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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM**

(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

Part I

INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
And Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: 2023

State: NV

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SUBPART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act

Indicate amount received by the DSE as per each funding source. Enter "0" for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$348060.00
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only	\$0.00
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	\$0.00
(D) Other Federal Funds	\$0.00
Subtotal - All Federal Funds	\$348060.00

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	\$85840.76
(F) Local Government Funds	\$0.00
Subtotal - State and Local Government Funds	\$85840.76

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	\$0.00
(H) Other resources	\$0.00
Subtotal - Private Resources	\$0.00

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$433900.76
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Item 5 - Pass Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$0.00
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$433900.76
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Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.10

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSE Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$101615.00	\$0.00
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$0.00	\$123766.00
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$0.00	\$0.00
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	\$0.00	\$38000.00
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$1370.00	\$0.00
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$0.00	\$0.00
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$1907.00	\$0.00
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$54814.00	\$26588.00
Totals	\$159706.00	\$188354.00

Section C - Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act

Enter the requested information for all DSE grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter "N/A." If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter "\$0" in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSE or Provider	Consumer Service Records (CSRs) Kept With DSE or Provider
Care Chest	2	\$103766.00	\$0.00	Provider	DSE
Rural Center for Independent Living	3	\$20000.00	\$0.00	Provider	Provider
Northern Center for Independent Living	5	\$19000.00	\$0.00	Provider	Provider
Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living	5	\$19000.00	\$0.00	Provider	Provider
David Belluso	8	\$7200.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
DSE/Youth Contractor	5	\$9664.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
Community Chest	8	\$9724.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$188354.00	\$0.00		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or For the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

\$7,200 was contracted to Davidson Belluso to maintain the SILC website, as costs increased from the previous year.

A Youth Leader was contracted to further develop the Youth Action Council under the SILC for \$9,664. The Youth Leader resigned in August, 2023. We are recruiting for a replacement for the contracted position.

\$9,724 was awarded to Community Chest to assist the SILC in managing choice and control regarding services and supplies for SILC outreach and education. This allowed the SILC to pay for travel expenses and services that are not contracted specifically through the State.

Section E - Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

Davidson Belluso performed web maintenance as specified in our contract with no additional issues arising; however, their costs increased due to the previous year's actual costs.

The Youth Action Council participated in outreach activities and held meetings quarterly up until our contracted Youth Leader resigned/moved out of State. Up until then, he reported to SILC at our quarterly meetings, as well as collaborating with SILC on many initiatives in the State Plan for Independent Living.

The Centers for independent Living provided quarterly updates regarding the scholarship program and consumer trends to SILC and will provide a final report in January 2024.

The Rural Center for Independent Living provided quarterly reports, as well, and will also provide a final report in February, 2024.

Community Chest meets with SILC Executive Director at least quarterly to discuss SPIL progress and the needs of the SILC.

The State AT/IL Program Director submitted quarterly reports to SILC and provided ongoing communication regarding program changes, service provider challenges and program wait lists. He will provide a final report in January, 2024.

Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act

Item 1 - Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSE to the Part B Program.

DSE provided 1.18 FTE staff support to SILC, Deputy Attorney General support, fiscal support, purchasing and records retention.

Item 2 - Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSE and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs)

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	1.25	1.25
Other Staff	1	1

Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY

Section 723 of the Act, 45 CFR 1329.12

Item 2 - Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act

Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i)

Item 4 - Updates or Issues

SUBPART II - NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4)

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSE, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual CIL PPRs.

Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	190
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	127
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	317

Section B - Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	4
(2) Withdrawn	29
(3) Died	11
(4) Complete Goals	98
(5) Other	2
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	144

Section C - Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30th of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	173

Section D - IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	1
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	316
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served during the reporting year</i>	317

Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	3
(2) Ages 5 - 19	31
(3) Ages 20 - 24	10
(4) Ages 25 - 59	97
(5) Age 60 and Older	176
(6) Age unavailable	0
(7) <i>Total number of consumers served by age</i>	317

Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	202
(2) Number of Males served	115
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served by sex</i>	317

Section G - Race And Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below. ***Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the Program Performance Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).***

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	4
(2) Asian	8
(3) Black or African American	43
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6
(5) White	187
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only	59
(7) Two or more races	6
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	4
(9) <i>Total number of consumers served by race/ethnicity</i>	317

Section H - Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	5
(2) Mental/Emotional	0
(3) Physical	265
(4) Hearing	14

	# of Consumers
(5) Vision	15
(6) Multiple Disabilities	18
(7) Other	0
(8) <i>Total number of consumers served by by disability</i>	317

SUBPART III - INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4); Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A - Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSE staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	0	0
(B) Assistive Technology	178	60
(C) Children's Services	0	0
(D) Communication Services	13	5
(E) Counseling and related services	0	0
(F) Family Services	0	0
(G) Housing, Home Modification, and Shelter Services	183	70
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	1	0
(I) Information and Referral Services	123	54
(J) Mental Restoration Services	0	0
(K) Mobility training	8	0
(L) Peer Counseling Services	0	0
(M) Personal Assistance Services	0	0
(N) Physical Restoration Services	0	0
(O) Preventive Services	0	0
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and other appliances	1	0
(Q) Recreational Services	0	0
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	0	0
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	0	0
(T) Transportation Services	110	25
(U) Youth/Transition Services	0	0
(V) Vocational Services	0	0
(W) Other	0	0
Totals	617	214

Section B - Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 - Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	0	0	0
Communication	57	15	19
Mobility/Transportation	191	51	70
Community-Based Living	140	77	27
Educational	0	0	0
Vocational	0	0	0
Self-Care	440	170	161
Information Access/Technology	13	3	8
Personal Resource Management	0	0	0
Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	0	0	0
Community/Social Participation	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0
Totals	842	316	285

Item 2 - Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	118	30	55
(B) Health Care Services	0	0	0
(C) Assistive Technology	727	316	285

Note: For most IL services, a consumer's access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform ACL how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider did ___ / did not **X** engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C - Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

State IL Program: The NVSILC provides partial funding for the statewide Assistive Technology for Independent Living (AT/IL) program. The AT/IL Program is a statewide program that supports an individual's choice to live in their community with the use of Assistive Technology (AT). The program's focus is on removing essential, daily living barriers. The program can help individuals define their Independent Living goals and determine the appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) needed to care for themselves, or receive care, in their homes and their community. The program has resources to provide a variety of AT when no other resources are possible. Individuals that are currently in a care facility, or at high risk of placement in a facility, can be prioritized (if funding is available) for the services that are necessary for them to live independently in the community.

The AT/IL program prioritizes resources in efforts to prevent institutionalization and support community living. Goals and services that may prevent or help someone transition from a care facility must be prioritized. Transition services also may include non-AT services such as rental deposits, food, and items necessary to live until they are able to receive their income again, up to 30 days. This year there were 85 Independent Living Goals, that were directly related to Prevention of needing institutional care. Of these 59 goals were closed as Goal Met; 20 are in Progress (3 Withdrawn & 2 Passed Away).

All consumers are surveyed following closure with the AT/IL program. The survey includes satisfaction and life impact questions as well as a question about choice and control. This year there was a 47.2% voluntary return rate in surveys of consumers. The following are the results for the consumer surveys where at least one goal was accomplished:

Are you satisfied with our services? Rate the service provided by the staff:

Excellent 94%
Very Good 4%
Good 0%
Fair 0%
Poor 2%

Did you have choice and control over the Goals you set and the types of services you received?

A lot of control and choice 76%
Quite a bit of control and choice 22%
A little control and choice 0%
Not enough control and choice 2%

Rate your overall satisfaction with the program: Which of the following best reflects your level of satisfaction with the services you received?

Very Satisfied 94%
Mostly Satisfied 4%

Somewhat Satisfied 0%

Not Satisfied 2%

Have the services provided made a positive impact on your life?

Yes 98%

No 2%

Did the services provided impact your life? My overall quality of life:

Improved a lot 73%

Improved quite a bit 23%

Improved a little 2%

Did not change 2%

Not Applicable or No response 0%

My overall Independence related to the goals established:

Improved a lot 72%

Improved quite a bit 24%

Improved a little 0%

Did not change 2%

Not Applicable or No response 2%

My chances of staying OUT of a nursing home:

Improved a lot 75%

Improved quite a bit 13%

Improved a little 0%

Did not change 4%

Not Applicable or No response 8%

How often are the devices or modifications used?

Daily 90%

Weekly 6%

Monthly 0%

At least every 3 months 0%

Not Applicable or No response 4%

Do you think the government should continue funding this program?

Yes 98%

No 2%

My ability to volunteer, be involved in my community, or do leisure activities:

Improved a lot 45%

Improved quite a bit 25%

Improved a little 9%

Did not change 8%

Not Applicable or No response 13%

Rate the services provided by the vendors, building contractors, or businesses that you worked with:

Excellent 85%

Very Good 13%

Good 0%

Fair 0%

Poor 2%

SUBPART IV - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.17(c)

Section A - Community Activities

Item 1 - Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSE, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	9.00	Increase Consumer Access	3 Community or Senior Centers with 94 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	56.00	Increase Consumer Access	14 Community Events with 1,746 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	26.00	Increase consumer access	1 Hospital/Clinic/Rehabilitation c2 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Increasing opportunities for affordable, accessible housing units	Collaboration/Networking	DSU/CARE Chest	26.00	Increase consumer access	12 Organizations/Programs with 255 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	4.00	Increase consumer access	3 City/County/State Agencies with 34 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Independent Living Network Statewide.	Outreach Efforts	SILC	30.00	Increase Consumer Access	SILC participated in multiple community outreach events to promote IL including, but not limited to: Disability Awareness Day, Pumpkinpaloosa, Buddy Walk, Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference, and Star Fair.
Improve Awareness of Independent Living Network and Philosophy Statewide.	Community Education	SILC	3.00	Increase Consumer Knowledge of IL	Presented Independent Living and SILC Training at Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference, Partners in Policymaking class, and Nye County Coalition.
Improve Access to Independent Living Supports and Services Statewide.	Community Education	SILC	3.00	Increase Consumer Access	3 trainings provided in virtual format regarding competitive integrated employment, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Social Security Benefits Counseling information.

Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSE, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The SILC attended Disability Awareness Day and Pumpkinpaloosa events to educate the public about IL and collect data with our consumer survey. The SILC Developed a universal IL message to present at multiple events, organizations and conferences. The SILC also collaborated with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities to support the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference; we

presented on IL and the IL Network/history and provided education and outreach during the entire event at a vendor table. SILC promoted IL at the Buddy Walk in Clark County and presented to the Partners in Policymaking class, as well as the Nye County Coalition. SILC also began a training video series that have been posted to our YouTube

The DSE provides the community activities mentioned through grants in an open-competitive process. Grantees provided outreach and education of program services. Outreach and education are targeted for unserved and underserved populations.

The DSU and Community Chest activities are described above in Section C.

Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSE and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSE, 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. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

SILC has members who attend sister board meetings to keep communication lines open. The Executive Director attends meetings held by The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Commission on Aging, The Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, an Employment First Coalition and various County and City coalitions and councils throughout the State. Victoria Essner is a member of SILC and is also a member of the Assistive Technology Council. A new SILC member, Obioma Officer is Executive Director of the Deaf Commission. Our member, Raquel O'Neil is the Chair of the Nevada State Rehabilitation Council. Renee Portnell is a past member of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. These relationships have served to inform others in the disability community about SILC and inform SILC regarding other entity efforts throughout the State. The SILC, with other disability councils and commissions are collaborating to provide consumer testimony or important education and information that impacts the disability community to State agencies, advocacy organizations and legislators or legislative committees.

SUBPART V - STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 45 CFR Part 1329.14-16

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 - Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Mary Evilsizer	CIL	CIL ED	Voting	08/31/2021	08/31/2024
Cheyenne Pasquale	State Agency	DSE Representative	Non-Voting	05/01/2020	04/30/2023
Jennifer Kane	State Agency	Ex-officio	Non-Voting	08/31/2021	08/31/2024
Obioma Officer	State Agency	Ex-officio	Non-Voting	08/01/2022	07/31/2025
Diane Trusty-Foremaster (DeeDee)	Neither	PWD	Voting	06/01/2021	05/31/2024
Havander Davis	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh	Neither	PWD	Voting	04/01/2021	03/31/2024
Kate Osti	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Linda Vejvoda	Neither	PWD	Voting	08/01/2022	07/31/2025
Patricia Unruh (aka: Ace Patrick)	Neither	PWD	Voting	01/02/2022	01/01/2025
Raquel O'Neil	Neither	PWD	Voting	04/01/2021	03/31/2024
Renee Portnell	Neither	PWD	Voting	05/01/2020	04/30/2023
Sabra McWhirter	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Victoria Essner	Neither	PWD	Voting	08/30/2021	08/31/2024

Item 2 - SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	14
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	9
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	10

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	9

Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.14(a)

Item 1 - Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The State of Nevada is geographically split into two main regions: North and South. Members that represent the North include: Patricia Unruh, DeeDee Foremaster, Linda Vejvoda and Renee Portnell. Members that represent the South, our most populated region, include: Sabra McWhirter, Kate Osti, Raquel O'Neil, Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh and Havander Davis. The ex-officios represent Statewide access to affiliate programs and agencies. While Nevada has only 2 Part C centers that represent each region, respectively, only one can be a member during their required terms.

Item 2 - Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

Patricia Unruh identifies herself as a person with the following disabilities: vision, hearing, developmental, neurological and physical, as well as aged. She is also a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Havander Davis identifies as a person with the following disabilities: vision. He is also a person of color living in an urban area. Kate Osti identifies as an individual with the following disabilities: vision and physical. She is an advocate in the disability legal community that provides legal aid and advocacy across the state. Sabra McWhirter identifies as a person with an invisible disability and works as an advocate in the disability community. Obioma Officer identifies as a person with a hearing disability and is the current Executive Director of the Nevada Commission for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She is also African-American. Member Vickie Essner, recently retired from the State's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and has transitioned into a voting member with a vision impairment. The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a statewide agency, with 13 offices statewide, including offices in the following rural communities: Winnemucca, Fallon, Elko and Ely. Each office is staffed with a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor and technician to meet the needs of Nevadan's with disabilities in their community. Each office, to the best of its geographic ability, partners with the local Center for Independent Living. Renee Portnell identifies as a person with learning and physical disabilities. She lives in northern Nevada and is the parent of a child with an intellectual and developmental disability (IDD). Non-voting member, Kane, is an Educational Programs Professional (EPP) for the Office of Special Education, works with all 17 school districts in the state as well as the State Charter School Authority. Providing technical assistance in all aspects of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) to all districts including rural districts. Her work is primarily around IEP development, compliance, and dispute resolution, but other EPPS work with districts to include transition. Cheyenne Pasquale is the Chief of Planning in the Planning, Advocacy and Community Service Unit of Aging and Disability Services Division. Dawn Lyons is the Executive Director of SILC

and identifies as a person with brain injuries, learning disabilities and a developmental disability and having Native American and Hispanic ethnicity. She also is a parent of two adult children with disabilities. Raquel O'Neil is the Director of Blind Connect and the Chair of the Rehabilitation Council. She is also a blind individual and advocate. Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh is a person with CP who resides on other National Councils for persons with disabilities. She was previously the owner of a supported living agency in California and is a University of California, Berkeley graduate. We are working on recruiting others who can bring more racial and ethnic diversity to our council. We also have several guests and partners who contribute to our subcommittees and State Plan development who are individuals with various disabilities residing all over the State, also representing the BIPOC (black, indigenous persons of color) communities.

Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

Three of our members utilize CIL services. Seven members work for partner agencies or partner with the CIL's. The SILC has an onboarding process that includes education and training about the IL network and philosophy and the difference between SILC and CIL's. The CIL's report activities and share stories during SILC meetings that help SILC members understand their role better, as well. The CIL's have provided training to SILC regarding the CIL role and responsibilities, including the complaint process (CAP) and internal structure.

Section C - SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 - SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

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Item 2 - SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSE, if any.

The DSE administers the State IL services program (AT/IL) and supports the SILC's financial contracts and infrastructure. The DSE manages the receipt of funds from ACL and the necessary financial reporting.

Section D - SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 45 CFR 1329.15

Item 1 - SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

A Statewide consumer survey was developed to start gathering consumer data starting in fiscal year 22 (FY22). The new survey was improved from the previous survey to be easier to complete with more easily reviewed responses and better-defined multiple-choice options. The survey results will be analyzed and shared publicly at the end of FY22 in preparation of creating a new SPIL. Dawn Lyons has begun leading an Employment First Coalition that is working on collecting employment data for individuals with disabilities and SILC has partnered with Vocational Rehabilitation to collect survey data on employment services in Nevada.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

Implementation of Statewide disability services data has been an ongoing challenge. Providers do not share data and are unwilling to collaborate on data initiatives. The reports we have received by the CILs and State IL Program as well as RCIL have helped SILC coordinate activities based on the most current IL data.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (NSRC)- Raquel O'Neil, Chair of NSRC reports activity to SILC quarterly and collaborates on employment issues.

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)- Cindi Swanson is a member of CSPD and works with SILC and other partners as an advocate in the community. SILC meets with Cindi regularly to coordinate efforts.

Commission for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Deaf Commission)- Obioma Officer is the Executive Director and shares Commission news.

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council)- Renee Portnell is a former member of the DD Council who shares news with both entities. Dawn Lyons, ED of NV SILC attends various DD Council meetings, as well.

Assistive Technology Council (AT Council)- Victoria Essner is a member of both SILC and the AT Council and shares information.

The Executive Director of SILC also attends the following council and commission meetings: PAIMI, Clark County Children's Mental Health Coalition, Southern Nevada Mental Health Coalition, Intra-agency Coordinating Council (of Early Intervention), Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Workforce Subcommittee, Commission on Aging, CSPD, NSRC, Deaf Commission, AT Council, Employment First Coalition and various Legislative Interim Committees.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

Nevada has a very strong public meeting law which requires that every agenda be reviewed by the Attorney General's office before posting, and that sufficient notice be given prior to the meeting. All meeting notices are widely posted and interested parties (non-SILC members) are notified by e-mail of upcoming meetings. Every meeting includes at least two opportunities for open public comment.

Item 2 - Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

N/A

Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by ACL for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training And Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development	
Individual Empowerment	1
Applicable Laws	
Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	2
Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care	3
Evaluation	
Focus Groups	10
Financial: Resource Development	
Diversification of Funding Base	5
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	4
Marketing and Public Relations	
Community Awareness	6
Networking Strategies	
General Overview	7
Program Planning	
CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building	8
Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations	
Rural	9
Other	
Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in)	
N/A	

SUBPART VI - STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL) COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REPORTING YEAR

Section 704(n) of the Act

Section A - Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 - Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

SPIL 21-24 Objectives/Timeline

Goal 1: Improve Access to Independent Living Supports and Services Statewide.

Goal 2: Improve Awareness of Independent Living Network and Philosophy Statewide.

Goal 3: Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Independent Living Network Statewide.

Objective 1A: Providers of Part B-funded, high-need or new IL services will report an increase in consumers served, as measured each quarter for the fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

Objective 1B: Increase the CILs' operating budget through Part B subawards by at least 4% during the October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023 award periods.

Objective 2A: SILC will increase number of consumers' IL awareness as measured in our annual consumer survey by September 30, 2023.

Objective 2B: SILC will increase accessibility for people with disabilities by November 3, 2023.

Objective 2C: Develop a Statewide youth presence in the IL Network by September 30, 2023.

Objective 2D: The SILC will use their new website to increase awareness of the IL Philosophy Statewide by September 30, 2023.

Objective 3A: SILC will improve our internal processes for SPIL evaluation.

Objective 3B: A resource development plan will be completed and ready to be implemented by October 1, 2023.

Objective 3C: The DSE will increase staff support time to 1.25 FTE that is fully selected, supervised and evaluated by the SILC by September 30, 2023.

Indicators/Action Timelines

2023:

1A1. Provide \$70,000 in support Federal Fiscal Year 21 (October 1-September 30), and \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Years 22 and 23 (October 1-September 30) for new community services and services

with the highest need throughout the State using current data. - Completed, w/ altered budget: \$20,000 to RCIL & \$10,000 to Community Chest Awarded FFY 22 & 23 + \$20,000 each CILs = \$70,000
1B1. Provide support to both Centers for Independent Living for new and ongoing services in Federal Fiscal Year 22 (FFY22) and Federal Fiscal Year 23 (FFY23). - Progress is on track to continue through FFY24.

1B2. The SILC will provide Part B supplemental funding for proposed and approved services during fiscal years in which the centers do not receive additional supplemental funding from ACL. - Progress is on track to continue through FFY24.

2A3. The SILC will present this as a training at National Conference Workshops to consumers by September 30, 2023. - SILC Presented to Local and Regional Conferences and Coalitions.

2B1. SILC will collaborate to create an accessible NVEASE instructional video on the Secretary of State's web site by September 30, 2023. - This is available on the Secretary of State site in Nevada.

2C3. The youth action council will work with the CIL's to incorporate at least one youth initiative by September 30, 2023. - Youth Leader, Cody Butler collaborated with SILC to present topics of importance to Public News Service, whom SILC utilizes for news articles.

2D2. SILC will show a 50% increase in website views by September 30, 2023. in progress (avg. 100 users per month 1st half of 2022 & avg. 200 users per month 2nd half of 2022; new users totalled 1K in FFY23)

2D3. Consumer surveys will show a 50% increase in IL philosophy awareness by September 30, 2023. - in progress data shows a majority of responders have never heard of SILC. There is no IL philosophy awareness data point within our survey. Ultimately, we can boast a 100% increase in IL Awareness until we can compare this data to the next SPIL data.

3A2. SILC will establish quality assurance measures by September 30, 2023. - SILC discussed process for evaluation of SPIL and decided that, without having funding to hire an outside organization to evaluate the SPIL, we are using best practices and remain open to new ideas, but our current process is working well for us.

Ongoing:

1A1. Provide \$70,000 in support Federal Fiscal Year 21 (October 1-September 30), and \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Years 22, 23 and 24 (October 1-September 30) for new community services and services with the highest need throughout the State using current data. - We are on track for FFY23.

1A2. The SILC will fund at least one Part B competitive subgrant for services needed each year. - Grantees will provide the SILC with a quarterly report. - On track.

1A3. The SILC will provide ongoing support for the State-funded Independent Living Program that services all Nevada Counties. - IL Program Progress report will be shared quarterly or more often if services and/or service providers change. - Program staff does an exceptional presentation of data each quarter.

1B3. CILs will provide current quarterly reports to the SILC for all supported activities and for all other notable CIL activities throughout the year. - Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has given consistent quarterly reports to SILC; however, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Center has provided one report in FFY23, despite being present at our meetings.

1B4. The CILs will provide the SILC with current quarterly reports on requests for services from consumers so the SILC has valid and current network data on the needs for individuals with disabilities. - Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has given consistent quarterly reports to SILC; however, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Center has provided one report in FFY23, despite being present at our meetings.

2B2. The SILC will collaborate with community partners Statewide beginning October 1, 2020 regarding legislative issues for disability and IL philosophy advocacy, education and outreach. - on track/ongoing

2D1. The SILC website will have at least 10 partners listed by October 31, 2020 and will add at least two educational or resource links to the news feed each quarter. - on track

3A1. All conference attendees will relay training to the Council by July 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023 at each annual meeting. - done outside of annual meeting in FFY21, done at annual SILC meeting in FFY22 - Members who have attended conferences and trainings have shared valuable takeaways at

each SILC meeting.

3C3. Staff acting in the role of Executive Director (ED) for the SILC will telecommute from outside the DSE office and will meet with at least four community partners by the end of each year.-ongoing and on track; DSE policy states a telecommuting form must be approved annually.

Ongoing Accomplished:

3C1. The SILC Chair will supervise the 1.0 FTE Executive Director (ED) for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020.-included in SILC policies on time.

3C2. The Executive Director will supervise support staff at .25 FTE for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020.-surpassed with addition of staff

Item 2 - SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSE administration of the ILS program.

The SILC has acquired support staff time due to need. The Administrative Assistant III has taken on more programmatic responsibilities and provides training and mentorship to Northern members, partners, and stakeholders. The Executive Director is working on transitioning SILC to a 501c3 and incorporating more community involvement and administrative direction. The Youth Leader has recruited more Youth Action Council members and is being extensively trained in youth initiatives statewide. All of staff duties are continually increasing and becoming more complex as SILC's independence from the State becomes more accepted by stakeholders and the DSE. Therefore, the SILC has requested more staff time and changes in position classifications that are more aligned with responsibilities.

Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSE and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

SILC has established formal collaborations with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities regarding Integrated employment and self-advocacy initiatives. In August, SILC co-sponsored the Silver State Advocacy Conference in Las Vegas, both helping with the planning and providing IL training and resources to attendees.

Section C - Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSE and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSE; complications recruiting SILC members;

complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

The Youth Action Council has had difficulty with recruitment in the last year. In August, our Youth Leader resigned because he moved out of State. Recruitment for the Youth Leader has been delayed due to potential collaboration with the Department of Education and the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. If the grants that have been applied for are received next fiscal year, the position will need to be revised.

SILC supported the Rural Center for Independent Living as they were providing much needed housing assistance during the pandemic; however, the need is greater than the availability and housing continues to be the biggest challenge for people with disabilities in Nevada. Despite all Nevada CILs aiding with housing, there are still few accessible and affordable housing solutions to be found. There are State Legislative initiatives that incentivize developers, though, and we have been reaching out to ensure new developers include affordable, accessible housing.

Historically SILC has received feedback that Pahrump in Nye County and Elko are isolated from the rest of the State due to their geographical locations. Lack of mental health supports is the second largest challenge for Nevadans according to SILC's most recent consumer satisfaction survey, and minimal transportation options make it difficult for people with disabilities living in Pahrump to access services. Pahrump and Elko are areas within our State that need more focus in our next SPIL.

Another issue we have been challenged with is that data on individuals with disabilities in Nevada is lacking and it doesn't seem to matter how or who we ask, we cannot obtain any additional data. The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities has been able to obtain data on individuals with developmental disabilities in Nevada, but they receive more support from key State figures at this time. The SILC continues to work to garner the support we need to widen the scope of that data collection to ALL people with disabilities.

One last issue SILC has had difficulty with is the severe lack of funding and support to promote Independent Living and collaborate with other organizations in a meaningful way. We receive Federal Part B funding only at this time, and struggle to support our only Part B compliant Center for Independent Living and maintain Council responsibilities along with creating a sustainable independence. We rely too heavily on the DSE for staffing, but still must pay more than our fair share of the staffing expenses. Even Vocational Rehabilitation refused to provide Innovation and Expansion funding to us on the basis that RSA informed them they were not required to. Increases in wages to keep up with Council needs and economic growth has fallen upon the Council's resources alone. This is creating an even larger burden while increasing costs for all endeavors continues to be the norm.

Section D - Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

The Rural Center for Independent Living (RCIL) worked with ILRU many years ago to be mentored into becoming 725 compliant. RCIL sent SILC their report for 2021 compliance in accordance with the Act and everything looked to be in order; however, due to the pandemic, we were unable to audit in-person to ensure their stated compliance. The Nevada SILC performed a preliminary audit of RCIL in November, 2022. According to ACL instruction, the DSE needs to find RCIL to be compliant with section 725 for them to be included as a Part B Center for Independent Living in the next State Plan for Independent Living. If they are not found to be in compliance with section 725, SILC will continue to support their efforts in the community as a partner organization to a lesser degree than if they are compliant, and will continue to support the underfunded Part C Centers in our State, as well. Either

way, SILC plans to educate and promote more funding for Nevada CILs.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE (PHWF) - DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grant Number	
Reporting Period	10/01/2022 - 09/30/2023
State	NV

Item 1 - Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	0
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Item 2 - Type of Public Health Professional(s) Hired

Type	#
Case Investigator	0
Contact Tracer	0
Social Support Specialist	0
Community Health Worker	0
Public Health Nurse	0
Disease Intervention Specialist	0
Epidemiologist	0
Program Manager	0
Laboratory Personnel	0
Informaticians	0
Communication and Policy Experts	0

Item 3 - The Activities They Are Engaged In To Advance Public Health

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSE directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh - Signed Digitally

01/31/2024

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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