Statewide Independent Living Council (the subject of this webinar)

• SILC Resource Plan — plan providing for resources necessary for SILC to fulfill its duties

• SPIL / State Plan for Independent Living — plan describing use of funds for the state’s network of independent living programs and services

• SRC / State Rehabilitation Council — Council advising operation of vocational rehabilitation program

• Title VII — Seventh major division of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; authorizes the independent living programs