

Becoming a 501c3



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Perspective – not a quick process

- **Spanned three (3) SILC Chairpersons from start to current**
- **Two Governor Administrations**
- **Two leadership changes at the DSE/DSU**
- **Took from 2017 to 2020 to become a 501c3**



SILC discussions

- **Included in the State Plan for Independent Living (2017-2019 with extension through 2020)**
 - **MANY discussion during not only the development of the 2017 SPIL, but also full Council meetings**
- **Formed a 501c3 Committee (2017)**



501c3 Committee

- **Developed Workplan (2017-2018)**
- **Stage 1-Initial Go/No-Go Decision**
- **After several months of committee meetings, the SILC votes to move forward at the August 2018 SILC meeting**

After the Vote to Become 501c3 (2018)

- **Support of the Centers for Independent Living (supportive immediately)...**
- **and then there was the state...**

DSE discussions

- **Due Diligence conversations**
- **Their Workplan**
- **“What problem are you trying to resolve by becoming a 501c3”?**



After the Vote to Become 501c3 (2019)

- **Paperwork (understatement)**
 - By-Law changes
 - Policies and Procedures
 - 3-year proposed budget
 - Secretary of State (done by SILC)
 - Contracted with Accountant for IRS paperwork
- **\$15,000 donation toward 501c3 implementation**
- **New Boards & Commissions staff meetings**

And finally.....

- **Filed in February of 2020 for 501c3 status**
- **Received notification of approval June 2020**



Complications – New Administration



Complications – DSE/DSU



Complications – SILC Infrastructure

Currently

Questions

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