

# Disability Commission

## August 23, 2006

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Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council  
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# **Federal Legislation**

**The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended  
Title VII - Independent Living Services and Centers For Independent Living  
Sec. 705. Statewide Independent Living Council**

To be eligible to receive financial assistance under this chapter, each State shall establish a Statewide Independent Living Council.

## **Mission Statement**

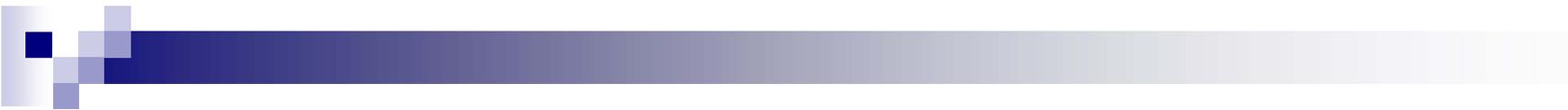
The mission of the Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is to promote effective policies, programs and activities that maximize independence for Virginians with disabilities.



# SILC Composition

## The Council shall include –

- A majority of people with disabilities who are not employed by the State or by a Center for Independent Living (CIL);
- At least one director of a CIL within the State chosen by the Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living (VACIL);
- As ex officio, non-voting members –
  - A representative from the designated State unit; and
  - Representatives from other State agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities.



# State Plan for Independent Living

A State shall create a State plan to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and comprehensive basis, needs in the State for:

- the provision of State independent living services;
- the development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living; and
- working relationships between:
  - programs providing independent living services and independent living centers; and
  - the vocational rehabilitation program established under title I, and other
- programs providing services for individuals with disabilities.

## Coordination of Services

- The plan shall describe how services funded under this chapter will be coordinated with, and complement, other services, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs.



# State Plan for Independent Living 2005 – 2008

- Goal 1 To empower individuals with significant disabilities to become agents of change in their own communities by providing information in a variety of formats.
- Goal 2 To improve and increase Youth Advocacy initiatives.
- Goal 3 To facilitate and assist existing Centers for Independent Living to provide services for unserved and underserved populations.
- Goal 4 To continue and improve community based services ensuring that persons with significant disabilities have options to live independently through local and statewide advocacy action agendas.
- Goal 5 To promote economic independence and self-sufficiency for Virginians with disabilities.
- Goal 6 To increase the autonomy and effectiveness of the Statewide Independent Living Council through review of organizational options.
- Goal 7 To provide a comprehensive array of independent living services to Virginians who are age 55 or older and blind.

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