



# Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council

Who We Are and What We Do...

## NV SILC Mission & Vision

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The mission of the Council is to advocate for the development of a network of programs, services and options designed to empower Nevadans with disabilities to live independently in the community.

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Our vision is to collaborate to create a community that values respect, equality and self-direction throughout the State.

## Federal Mandate

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The SILC's purpose is to promote the philosophy of independent living, including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access and individual and system advocacy in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of society.

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The Council is funded through Title VII, Part B of the Rehab Act as Amended after the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was implemented in 2014.

## Membership - *Majority* are Individuals with Disabilities

- Federal rules state the SILC membership must be comprised of a majority of individuals with disabilities.
- This requirement ensures that the trajectory of the Independent Living movement in each state is geared by the population most affected, a key factor in self-determination.

“Nothing about us without us”

# NV SILC Goals

Improve


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

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

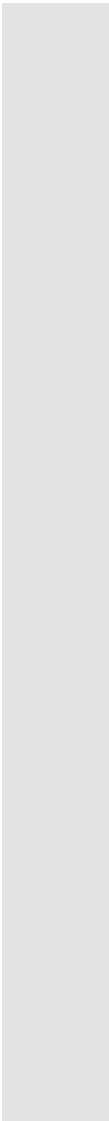
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Goal 3: Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Independent Living Network.



# The Independent Living Philosophy

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- The Independent Living philosophy says that every person, regardless of disability, has the potential and the right to exercise individual self-determination.
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## What is Self-Determination?

- Self Determination refers to a characteristic of a person that leads them to make choices and decisions based on their own preferences and interests, to monitor and regulate their own actions and to be goal-oriented and self-directing.

# Independent Living Services and the IL Network



Every Independent Living Service Provider should begin with establishing an individual's independent living goals.



IL Centers



State AT/IL Program



Other Network Partners



The IL Network is the SILC and State Centers for Independent Living as defined by the Administration for Community Living, or ACL.



# Centers for Independent Living

At a minimum, centers funded by the program are required to provide the following IL core services:

- Information and referral;

- IL skills training;

- Peer counseling;

- Individual and systems advocacy; and

- Services that facilitate transition from nursing homes and other institutions to the community, provide assistance to those at risk of entering institutions, and facilitate transition of youth to postsecondary life.

# State AT/IL Program

- The AT/IL Program:

A statewide program that supports an individual's choice to live in their community by removing barriers to their essential daily living activities . The program can help individuals identify their Independent Living goals and the appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) that is necessary for the individual to care for themselves or receive care in their homes and their community. The program also has resources to provide a variety of AT when no other resources are possible.

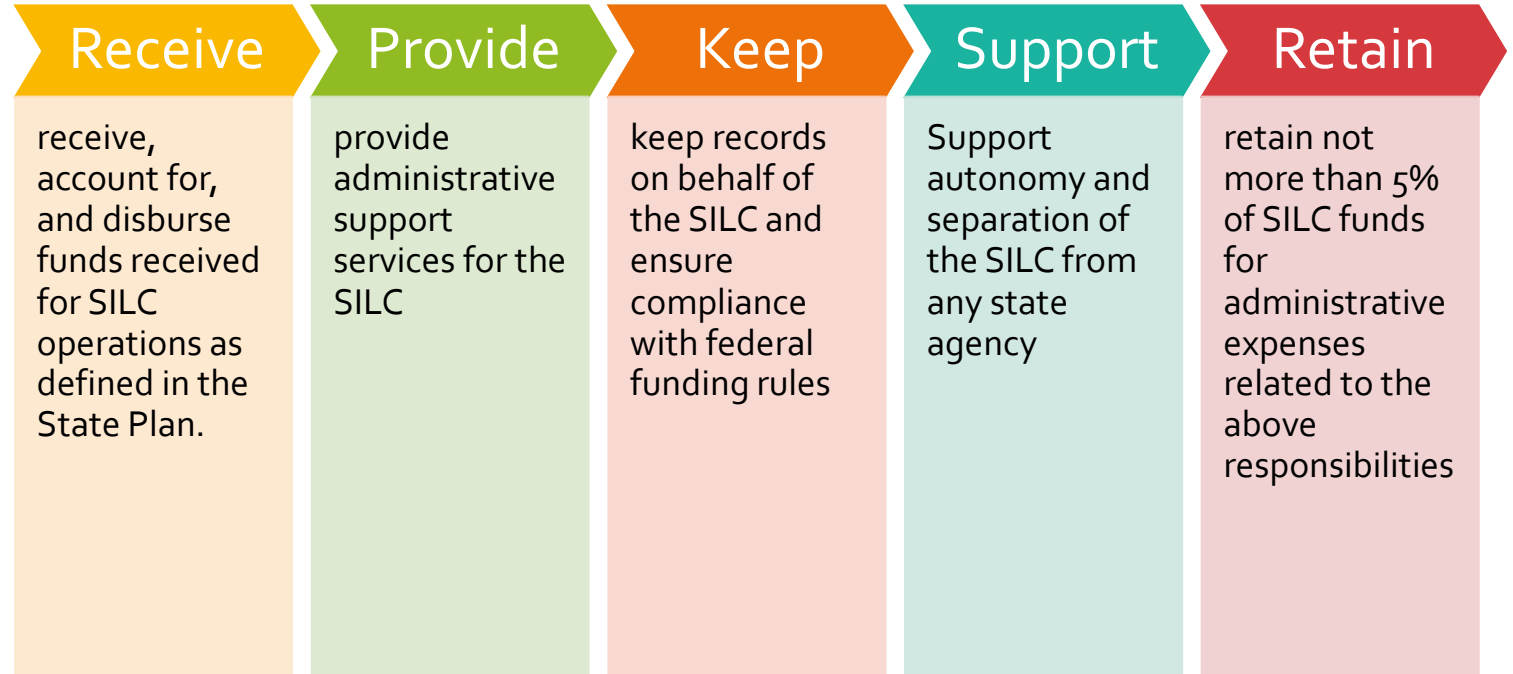
## State AT/IL Program cont.

- Community partners provide case coordination, information, assistance, and follow-along support directly with the AT/IL consumers. Eligibility determinations are made by the community partner agencies that work with the individual. Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) provides oversight and direction to our community partners. John Rosenlund is the Program Director who can be contacted at (775) 687-0835 or email [jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov).

# The Designated State Entity (DSE)

- The agency that the State Plan designates to receive, account for, and disburse federal SILC funding.
- As of 2016, the SILC's DSE is Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD).
- The DSE signs and approves the annual progress reports and each three-year State Plan in partnership with the IL Network.

# DSE Responsibilities



# Collaboration and Involvement

- The SILC's intentions are to become involved in advocating for legislature that supports independent living efforts across the State.
- Working together with our community to address the needs of individuals with disabilities is best practice.
- **Join us in our efforts and make your voice heard!**

