

Legislative Points from the State Plan for Independent Living

- The SILC, DVR and RSB are committed to promoting the participation of minority and groups in all aspects of independent living services and the independent living movement.
- The SILC and DSUs continue to work jointly in advocating for increased state appropriations for existing CILs in order to continually increase the capacity to provide quality independent living services statewide.
- A priority of the SILC is to ensure full implementation of the Olmstead decision in Missouri.
- The SILC will provide education and advocacy to increase awareness and commitment for increased accessible transportation.
- The SILC will provide education and advocacy to increase awareness and commitment for increased accessible housing.
- The SILC will support advocacy efforts to implement changes in state and local construction and housing regulations, which currently limit accessible and affordable housing options for consumers.
- The SILC will advocate to support legislation that addresses the housing needs of persons with disabilities in Missouri.
- The SILC will advocate for increased state appropriations for the Non-Medicaid Eligible and Independent Living Waiver programs and work toward increasing adequate funding for the maintenance and projected growth in the Medicaid State Plan program to improve service capacity for all PAS programs statewide.
- The SILC and DSUs will work jointly in educating Missouri Legislators to become acquainted with and adhere to the priorities for use of new monies as outlined in the plan.
- The SILC will request for funding for Heartland to be a fully funded Center.

DVR—Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
SILC—Statewide Independent Living Council
DSU—Designated State Unit
CIL—Center for Independent Living
RSB—Rehabilitation Services for the Blind