



# Project Proposal

Prepared for: Nevada State Independent Living Council

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Overview

The Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities will assist the State Independent Living Council in achieving its goals under the current State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) as well as getting a head start on some of the goals of the next SPIL which begins in October 2016. The specific goals that will be addressed in this proposal are:

- Current SPIL Objective C4. Explore options and develop a statewide survey on IL services and IL needs.
- Future SPIL Objective D. Research, develop and implement a data collection strategy for the NVSILC and the Statewide Network of CIL's.

The following proposal focuses on adults with disabilities in Nevada. This population includes both current consumers of state-funded and privately funded services as well as those adults with disabilities not currently receiving any services for whatever reason. We propose to develop and implement an iterative state-wide needs assessment for:

- documentation of services currently offered, and
- identification of unmet needs of this populations.

The results of this needs assessment will be used by the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (NVSILC) during the development and subsequent revisions to the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The goal is to deploy an accurate and robust data source to allow the NVSILC and CILS to make data-informed decisions for the provisioning of responsive and efficient services to people with independent living needs.

The data collection and reporting strategy will be conducted in conjunction with the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities at the University of Nevada, Reno (NCED). The NCED has been conducting research and evaluation activities associated persons with disabilities for 25 years and has established a network of associations with both service providers and consumers in Nevada. The NCED will conduct a carefully planned and managed process resulting in a data strategy that is be timely and cost effective.

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The NCED is not interested in reinventing the wheel. Wherever possible, any proposed data gathering, including services inventories, will utilize or build upon existing data sets. If any performance measure gaps are identified the NCED will ensure the measures developed will contribute to service delivery rather than for reporting purposes alone.

### Proposed Activities

The process will move through two distinct data-gathering efforts with phased deployment so information obtained in Phase 1 informs the deployment of Phase 2-3.

In addition to the data-gathering efforts outlined below, existing federal and state data sets and will be utilized (e.g., American Community Survey (ACS), National Core Indicators (NCI) and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) data gathered from recent statewide efforts such as the SILC town halls and surveys, NDALC Town Hall Meeting Summary Report 2014 and results from the Nevada Assistive Technology for Employment Summit.

### Project Outline

## Phase 1: Inventory of Entities and Existing Services

### Data Sourcing and Needs Identification

1. An inventory of current services offered by Nevada Centers for Independent Living (CILS) (Defined by Sec 702 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) Data elements gathered will be based upon “704 Reports” and associated Service Indicators.
2. An inventory of disability programs and service offered by other agencies and organizations independently or in conjunction with CILS.
3. A survey of ILC Directors & Boards to identify and rank perceived challenges.
4. A survey of agencies to identify and rank perceived challenges.
5. Data from federal and state sources that can be used to estimate the total number of adults in Nevada who may potentially need services.

To avoid data gathering duplication, the information gathered would first use existing sources from various programs such as CILS, ADRCs, 211 and others. These would then be verified as to their current service, number of consumers and service intensity.

### Prevalence and Impact Measures

Compile a comprehensive base-line report based on prevalence data from the aforementioned authoritative sources. This data will be used in Phase 1 for development of an **Engagement Indicator**—a quantitative measure of impact by existing services while providing an effective indicator for a data informed State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

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In addition, the Engagement Indicator is an effective formative component for inclusion in the data dashboard to inform the NVSILC and the ILCs of progress while calibrating service delivery across key factors (i.e., Disability, age, race/ethnicity, geographic/catchment region, etc.) To date no baseline report or engagement indicator has been developed for Nevada. The proposed data strategy and methodologies are for use beyond the current period. However, as the NVSPIL is being implemented the survey process will have to evolve to meet those needs. It is expected that federal and state measures and reporting requirements will evolve over the future; while this proposal is designed to implement some of these changes additional modifications may be required at a later date.

### **Products**

- 1 Inventory of IL services offered by disability, region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 2 Utilization of IL services by disability, region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 3 Prevalence indicators disability, catchment region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 4 Development of Engagement Indicator
- 5 Model data dashboard based upon prevalence and engagement indicators.
- 6 Rank of principal challenges affecting access to IL services.
- 7 Printer-ready publishable 2016 NSILC Needs Assessment with executive summary
- 8 Accessible 2016 NSILC Needs Assessment website with all content from the report, a provision for updates, source data (redacted to maintain privacy) and additional supporting materials.

Phase 2 and 3 of this proposal will be funded under the SPIL for fiscal years 2016-2019.

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# DRAFT BUDGET FOR PHASE 1

This provides an estimated cost of delivering the scope of service. A more detailed line item budget will be provided upon request from the SILC.

Description	Unit	Unit Price	Cost
Personnel and Fringe	60	\$ 100	\$ 6,000
Travel	3	\$ 400	\$ 1,200
Software	1	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Administrative Cost	0	\$ 10,200	\$ 816
Total			\$ 11,016

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