

## 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)

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Reporting Fiscal Year

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**Section 704 Part I - Subpart I - Administrative Data**

**Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources**

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

**Item 1 All Federal Funds Received**

|     |  |        |
|-----|--|--------|
| (A) | Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B                       | 312984 |
| (B) | Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only | 0      |
| (C) | Title VII, Ch. 2                               | 225000 |
| (D) | Other Federal Funds                            | 0      |

**Item 2 Other Government Funds**

|     |                        |        |
|-----|------------------------|--------|
| (E) | State Government Funds | 189120 |
| (F) | Local Government Funds | 0      |

**Item 3 Private Resources**

|     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| (G) | Fees for Service (program income, etc.) | 0 |
| (H) | Other resources                         | 0 |

**Item 4 Total Income**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)  | 727104 |
| <b>Item 5 Pass-Through Funds</b>  |        |
| 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      |
| <b>Item 6 Net Operating Resources</b>   |        |
| [Total Income (Section 4) amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources  | 727104 |

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**Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds**

| What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?   | Expenditures of Part B Funds by DSU Staff | Expenditures for Services Rendered by Grant or Contract |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions   | 0   | 7566  |
| (2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities   | 50556                                     | 224137  |
| (3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services   | 0   | 0   |
| (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   | 100000  |
| (5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services  | 0   | 0   |
| (6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services                          | 0   | 0   |
| (7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy   | 0   | 0   |
| (8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations   | 0   | 0   |

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

## Funds

Enter the requested information for all DSU 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, leave blank. 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 Support 1, Section B) | Amount of Part B Funds | Amount of Non-Part B Funds | Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider | CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider |
|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Panhandle Independent Living Services   | SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS   | 100000                 | 0                          | Provider   | Provider                       |
| NE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL | ADMINISTER SILC   | 7566                   | 68437                      |  |                                |
| ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP        | SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS   | 224137                 | 118567                     | Provider   | Provider                       |

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

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.

#### 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.

PILS-VR receives quarterly progress & expenditure reports, as well as an annual report.

Additionally, an on-site fiscal audit is conducted by VR Fiscal Specialist on an annual basis. NCBVI receives an annual financial and program activity summary report from PILS.

ATP-VR Director meets with ATP Director on a regular basis for programmatic monitoring.

SILC-NCBVI transfers to VR funds to support the SILC and VR administers the entire grant to the SILC. VR receives quarterly progress & expenditure reports. Additionally, an on-site fiscal audit is conducted by VR Fiscal Specialist on a quarterly basis. Annually there is an Independent Audit.

Independent living services provided to consumers served by NCBVI with Title VII Part B funds are monitored internally using data collection instruments at the time of case acceptance and closure. NCBVI's Deputy Director of Independent Living Services is responsible for monitoring the Part B program

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## **Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing**

### **Item 1 - Administrative Support Services**

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

Bob Deaton, Deputy Director of Independent Living Services, represents the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) at quarterly meetings of the SILC and serves on the SILC Executive Committee. He also directs the Part B program as administered by NCBVI. Three field supervisors and 151/2 rehabilitation counselors and teachers provide direct independent living services to consumers. He serves as contact person for the PILS grant and receives program and expenditure reports.

Dennis King, Program Director for Independent Living Services, serves as liaison to the SILC for Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation. In that capacity he attends all quarterly meetings, serves on the Advocacy and Resource Development Committees, and assists with the preparation and submittal of the 704 Report and the SPIL.

VR Program Specialist reviews the quarterly progress and expenditure reports submitted by the PILS and SILC and processes quarterly payments to them.

VR Fiscal Specialist conducts on site audits on an annual basis for PILS and quarterly basis for SILC. He also provides technical assistance as requested.

Funding Coordinator for ATP determines eligibility for services and the Program Coordinator allocates Title VII, Chapter I, Part B funds for approved projects.

Rehabilitation Associate for ATP provides assistance in processing applications for services and general clerical support for the Title VII, Chapter I, Part B program.

### **Item 2 - Staffing**

Enter requested staff information for the DSU 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 | 1.54                 | 1.29   |

|             |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|
| Other Staff | 2.94 | 1.30 |
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**Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY**

**Item 1 - Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers**

| Name of CIL | Amount of Part C Funding Received | Cost of Living Increase? | Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase? | New Center? | Onsite Compliance Review of Center? |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|
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**Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY**

**Item 2 - Administrative Support Services**

Describe the administrative support services used by the DSU to administer the Part C program.

**Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews**

Provide a summary of the monitoring activities involving Part C centers conducted by the state during the current reporting year, including the onsite reviews of at least 15% of centers receiving Part C funds under section 723. The summary should include, at least, the following:

- A) centers' level of compliance with the standards and assurances in Section 725 of the Act;
- B) any adverse actions taken against centers;
- C) any corrective action plans entered into with centers; and
- D) exemplary, replicable or model practices for centers.

**Item 4 - Updates or Issues**

Provide any updates to the administration of the Part C program by the DSU, if any, including any significant changes in the amount of earmarked funds or any changes in the order of priorities in the distribution of Part C funds. Provide a description of any issues of concern addressed by the DSU in its administration of the Part C program.

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**Section 704 Part I - Subpart II - Number And Types Of Individuals With Significant Disabilities Receiving Services**  
**Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year**

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

|     |  | # of Consumers |
|-----|--|----------------|
| (1) | Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year | 211            |
| (2) | Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year                         | 160            |
| (3) | Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>                       | 371            |

**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 Consumers |
|-----|--|----------------|
| (1) | Moved  | 7              |
| (2) | Withdrawn  | 43             |
| (3) | Died   | 8              |
| (4) | Completed all goals set  | 162            |
| (5) | Other  | 13             |
| (6) | Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i> | 233            |

**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 Consumers |
|--|---|----------------|
|  | Section A(3) [minus] Section (B)(6) = Section C | 138            |

### 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                    | 0              |
| (2) | Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed         | 371            |
| (3) | Total number of consumers served during the reporting year | 371            |

### Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|     |                   | # of Consumers |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|
| (1) | Under 5 years old | 9              |
| (2) | Ages 5 - 19       | 44             |
| (3) | Ages 20 - 24      | 15             |
| (4) | Ages 25 - 59      | 184            |
| (5) | Age 60 and Older  | 109            |
| (6) | Age unavailable   | 10             |

### Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|     |                          | # of Consumers |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------|
| (1) | Number of Females served | 223            |
| (2) | Number of Males served   | 148            |

### Section G - Race and Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the 704 Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).

|  |  | # of Consumers |
|--|--|----------------|
|--|--|----------------|

|     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | American Indian or Alaska Native                    | 10  |
| (2) | Asian   | 1   |
| (3) | Black or African American                           | 29  |
| (4) | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander           | 0   |
| (5) | White   | 274 |
| (6) | Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only | 28  |
| (7) | Two or more races                                   | 4   |
| (8) | Race and ethnicity unknown                          | 25  |

**Section H - Disability**

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|     |                       | # of Consumers |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|
| (1) | Cognitive             | 16             |
| (2) | Mental/Emotional      | 4              |
| (3) | Physical              | 161            |
| (4) | Hearing               | 1              |
| (5) | Vision                | 136            |
| (6) | Multiple Disabilities | 53             |
| (7) | Other                 | 0              |

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**Section 704 Part I - Subpart III - Individual Services and Achievements Funded through Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds**

**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 DSU 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.

| Item | Services | Consumers Requesting | Consumers Receiving |
|------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|
|------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|

|     |   | Services | Services |
|-----|---|----------|----------|
| (A) | Advocacy/Legal Services                           | 7        | 7        |
| (B) | Assistive Technology                              | 203      | 203      |
| (C) | Children's Services                               | 8        | 8        |
| (D) | Communication Services                            | 102      | 97       |
| (E) | Counseling and Related Services                   | 96       | 91       |
| (F) | Family Services                                   | 49       | 46       |
| (G) | Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services | 171      | 142      |
| (H) | IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training       | 153      | 150      |
| (I) | Information and Referral Services                 | 713      | 713      |
| (J) | Mental Restoration Services                       | 0        | 0        |
| (K) | Mobility Training                                 | 72       | 69       |
| (L) | Peer Counseling Services                          | 126      | 124      |
| (M) | Personal Assistance Services                      | 0        | 0        |
| (N) | Physical Restoration Services                     | 0        | 0        |
| (O) | Preventive Services                               | 0        | 0        |
| (P) | Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances       | 0        | 0        |
| (Q) | Recreational Services                             | 53       | 53       |
| (R) | Rehabilitation Technology Services                | 224      | 224      |
| (S) | Therapeutic Treatment                             | 0        | 0        |
| (T) | Transportation Services                           | 78       | 76       |
| (U) | Youth/Transition Services                         | 25       | 25       |
| (V) | Vocational Services                               | 7        | 7        |
| (W) | Other Services                                    | 5        | 5        |

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**Section 704 Part I - Subpart III - Individual Services and Achievements  
Funded through Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds**

**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.

| Item | Significant Life Area   | Goals Set | Goals Achieved | In Progress |
|------|---|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| (A)  | Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment  | 124       | 28             | 90          |
| (B)  | Communication   | 102       | 21             | 64          |
| (C)  | Mobility/Transportation   | 136       | 56             | 68          |
| (D)  | Community-Based Living  | 62        | 21             | 41          |
| (E)  | Educational   | 5         | 5              | 0           |
| (F)  | Vocational  | 3         | 1              | 0           |
| (G)  | Self-care   | 197       | 85             | 91          |
| (H)  | Information Access/Technology   | 7         | 4              | 3           |
| (I)  | Personal Resource Management  | 4         | 4              | 0           |
| (J)  | Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| (K)  | Community/Social Participation  | 128       | 29             | 84          |
| (L)  | Other   | 11        | 7              | 4           |

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

**(A) Table**

|     | Areas                | # of Consumers Requiring Access | # of Consumers Achieving Access | # of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| (A) | Transportation       | 93                              | 33                              | 55   |
| (B) | Health Care Services | 101                             | 59                              | 39   |
| (C) | Assistive Technology | 389                             | 282                             | 103  |

Note: For most IL services, a consumers 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.

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## **(B) I&R Information**

To inform RSA 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 . . .

Y

. . . engage in follow-up contacts with I&R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

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## **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.

PILS-A fifty-five year-old consumer started computer training at PILS three years ago. She learned the keyboard and made greeting cards for family members. This year's goals were to increase her typing knowledge, move toward independence, and use her typing to enhance her independence. She made a birthday list of family and friends so she does not miss any of the dates. She compiled a table of medications, dosage, and physicians to carry with her and to keep at PILS and another office. She also made a master grocery list to organize her food purchases. She is currently writing short stories of some memories from her childhood for a memory book. She has shared the memories with a group of parents and teachers of children with disabilities who came to PILS, to encourage motivation and optimism.

With the support of PILS staff and other agencies, she has moved from an unpleasant home situation to a group home and taken more control in her decisions. She is happier, more confident and proud of herself

NCBVI- J is a 13-year old boy who lives with his family in Fremont, Nebraska. His disability is due to congenital visual impairment and glaucoma. He began learning Braille and using a white cane in the first grade. For the past six years, he participated in Project Independence (PI), a week long summer program for blind and visually impaired children between 6 and 13 years of age coordinated by NCBVI. PI offers participants opportunities to learn how to be more independent using the alternative skills of blindness.

NCBVI and J's vision resource teacher at school jointly plan and coordinate a monthly discussion group of blind and visually impaired students during the school year. J also participates in TABS (Teen Adventures in Blindness Skills), a monthly group instruction program focusing on mobility, communications, and activities of daily living. Next year, J plans to participate in Winnerfest, a 3-day socialization program for blind and visually impaired teenagers held twice a year, and WAGES (Work and Gain Experience in the Summer), a 6-week work experience program for blind and visually impaired teenagers. TABS, Winnerfest, and WAGES are all programs coordinated by NCBVI. J has a positive understanding of blindness and is recognized as a leader among his peers.

ATP- J is a 61 year old woman that lives with her husband, P, who also is disabled with a broken back but no surgery. J is 5'6" tall and weighs 173 lbs. Jean injured her back in a car accident in July of 2005 and had surgery Sept. of 2005. J has fair to good gripping with both hands with fair coordination & reach, but only fair to poor strength with her upper body. With her lower body she has fair to poor coordination and balance with fair strength. She can stand and walk short distances (across the room) independently but needs personal assistance to walk longer distances or to do steps or stairs. These are very difficult and she has fallen even with personal assistance. She uses a walker to help with mobility.

Recommending for J's safety the following front entrance modifications. It is 60" up from the existing front concrete walk on to the first floor of the home, so if a ramp is installed to follow the ADA guideline, it would need to be 60 foot long with a resting/landing every 15 feet. So, it would need to be over 80 foot long and this would not work for Jean. So I am going to replace the existing wood landing and steps, which sway back a forth, with a new landing (5'0" x 8'0") and 7 new steps (tread = 11", rise = 7 1/2") and add a home vertical lift with safety gate, this lift will need to have a minimum rise of at least 5'0" to work here. The steps and lift will be able to partially sit or line up with the existing concrete walk, but we will need to add some new concrete to make it completely safe for her. I am also going to add 1 1/2" diameter round wood handrails to both sides of the new steps for a better hand hold for someone using the steps. There is an existing 36" wide walk that goes out to the gravel parking area where she loads and unloads from the vehicle, so we do not need to add a walk for this. The existing 2 front doors are 36" wide and so these do not need to be replaced.

**Section 704 Part I - Subpart IV - Community Activities and Coordination**

**Section A - Community Activities**

**Item 1 - Community Activities Table**

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, 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.

| Issue Area | Activity Type              | Primary Entity | Hours Spent | Objectives   | Outcome(s)   |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--|--|
| Other      | Community/Systems Advocacy | SILC           | 100         | Educating Senators & public officials on impact of legislation & | People with disabilities will be active participating members of the |

|                      |                            |      |    |   |  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------|----|---|--|
|                      |                            |      |    | rules on employment & Medicaid Reform will affect IL  | community  |
| Other                | Community/Systems Advocacy | SILC | 30 | Educating State official about Money Follows The Person   | To ensure that people with disabilities are able to access IL services rather than being institutionalized |
| Health care          | Collaboration/Networking   | SILC | 60 | Allow people with disabilities to continue to receive HCBS. SILC staff is member of Medicaid Reform Coalition (Appleseed Voices for Children Arc of Nebraska) | Individuals with disabilities will have access to healthcare   |
| Health care          | Community/Systems Advocacy | SILC | 10 | Aged & Disability Resource Center will be inclusive of individuals with disabilities  | People with disabilities will be able to benefit from Aged & Disability Resource Center                    |
| Other                | Collaboration/Networking   | SILC | 25 | People with disabilities in unserved & underserved areas of state will have access to IL services   | Through discussions by IL Partners will determine how services can be provided.                            |
| Assistive technology | Outreach Efforts           | CIL  | 52 | Meet the community in events open to the public to inform about AT CIL services   | PILS staff met 75 individuals at Box Butte Co. Health Fair 73 at Scottsbluff Senior Expo and 100 at        |

|                      |  |     |     |  |   |
|----------------------|--|-----|-----|--|---|
|                      |  |     |     | and answer questions related to disability and resources   | the Youth First Technology Conference giving information and demonstrating and locating technolog   |
| Assistive technology | Outreach Efforts                           | CIL | 13  | Meet community agency and consumer groups to inform about AT CIL services and disability issues they encounter     | PILS staff met 7 VR staff members 20 members diabetes group 13 business and agency representatives demonstrating technology giving information                                  |
| Other                | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 5   | Meet with the Gering High School transition class each fall to discuss varying disabilities services and etiquette | PILS staff met with 6 in October 2008 and 8 in September 2009 to discuss PILS and awareness and view the video ?Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities |
| Other                | Collaboration/Networking                   | CIL | 12  | Present information surrounding legal social issues and decision-making.   | PILS helped coordinate and provided clerical support to DD Council guardianship forum. 58 attended at 3 sites   |
| Housing              | Collaboration/Networking                   | CIL | 400 | Provide in one open meeting information and dialog about   | PILS hosted 126 consumers and agency representatives  |

|             |  |     |    |  |  |
|-------------|--|-----|----|--|--|
|             |  |     |    | disability and the myriad of services in the Panhandle   | at the Scottsbluff JAM (Joint Agency Meeting) with information booths a state agency panel and dinner.   |
| Other       | Outreach Efforts                           | CIL | 28 | Provide recreational social atmosphere for people with disabilities  | PILS staff and the Peer Support Group hosted 33 at the annual holiday party  |
| Other       | Outreach Efforts                           | CIL | 24 | Provide recreational social atmosphere for people with disabilities  | PILS staff and the Peer Support Group hosted 32 at the annual picnic at Pioneer  |
| Health care | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 17 | Present information on living well with a disability   | PILS staff hosted 17 at a presentation by Preparedness Coalition speakers on Emergency Preparedness with 12 of 14 respondents using the information to plan.                           |
| Health care | Outreach Efforts                           | CIL | 25 | Provide recreational social atmosphere while responding to group members desire to encourage active lifestyles | Following up on last year?s presentation on daily activity the Peer Group met at PILS twice for an outing on the Monument Pathways and lunch 17 in the fall and 10 again in the spring |

|                |  |     |    |   |  |
|----------------|--|-----|----|---|--|
| Health care    | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 4  | Provide information and strategies of communication                       | PILS staff presented its workshop on ?Communicating with Your Health Care Professional? to 6 members of the Bridgeport VIPS group  |
| Other          | Collaboration/Networking                   | CIL | 26 | Maintain membership in Human Services agency networking organizations.    | PILS Director attended meetings and activities of Panhandle Partnership United Way Agencies Transition Team Workforce Development interagency team Emergency Preparedness team and SILC/IL Partners. |
| Other          | Collaboration/Networking                   | CiL | 3  | Promote awareness organization and enrollment in Nebraska Respite Program | PILS Exec Director attended meetings as member of the Respite Program Advisory Committee and publicized the program at local events  |
| Transportation | Collaboration/Networking                   | CIL | 2  | Promote accessible transportation to meet consumer needs                  | PILS Exec Director participates on the Transportation Task Force coordinated by United Way   |

|       |  |     |     |   |   |
|-------|--|-----|-----|---|---|
| Other | Outreach Efforts                           | CIL | 810 | Provide information on disability services and events to a distant and rural population in the Panhandle                          | Pathfindermailed quarterly to 900 individuals and organizations provides the four core services through its articles. It reaches the 11 service area counties other Neb.counties and 10 other state   |
| Other | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 20  | Provide information on organizations providing disability services in as complete current and useable printed format as possible. | PILS staff assisted in distribution of a disaster preparedness survey. Through letters of support Director endorsed affordable housing developments in Alliance and Gering and extension of statewide |
| Other | Community/Systems Advocacy                 | CIL | 45  | Disseminate information on brain injury and services in Nebraska and advocate for services and support                            | PILS is Area Leader of the Brain Injury network and supports a consumer advocate Brain Injury Support Group and community exhibit.  |
| Other | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 20  | Maintain information on disability issues available to staff consumers  | PILS staff organized and added to the library of books videos and   |

|                      |  |     |     |  |  |
|----------------------|--|-----|-----|--|--|
|                      |  |     |     | and public.  | information files.   |
| Assistive technology | Community Education and Public Information | CIL | 30  | Maintain information on AT resources available to consumers and public                               | PILS maintains current catalogs of assistive devices and software                  |
| Other                | Collaboration/Networking                   | CIL | 400 | Provide an opportunity for an individual with a disability to prepare for reentry into the workforce | PILS maintains a Transitional Employment clerical position for the area Club House |

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## Section 704 Part I - Subpart IV - Community Activities and Coordination

### Section A - Community Activities

#### Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

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

#### Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, 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.

The SILC, DSU representatives, CIL Representatives, CAP Representative and ATP Representative (IL Partners) meet quarterly after the SILC meeting to discuss issues that affect Independent Living in Nebraska and to determine collaborative ways to ensure Independent Living Services exist throughout the state.

The SILC is a member of the Nebraska Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (NCCD). NCCD is a coalition of organizations committed to advancing the rights of people with disabilities and statewide policies that affect them. NCCD members represent a variety of disability groups. Because many of the barriers people with disabilities encounter are universally experienced, NCCD members firmly believe a cross-disability approach enriches the consortium's perspective on disability policy. The groups include DD Planning Council, NAMI NE, Nebraska Advocacy Services, and others

The SILC continues to be involved in the Medicaid Reform Coalition along with other disability organizations, as well as other organizations concerned with individuals who receive Medicaid. We continue to monitor Medicaid Reform. Current efforts to reform Medicaid have included placing caps on certain services. These are services that the disability community utilizes. With NCCD we are working to educate legislators of the need for an exemption process to the caps thus enabling people with disabilities to remain in the community.

The DSUs, SILC, CILs, and other state agencies participate in an annual Joint Agency Meeting (JAM) in the western part of the state. The purpose of the JAM is to provide a public forum for state agencies to describe services available to consumers and address issues or concerns the general public may have regarding the service delivery system

Recently Nebraska received a grant to establish an Aged & Disability Resource Center. The IL Partners began discussions to determine the level of involvement of Independent Living with the project.

The SILC and other disability organizations are monitoring meetings to determine how the state is implementing the Money Follows the Person Grant. Currently about 60 individual from the disability and aging community have transitioned into Independent Living situations.

In conjunction with Nebraska Advocacy Services, The Arc of NE, ADAPT NE the SILC is working to establish a NE Disability Vote Project to educate consumers and other organization about the importance of the voting process.

**Section 704 Part I - Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

**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 Angus          | N  | VPerson With a Disabilityvoting | V                    | 09/30/2020      | 09/30/2011    |
| Stephanie           | N  | Person With a                   | V                    | 09/30/2007      | 09/30/2010    |

|               |   |                          |   |            |            |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| Lewis         |   | Disability               |   |            |            |
| Bob Gomez     | C | Person With a Disability | V | 09/30/2007 | 09/30/2010 |
| C.J. Zimmer   | N | Person With a Disability | V | 09/30/2009 | 09/30/2012 |
| Doug Stewart  | N | Person With a Disability | V | 09/30/2007 | 09/30/2010 |
| Gerald Redler | N | Person With a Disability | V | 09/30/2009 | 09/30/2010 |
| Shelly Wonder | N | Person with a Disability | V | 09/30/2008 | 09/30/2011 |
| Tim Kolb      | N | Person with a Disability | V | 09/30/2007 | 09/30/2010 |
| Bob Deaton    | A | DSU                      | N | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2010 |
| Dennis King   | A | DSU                      | N | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2010 |
| Cathy Hayes   | A | Rep                      | N | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2010 |

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## Section 704 Part I - Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

### Section A - Composition and Appointment

#### 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?   | 11                |
| (B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?               | 10                |
| (C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?  | 8                 |
| (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? | 7                 |

### Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

#### Item 1 - Statewide Representation

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

NESILC currently is made up of members from the eastern to western edges of Nebraska. The

eastern 1/3 of Nebraska is Urban while the western portion is rural. Approximately 2/3 of our population is located in the eastern 1/3 of the state. 5 of our voting members are from various locales in eastern portion while the remaining 3 come from western part of the state., this includes one individual from the North Central portion of the state. We currently have 6 openings on NESILC and we are looking for representation from other geographical areas of our state.

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

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

NESILC previously did not truly represent the diversity of our state. We are working to rectify that situation. NESILC previously did not truly represent the diversity of our state. We are working to rectify that situation. Currently we have racial diversity, we have urban/rural diversity and we have disability diversity. However, we realize we still have some deficiencies we are actively recruiting individuals that will increase our geographic, disability, and racial/ethnic diversity.

## **Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL**

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

NESILC provides all new members training prior to voting that includes IL history and philosophy. NESILC currently is meeting with IL Network to improve communication between various entities involved.

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## **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.

Kathy Hoell, Executive Director  
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 210  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
Voice-1402-438-7979  
Fax 1-402-438-7991  
kathy@nesilc.org or khoell@cox.net  
<http://www.nesilc.org>

Florence Kyomala, Administrative Assistant

No NESILC staff is employed by the state agency.

## **Item 2 - SILC Support**

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

VR receives quarterly progress & expenditure reports. Additionally, an on-site fiscal audit is conducted by VR Fiscal Specialist on a quarterly basis

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## **Section D - SILC Duties**

### **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.

Because of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Independent Living funds it has been necessary to develop an amendment for the current State Plan. Currently the new draft for the amendment has been sent to RSA for approval prior to holding public comment.

In addition the SILC has formed a small Ad Hoc Committee for SPIL planning to begin developing goals for the new State Plan. This committee has been meeting monthly. The Independent Living Partners have identified mental illness and acquired brain injury as two priority groups of unserved/underserved populations statewide. Forums have been convened with stakeholders to gather information which will be utilized to develop the 2010-2013 State Plan for Independent Living. More are planned. The information will be disseminated to all the Partners so they can work in collaboration to assist in achieving systemic change which would improve services to those experiencing these disabilities.

NESILC will be sending 4 individuals to SILC Congress in January to receive training from ILRU on State Plan, design, implementation and evaluation. DSU representative from NCBVI will also be attending ILRU training.

#### **(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.

Quarterly the SILC submits a performance report to VR that addresses each goal in the current SPIL and identifies what has been done during the quarter to implement that goal.

Because of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Independent Living funds it has been necessary to develop an amendment for the current State Plan. Currently the new draft for the amendment has been sent to RSA for approval prior to holding public comment.

### **(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.

The SILC now has a member that attends SRC meetings as liaison. The SILC is currently exploring ways the SRC and SILC can partner in new SPIL.

The SILC is a member of Nebraska Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities with a number of other disability organizations including the DD Planning Council.

Staff currently sits on Medicaid Reform Coalition. We were one of the founding members for the ?NE Disability Vote Project.?

### **(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.

Notices of Public Meetings are posted in the Statewide Newspaper, and announcement of meeting and the agenda are distributed through Email distribution list, posted on Department of Education website, and NESILC website. Copy of Open meeting law is posted at each meeting. The SILC complies with Open Meeting Law, Legislative Bill 898 and hard copy of law is present at each meeting.

### **Item 2 - Other Activities**

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

## **Section 704 Part I - Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

### **Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs**

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by RSA 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/Leadship Development**

General Overview

Community/Grassroots Organizing

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Individual Empowerment

Systems Advocacy

Legislative Process

**Applicable Laws**

General overview and promulgation of various disability laws

8

Americans with Disabilities Act

Air-Carrier's Access Act

Fair Housing Act

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act

Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care

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Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

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Social Security Act

Workforce Investment Act of 1998

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999

Government Performance Results Act of 1993

**Assistive Technologies**

General Overview

**Data Collecting and Reporting**

General Overview

704 Reports

Performance Measures contained in 704 Report

Dual Reporting Requirements

Case Service Record Documentation

**Disability Awareness and Information**

Specific Issues

**Evaluation**

General Overview

CIL Standards and Indicators

Community Needs Assessment

Consumer Satisfaction Surveys

Focus Groups

Outcome Measures

**Financial: Grant Management**

General Overview

Federal Regulations

Budgeting

Fund Accounting

**Financial: Resource Development**

General Overview

Diversification of Funding Base

Fee-for-Service Approaches

For Profit Subsidiaries

Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns

Grant Writing

**Independent Living Philosophy**

General Overview

**Innovative Programs**

Best Practices

Specific Examples

**Management Information Systems**

Computer Skills

Software

**Marketing and Public Relations**

General Overview

Presentation/Workshop Skills

Community Awareness

**Network Strategies**

General Overview

Electronic

Among CILs & SILCs

Community Partners

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**Program Planning**

General Overview of Program Management and Staff Development

CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building

Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution

First-Line CIL Supervisor Skills Building

IL Skills Modules

Peer Mentoring

Program Design

Time Management

Team Building

**Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations**

General Overview

Disability

Minority

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Institutionalized Potential Consumers            | 4  |
| Rural  | 5  |
| Urban  |    |
| <b>SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs</b>           |    |
| General Overview                                 |    |
| Development of State Plan for Independent Living |    |
| Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL        | 2  |
| Public Meetings                                  |    |
| Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board     | 10 |
| Role and Responsibilities of General Members     | 1  |
| Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders        |    |
| <b>CIL Board of Directors</b>                    |    |
| General Overview                                 |    |
| Roles and Responsibilities                       |    |
| Policy Development                               |    |
| Recruiting/Increasing Involvement                |    |
| <b>Volunteer Programs</b>                        |    |
| General Overview                                 |    |
| <b>Option Areas and/or Comments</b>              |    |

**Section 704 Part I - Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

**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.

The IL Partners continue to meet on a regular basis and to keep lines of communication open regarding underserved populations in our state.

## 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 DSU administration of the SILS program.

Because of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Independent Living funds it has been necessary to develop an amendment for the current State Plan. Currently the new draft for the amendment has been sent to RSA for approval prior to holding public comment

## Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments

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

## Section C - Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU 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 DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

## Section D - Additional Information

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

## Section 704 Part I - Subpart V - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

### Subpart VI - Signatures

Please type the names and titles of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson and indicate whether the form has been signed by each of them. Retain the signed copy for your records.

| Name and Title | Signed | Date Signed<br>(mm/dd/yyyy) |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|

| SILC Chairperson             | Mary Angus      | Y | 12/23/2009 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|------------|
| DSU Director                 | Mark Schultz    | Y | 12/23/2009 |
| DSU Director (Blind Program) | Pearl Van Zandt | Y | 12/23/2009 |

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