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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)

Part I

INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
And Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: 2018

State: Colorado

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SUBPART I – ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A – Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.35 and 364.36

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	332,044
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C	851,671
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	297,144
(D) Other Federal Funds	102,106

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	6,185,584
(F) Local Government Funds	414,429

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Foundations, Corporations, or Trust Grants	412,549
(H) Donations from Individuals	108,132
(I) Membership Fees	0
(J) Investment Income/Endowment	449,422
(K) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	2,842,969
(L) Other resources	178,631

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)+(I)+(J)+(K)+(L)	12,174,682
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Item 5 – Pass-Through Funds

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.)	86,462
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

[Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	12,088,220
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Section B – Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22, 365.1, 365.20, and 365.21

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions		99,613
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities		
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	16,602	
(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		215,829
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services		
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services		
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy		
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations		

Section C – Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.43, and 34 CFR 365 Subpart C

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, enter “N/A.” 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 Subpart I, 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
Atlantis Community Inc.	Provision of IL Services	8,393	785,6667	Provider	Provider
Center for Disabilities	Provision of IL Services	28,897	585,059	Provider	Provider
Center for Independence	Provision of IL Services	13,789	700,862	Provider	Provider
Center for People With Disabilities	Provision of IL Services	13,789	692,032	Provider	Provider
Colorado Springs Independence Center dba The Independence Center (CSIC)	Provision of IL Services	22,422	747,580	Provider	Provider

Connections for Independent Living	Provision of IL Services	28,897	727,074	Provider	Provider
Disabled Resource Services (DRS)	Provision of IL Services	33,214	681,114	Provider	Provider
North West Colorado Center for Independence (NWCCI)	Provision of IL Services	33,214	703,209	Provider	Provider
South West Center for Independence (SWCI)	Provision of IL Services	33,214	562,988	Provider	Provider
SILC	Provided resources to the SILC to support its' functions	99,613		N/A	N/A
DSE – Office of Independent Living Services	Provided resources to the DSE to support its' functions	16,602		N/A	N/A
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		332,044	6,185,584.00		

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

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 365.1 and 34 CFR 365.20

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.

None

Section E – Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

34 CFR 80.40(a)

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.

The Office of Independent Living Services (Office) provided program reviews for five (5) Centers for Independent Living (CILs). All five are Part B and State General Fund recipients. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) Auditor, began full audits of each CIL for financial compliance with Federal Uniform Guidance and continue to review the CILs annually either by desk or physical audit reviews.

Section F – Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act; CFR 364.22(a)(2) and 34 CFR 364.31

Item 1 – Administrative Support Services

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

The DSU consists of the Office of Independent Living Services (Office) which contains 1.75 FTE – a Program Manager and a Program Coordinator. The Office oversees the CILs’ contract with the State, invoice processing, guidance, and technical assistance. The Office also supports the Statewide Independent Living Council when they do not have administrative staff and for all fiscal responsibilities. These responsibilities include: website updates; organizing committee meetings; note taking; SILC meeting logistics, set up, and documentation; and, managing phone and email.

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	FTE by individuals from Minorities
Decision-Making Staff	48.45	28.95	6.75
Other Staff	185.58	133.2	24.1

Section G – For Section 723 States ONLY
Section 723 of the Act, 34 CFR Part 366, Subpart D
DOES NOT APPLY TO COLORADO

Item 1 – Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers

In the chart below, please provide the following information:

- A) name of each center within your state that received Part C funding during the reporting year;
- B) amount of Part C funding each center received;
- C) whether the Part C funding included a cost-of-living increase;
- D) whether the Part C funding included any excess funds remaining after cost-of-living increases were provided;
- E) whether any of the centers received its Part C funding pursuant to a competition for a new center in the state; and
- F) whether the center was the subject of an onsite compliance review conducted by the DSU during the reporting year.

Name of CIL	Amount of Part C Funding Received	Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	New Center? (Yes/No)	Onsite Compliance Review of Center? (Yes/No)

Add additional rows as necessary.

Item 2 – Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22(a)(2)

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

Item 3 – Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews
Section 723(g), (h), and (i); 34 CFR 366.38, 366.40 – 46

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.

SUBPART II – NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.53

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSU, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual 704 Reports, Part II.

Section A – Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

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

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	2,796
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	2,300
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	5,096

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 CSRs
(1) Moved	110
(2) Withdrawn	597
(3) Died	43
(4) Completed all goals set	913
(5) Other	348
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	2,011

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 CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	3,085

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	777
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	4,319
(3) <i>Total number of consumers</i> served during the reporting year	5,096

Section E – Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	18
(2) Ages 5 – 19	186
(3) Ages 20 – 24	237
(4) Ages 25 – 59	2,976
(5) Age 60 and Older	1,626
(6) Age unavailable	53

Section F – Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	2,841
(2) Number of Males served	2,255

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).*

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	124
(2) Asian	41
(3) Black or African American	273
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13
(5) White	3,365
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/ Latino only	750
(7) Two or more races	73
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	457

Section H – Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	850
(2) Mental/Emotional	779
(3) Physical	1,771
(4) Hearing	257
(5) Vision	605
(6) Multiple Disabilities	678
(7) Other	156

INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY COUNTY DURING THE REPORTING YEAR

County Name	# of served
Adams	154
Alamosa	6
Arapahoe	167
Archuleta	13
Baca	7
Bent	0
Boulder	275
Broomfield	29
Chaffee	0
Cheyenne	2
Clear Creek	2
Conejos	7
Costilla	0
Crowley	1
Custer	2
Delta	28
Denver	356
Dolores	7
Douglas	23
Eagle	18
El Paso	603

Elbert	5
Fremont	46
Garfield	93
Gilpin	2
Grand	28
Gunnison	7
Hinsdale	0
Huerfano	1
Jackson	4
Jefferson	140
Kiowa	0
Kit Carson	12
La Plata	209
Lake	1
Larimer	756
Las Animas	4
Lincoln	19
Logan	3
Mesa	531
Mineral	0
Moffat	142
Montezuma	91
Montrose	64

Morgan	31
Otero	20
other	8
Out of area	6
Ouray	0
Park	16
Phillips	0
Pitkin	21
Prowers	6
Pueblo	393
Rio Blanco	3
Rio Grande	2
Routt	119
Saguache	0
San Juan	3
San Miguel	2
Sedgewick	0
Summit	22
Teller	63
Washington	0
Weld	522
Yuma	0

SUBPART III – INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 34 CFR 364.53; Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)
Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

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.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	2,370	2,324
(B) Assistive Technology	576	538
(C) Children’s Services	70	70
(D) Communication Services	366	362
(E) Counseling and Related Services	171	167
(F) Family Services	209	208
(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	2,004	1,988
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	2,962	2,942
(I) Information and Referral Services	21,655	21,574
(J) Mental Restoration Services	29	27
(K) Mobility Training	111	110
(L) Peer Counseling Services	1,478	1,449
(M) Personal Assistance Services	230	225
(N) Physical Restoration Services	60	58
(O) Preventive Services	230	225

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	45	35
(Q) Recreational Services	477	477
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	11	11
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	21	21
(T) Transportation Services	791	787
(U) Youth/Transition Services	432	429
(V) Vocational Services	1,086	1,066
(W) Other Services	2,280	2,232

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.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	679	195	484
(B) Communication	193	81	112
(C) Mobility/Transportation	422	157	265
(D) Community-Based Living	1,589	638	951
(E) Educational	290	115	175
(F) Vocational	650	175	475
(G) Self-care	937	326	611
(H) Information Access/Technology	331	125	206
(I) Personal Resource Management	936	395	541
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	101	32	69

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(K) Community/Social Participation	422	160	262
(L) Other	1,000	275	725

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

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	546	243	303
(B) Health Care Services	774	395	379
(C) Assistive Technology	2,076	1,624	452

Note: For most IL services, a consumer’s 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.

(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 did X / did not engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

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.

ACI

ACI provides information and referral in any format requested by the individual. ACI ensures that documentation is fully accessible in multiple formats for the consumer. ACI's Independent Living Plan is available in English and Spanish. We work with consumers to have information available in other languages as necessary.

Some items available in the office for multiple formats include, but not limited to:

1. A braille embosser
2. JAWS screen reader software available on computers used by staff and consumers
3. Videophone
4. Screen reader friendly PDF file
5. A hearing loop system that will be installed into our new office space.

ACI Mobile

ACI provides information and referral in any format requested by the individual. ACI ensures that documentation is fully accessible in multiple formats for the consumer. ACI's Independent Living Plan is available in English and Spanish. We work with consumers to have information available in other languages as necessary.

In the Mobile Unit, the following create greater accessibility for consumer use:

1. Dragon speech-to-text software
2. Laptops equipped with cameras for video conferencing
3. Wheelchair accessibility
4. Handless headsets
5. Printer/scanner/copier/fax to print larger/bolder text for low vision consumers
6. Ipad with a wireless keyboard that can connect to a video relay services for SL interpretation
7. A mobile phone for consumers to use in the Mobile Office, while working on their IL goals which also has a camera for video conferencing/Video Relay Service
8. Wireless/blue tooth computer mouse to be used with laptops
9. Lap desks for people who use wheelchairs
10. USB Flash drives to put accessible forms/resource sheets on for consumers to utilize while working on the ILPs

CFD

Since the mission of the Center is to empower people with disabilities to function as independently as possible we understand that there are a number of different services that are basic to this becoming a reality. All of the consumers that we serve have one overriding issue and that is the need for viable housing. In line with this our agency provide housing assistance

and monitoring for more than 300 consumers during this reporting period. Secondly, even with viable housing available for the consumer, some of them need preventive services that enable them to remain in their residence. These preventive services can involve home care (our agency currently provides this service to nearly 30 consumers) and home modification services including the installation of ramps, grab bars and assistive technology devices that make the residence of the consumer a safe environment. Our supportive service division of our agency has been able to install and/or upgrade six ramps at the residence of our consumers during this past fiscal year. One of the most outstanding examples of the progress made in this area involved a consumer who moved from Texas due to health reasons. He was homeless for an extended period of time, but was able to receive a housing voucher and through our agency also received home care and installation of some grab bars in his bathroom for the safety and stability of the consumers.

We have also been actively involved in attempting to move consumers to the least restrictive environment possible. The main focus of this program modality is the transition services which we provide to our consumers. During this year we have interacted with approximately 50 different consumers and have been able to transition 8 of these consumers to a less restrictive environment, with most of these moving to community based living. One outstanding example of this was a collaboration between the agency, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health Care policy and Financing in order to transition a consumer who had spent more than 40 years in the local mental health facility to a placement in the community under the care of his family.

Another focus of the agency work has been to provide ongoing emotional support through encouragement and sustenance in a variety of manners. Through collaboration with an international service agency the Center annually receives hygiene and personal care items. This service was available to a consumer who was attempting to obtain a volunteer position and needed personal hygiene items to facilitate this transition to great independence.

Our Deaf services specialist has collaborated with the A.V. Hunter Foundation in providing hearing aids to six different consumers during this reporting period. Without this assistance the consumer would not have been able to afford such devices. The same could be said for the collaboration which we continue with the Rocky Mountain Eye Center who through our referral programs has been able to assist more than 200 consumers in obtaining eye wear that will enhance their ability to live independently.

Our agency covers 17 counties in SE Colorado. With this large geographic area to cover we have now opened offices in five different regions in our catchment area (including Pueblo, Fremont, Alamosa, Lamar, and Huerfano Counties). This allows us to effectively provide ongoing service to consumers on a consistent basis. We provided nearly 12,000 individual to more than 500 consumers during this reporting period. Our agency continues to provide (besides core services) more than a dozen programs and courses designed to consistently provide for consumer education, vocational support or personal development.

CFI

This last year we hired a part time Deaf Program coordinator who is also an ASL-RID Certified Interpreter. She coordinated all appointments with consumers using contract interpreters locally

and brought from the Front Range. Appointments are scheduled through our web site that go directly to our program coordinator. This has significantly increased services for the Deaf in the community.

We have a Ubi-Duo in each of 3 offices for walk-in Deaf or Hard of Hearing consumers. This is a text to text Bluetooth device that allows for real time communication related to services.

For low-vision and blind consumers, we have a Sara CE Text to voice reader for materials that consumers want to review and cannot see large print. We also have ZOOM technology with Amigo and Ruby devices.

Our low-vision intake forms are 16 pt font. We also have Spanish intake forms and a bi-lingual disability benefits case manager.

CFIL

We have ASL and Spanish interpreters on staff. We have Braille capacity and hardware. We have a CCTV and a more portable magnifier. We continue to make our website more accessible and available in more formats. This is an ongoing project for us.

CPWD

Information and referral: All staff have the responsibility of providing Information and Referral (I&Rs). CPWD handles more than hundred I&Rs a month, primarily from individuals with disabilities, family members healthcare providers, social service organizations, and funders.

Independent Living Skills Training: Independent Living Advisors (ILAs) and Independent Living Skills Trainers (ILSs) both provide Independent Living Skills Training (ILST). ILST is done both on an individual level as well as in group settings. Examples of training include learning how to budget, navigating the public transportation system, using Assistive Technology and cooking.

Individuals/Systems Advocacy: during the program year staff advocated with and on behalf of individuals with disabilities in many different areas including employment, benefits and housing. Advocacy is performed on an individual level (teaching them how to advocate on their own) and on a systems level (creating equal access for all). This past year CPWD has been working to expand our Systems Advocacy with a full time Community Organizer who is dedicated to system advocacy with efforts at the local, state, and national levels and the aim of reducing barriers for individuals with disabilities.

Peer Mentoring: Employees with disabilities provide a natural conduit for peer mentoring and almost 70% of CPWD's staff are individuals with disabilities. Staff who have overcome barriers and achieved varying degrees of independence are uniquely qualified to mentor others to achieve similar goals. Additionally, CPWD has a number of peer support groups that meet weekly and monthly so that consumers can build community and support each other through their independent living goals.

Transitions: Staff provide transition services to individuals transitioning out of nursing facilities and to youth transition from high school. Nursing Home Transition services are provided to individuals who have identified a desire to return to the community and staff are constantly working to ensure all residents in nursing facilities know they have a right to leave and return to the community. Youth services are provided in partnership with local area schools through hands on classes specifically developed to address IL skills.

DRS

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CSIC

The IC has continued a grant from the City of Colorado Springs and Mountain Metro Transit to assist consumers in accessing transportation through free bus rides and the ability to gain valid identity documents in order to access their needs.

The IC has advocated for accessible healthcare throughout its region utilizing education and advocacy. Through two grants, The IC was able to survey city, county and business parking lots to see if they meet accessible requirements under the ADA. Out of the 100 lots surveyed, we found there were only a few that met ADA requirements. This gave us a perfect opportunity to provide education on how the parking lot could be made accessible.

The IC also gave accessible equipment to Medicaid Physicians' practices (nominated by their clients) to promote accessible medical facilities within The IC's catchment area. This was provided through The Independence Center Fund.

The Benefits Coordinator worked with a consumer in the Veteran in Charge (VIC) program to apply for his SSDI so that he could avoid taking early retirement. The consumer was approved on his first application and has already received \$28,000 in back pay. The consumer was able to avoid early retirement because of this approval.

An IL Program Manager was on the planning team for the Pikes Peak Interagency Transition Team (PPITT) Resource Fair for Individuals with Disabilities. The resource fair was held at the 21C Library with over 50 vendors/agencies and workshops offering resources and information for over 250 youth and others with disabilities. The event was very impactful for both agencies and for individuals seeking resources that they otherwise would have had to visit 50 agencies to get the same information.

Our I&R Specialist developed a process to assist the large number of individuals who will be entering The IC to receive assistance with applying for Section 8 housing vouchers. Since this opportunity is only available for 48 hours, a strategy was implemented to assist the mass number of individuals expected to come to The IC for assistance with vouchers.

NWCCI

During the reporting period NWCCI took a leadership role in planning and facilitating the inaugural Colorado Youth Leadership Forum this year with participation from NWCCI. NWCCI was an integral part of the building of the white paper, planning process, recruitment of youth

and staff, and participation during the Colorado Youth Leadership Forum. Many youth from our service area were able to attend and begin developing leadership skills, getting connected with the IL Movement, and working on pursuing life goals. NWCCI participated in a Pre-Employment Training Services pilot program with DVR for students with disabilities, this resulted in collaboration and partnership with DVR and more available access to employment support services for people with disabilities in our catchment area; the results included lasting relationships, with local schools, an addition to our fee for service revenue structure and development of a framework to engage more youth in using DVR services for reaching identified goals for successfully transitioning to adult life in the community.

SWCI

- We developed a social entrepreneurial model for non-profit transportation services. We have 2 accessible vehicles and approximately 200 riders who receive door-to-door driver-assisted transportation services in La Plata County. Rides are free to people with disabilities, people who are aging, and Veterans. At this point we are funded through Medicaid medical appointments, Medicaid Waiver non-medical rides, and several grants.
- We struggle with being able to properly fund our youth and youth transition services.
- We are contracting with local DVR to fund a ½ time employment specialist.
- We have had great difficulty billing Colorado Medicaid for nursing home transitions and transportation.
- Strong community partnerships insure that SWCI is not only developing and maintaining a consistent and articulate voice for our constituents but moreover that we are known to as a responsive, knowledgeable and valuable resource in terms of disability service provision and education.
- We were able to hire a development manager.
- We have several small grants and contracts that pay partial; salaries for IL staff.
- We overcame a tremendous obstacle by firing our financial manager and contracting with a CPA

SUBPART IV – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.26, 364.27, and 364.32

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	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Community Serv. Transport	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	28	ADA law community education and history of the disability rights movement	Presented disability rights movement, the ADA, key figures, and laws pertaining to service animals
Community Services	Community/System Advocacy	ACI	7	CCDC Advocacy: System Advocacy	Attended trainings about further opportunities with CCDC for advocacy classes.
AT, Comm. Serv., HC, Hous	Collaboration/Networking	ACI	336	Community partner collaboration/outreach to increase awareness of services for PWDs	Collaborated with other community partners to increase knowledge of resources for PWDs.
AT, Comm. Serv., HC, Hous	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	23	Develop/participate in trainings to increase knowledge of the IL philosophy, disability rights, and IL services	Increased awareness about etiquette and how to deal with individuals with disabilities

AT, Comm. Serv., HC, Hous	Collaboration/Networking	ACI	16.75	Employment Network: Expand and develop a network that increased employment opportunities for PWD	Connected consumers with employment and related independent living support services. Networked with associated agencies
Comm. Serv., Health Care	Community/System. Advocacy	ACI	10	Health care: Systems advocacy	Conducted AHCA Press Conference and interview with Mile High Health Alliance
Health Care	Community/System. Advocacy	ACI	2	Health care: Systems advocacy for access to health care resources	Attended monthly HCBS meetings for advocacy efforts for independent living philosophy movement
Housing	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	2	Housing; Community education	Provided training for Felony Unfriendly; Overcome Criminal, Credit, & Rental History Barriers in a Housing Search
Comm Services, Transport	Community/System. Advocacy	ACI	1.5	Increase and advocate for access to transportation services	Staff continued to serve on and contribute to Special Transportation Hearings/Committees regarding RTD
AT, Comm. Serv., HC, Hous	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	29.5	Outreach and community education for PWDs regarding amiable resources	Staff educated individuals about resources amiable and promoted disability awareness
Community Services	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	243	Provide opportunities to PWDs to come together for social interaction and community education	Staff held community events to increase community education and awareness for IL service/philosophy
Community Services	Collaboration/Networking	ACI	4.5	Statewide collaboration with SILC and	Met throughout the year to advance

				other CIL directors	independence for PWDs.
Community Services	Comm. Edu., Public Info.	ACI	17	Youth outreach and education	Staff provided tours for and hosted CSM kids groups.
Interagency Collaboration	RIO Grande APS	CFD	24	Discussion involving issues affecting the older vulnerable population in one of the counties our catchment area.	Better understanding of the issues affecting older individuals in this county.
Community Services	Low Vision Support Groups	CFD	278	provision for ongoing support for individuals across all age spectrums, facing vision loss	Agency was able to provide these individuals with training and emotional support
Interagency Collaboration	EOC monthly meeting	CFD	24	Ongoing community meetings allowing for the enacting of emergency scenarios	Better understanding of the issues involving delivery of services to disabled individuals during an emergency.
Community outreach	B/H Energy Outreach	CFD	24	Outreach effort to inform individuals in East Central Pueblo of the services available from the agency. CFD Staff participated in a community meeting focusing on issues facing the elderly.	Three new consumers came to the agency for services A better understanding of the IL issues affecting the elderly was gained.
Interagency Collaboration	ADRC Council meeting	CFD	24		
Interagency Collaboration	SILC Meetings	CFD	18	To gain a better understanding of this entity designed to support CILS in their work.	Gained further insights into the SILC operation, particular in regards to youth forum issues.

Peer support	Deaf Gathering	CFD	32	Foci in this group is to assist individuals dealing with hearing loss.	The groups influence continued to expand with one of their members becoming a Center board member.
Outreach	M.S. Information Fair	CFD	10	Focus was designed to inform the community of services available through our agency.	Four new consumers came to the agency due to this outreach.
Education	Legislative breakfast	CFD	14	To learn about upcoming legislation and its potential impact on the IL community.	Was able to discuss issues of importance to the Center with local legislators.
Interagency Collaboration	Youth Library program	CFD	56	Partnering with the local library system to assist the youth involved in understanding a variety of educational issues. Our agency collaborated with others providing services to the Deaf community throughout the State.	12 youth participate in this training and peer support program.
Interagency Collaboration	CCDHH	CFD	24		Through efforts of various CILS a Deaf services was established in SW Colorado.
Training	ILRU Board Training	CFD	16	The agency board members were given the opportunity to invest time in a number of different training modalities	The board gained an understanding of their fiduciary and fund development responsibilities.
Interagency Collaboration	eyeglass program	CFD	158	to assist individuals obtain low-cost eyeglasses to enhance their	94 individuals received eyeglasses at the Rocky Mountain Eye Center

				ability to live independently	
Training	ILRU ED Training	CFD	12	obtain a better understand of the issues involved in leading an IL Center	a better understanding of the ED responsibilities was gained
Outreach	Pueblo library outreach	CFD	14	to be able to communicate the essence of our programs in a community based venue	2 new consumers were added as result of this program
Interagency Collaboration	NWD	CFD	64	to gain better understanding of the operation of the NWD program	obtained a better understanding of the affect that this program will have on the Center's IL program
Community Services	MSA support group	CFD	40	facilitate the operation of the support group dealing with M.S.	The individuals in the group have expressed a feeling of improvement and more control in their life.
Interagency Collaboration	ACCIL Interaction	CFD	48	CFD staff participated in conference call contacts with other CIL directors to understand issues facing all CILs	The agency gained moral support during a time of difficult transition.
Training	Nursing home transition	CFD	28	Agency worker was to gain a better understanding of the CCT program	Agency worker became qualified to completely do SNF transitions
Interagency Collaboration	ADA Council	CFD	24	CFD staff participated in discussion involving ADA compliance in Pueblo County	Strides were made at the local level in making public areas more accessible in all aspects.
Interagency Collaboration	Continuum of Care	CFD	24	to more fully understand the issues of homelessness	Staff gained a better understanding of the issues

				and its impact on I.L.	affecting Pueblo County in particular.
Outreach	Faith in Action	CFD	10	Contact made with local pastors to inform them of the issues involved in the I.L. movement	Able to reach out to various church leaders to establish a network for possible presentations.
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	To present the services and programs that CFI has with an emphasis towards youth transition services for High Schoolers	
To educate people living	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Dr. Edith Johnston introduces assessment tools and a psycho-educational intervention (restorative) model	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	Morgan went out to find opportunities for youth group	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Increasing the availability	assistive technology	CFI	1.5	to increase the availability and access to assistive technology to persons with low vision	

Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	to learn about the Steadfast Steeds program as presented by Blaine and Tracy Scott at the CHAMPS meeting	
Community Services Issues	Community and Systems advocacy	CFI	2	to participate in the Council on Aging meeting and to present the nominations for officers	
Increasing Access to Appr	Community and Systems advocacy	CFI	5	to increase accuracy of durable medical equipment orders for CCT members when they transition from SNF to the community	
Increasing Access to Appr	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	To inform Senator Bennett's staff about CFI services. I also shared our concerns about healthcare, housing and transport	
Increasing the availability	assistive technology	CFI	2.5	Carmen presented new lighting terminologies and technologies at Grand View senior living center	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	4	To promote CFI services, including low vision at Community Partners Access and outreach fair	

Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	3.5	to share with each other the networks this time we had VA benefits, Nuclear Partners and myself talking about our program	
Community Services Issues	Community and Systems advocacy	CFI	2	to learn about Colorado AgrAbility and to help them add numbers to those present so their grant will be protected	
Increasing the availability	Technical assistance	CFI	0.75	to establish technical details of ICC AT & Rule & Regs	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5	to network with area agencies and to showcase CFI's Montrose and Grand Junction offices services to potential consumers	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5	to provide community services to veterans	
Increasing the availability	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	connecting with consumers and the other residence attending social	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.5	work as a group to find answers to youth transition	
Increasing the availability	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	met with Emily and Kirsten that are social worker to talk about what we do at CFI and how we can partner up	

Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4.5	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	working together with business owners and employees trying to work together for educational and vocational options	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.5	to present the services offered by CFI to the students in the special education program and to staff	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.25	Working together to finalize plan for steering committee. Review draft agenda for the November F2F	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	2	to collaborate and network with other members of the Aging and Resource Disability Council	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	to talk about low vision and how to remain safe to Heaven View Senior apartments, we talked about Assistive technology	

Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	to educate seniors about low vision aids and assistive technology to aid independence	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1	webinar: to become more educated about how to defend residents of skilled nursing facilities from evictions	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Introduce CFI to foster care team in Mesa County CO. Wanted to share what was happening with youth programs, YLF	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	2	Organizing kitchen gadgets, labels, voice recorders and bill readers that will enable low vision folks independence	
unity services issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	

Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.25	If~Review short-term YLF sub-committee's tasks. (see attached). If~review overall YLF work plan (see attached). If~Revie	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	2	low vision aides and helpful tips for successful independence	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	1.5	to promote access to technology and services for seniors with disabilities	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	2	to promote access to technology and services for seniors with disabilities	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5	to collaborate & build partnership with local NFB Chapter to benefit Seniors with Low Vision	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	1.5	To help Seniors with low vision learn about Low Vision Technology	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	To partner in creating more access to Braille for Seniors	
Increasing Opportunities	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	Will learn about the annual review and what is happening with 2018 and goals for the year.	

Housing	Outreach efforts	CFI	2.5	CFI introduced ourselves and visited with the staff. CFI was able to assist a consumer, meet the director	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	to collaborate & build partnerships with local NFB Chapter to benefit Seniors with Low Vision	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Increase the availability	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2	network with senior living centers in order to increase the visibility of CFI services or LV & LH	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.5	to assist in making Braille more available to Seniors	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2.25	CASA will have a benefit breakfast to engage community on what is happening in CASA of Mesa County and State CASA	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	6	IL day at Capital and lunch with members. Jacob Cowgill was guest speaker from Grand Junction	

				CFI will talk about Autism	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	8.75	CFI Youth went to visit Job Corps in Colbran Colorado. Youth were able to experience life on campus and see trades	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.5	to collaborate/assist in creating access to Braille for Seniors	
Housing	Housing	CFI	1	Touring the new assisted living facility Peregrine, to discuss prices and options and what CFI does in the community	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.5	To partner in creating more access to Braille for Seniors	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4.5	Meeting was set up to see if we move forward or we wait. Meeting was set up for logistics, financial, and safety	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	Went to Com Corr meeting to discuss ways programs can work together. Objective is to build networking and transition	

Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	8	Round table discussion about DVR services and what is happening in the State of Colorado with Mental Health contract	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2	To collaborate with NFB to increase low vision services to seniors newly diagnosed &/or under-served	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	3	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	went to meeting for updates on Facebook webpage and to find out what has happened to group since last meeting in 12/2018	
Housing	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.5	Went to tour of Asset House and wanted to see how food program works. Learned of ways CFI can assist in helping tenant	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2	network with other agencies and collaborate with others	

Community Services Issues	Community Services Issues	CFI	2	network with other agencies and to collaborate with others at the Delta Chamber of Commerce	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.25	Everyone shares various activities, programs, classes, and services they are providing in their service areas.	
Housing	Technical assistance	CFI	4	requested consult from GJ Housing Authority on designing/modification sin their new apartments being built	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1.5	networking	
Increase the availability	assistive technology	CFI	6	share low vision and hearing assistance technology information with active seniors	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	Define the difference between forensic vs therapeutic models. Look at the law and see the difference between types	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	2	collaborate with other community agencies to address homeless issues	

Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	16.5	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	3.25	CFI has a booth set up to explain to others what CFI is and does. Some of CFI staff went and did the 4.5 distance	
ADA access	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	What entity counts as a state and local government organization? City Auditoriums libraries parks and recreation voting	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	3.5	53 employers at job fair. Worked with several youth and vocational consumers, to work with employers and applications.	
Increase the availability	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	Gave OIB/Low vision information and gave brochures and business cards	
Increase the availability	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	OIB/low vision information given	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Habitat for humanity was guest speaker at today's meeting. Talked about the Spring	

				Bazaar, MCWFC job fair and D51 work.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Outreach/education to Sharing Ministries about CFI services	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	2	Increase knowledge for senior low vision services.	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1	To remind the workforce center as to what kind of services CFI offers to the community	
Access to Disability Bene	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	conference call to let attendees know what to expect from training 4/16-4/20 2018	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1	To remind the workforce center as to what kind of services CFI offers to the community	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	

Housing	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	learn resources the house has to offer while explaining CFI services and resources	
Access to Disability Bene	Collaborating & Network	CFI	80	5 day training to get certified work incentive coordinator	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2	Work with partners and YETI to teach youth how to work with each other. Learned how to clean up and how to be safe.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.75	to meet with Walmart on North Avenues' hiring manager and discuss possible employment options while explaining services	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	to learn about community resources, teach about our services and speak with other resources for parolees	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Update Brenda on the work that has already been completed who has been involved and to what extent. What are folks inter	
Increasing Access to Appr	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3	to present on low vision information to stepping on balance program for seniors	

Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1	Outreach/education to Sharing Ministries about CFI services	
Increasing Access to Appr	Outreach efforts	CFI	2	CFI partnered with Mobile Dental in our office to offer free services to the public	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	16	understanding of the impact of trauma on the brain, memory, behaviors, and value systems	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	4	Hearing Loss Association of American promoting & providing education and information for people with Deaf/hearing loss	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	speak of when inspection should come, set up time for overview of class with Billy Simpson and find out information	
Housing	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	Meet Lynda Christensen to let her know that I am now doing CCT	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.5	meeting at Goodwill presented by Larchwood's Inn about Medicaid	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.5	to view a DVD about blind children to determine usefulness for NFB summer children's camp	

Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Set up partnership with Tequila's to see if they will hire consumers. We would in turn provide job coaching services.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Set up partnership with Sonic (North) to see if they will hire consumers. We would in turn provide job coaching services.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	discuss vocational program	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	create partnership to employ consumers and teach Startek about disability	
Increasing accessibility	Collaborating & Network	CFI	0.5	Introduce CFI	
Increasing accessibility	Collaborating & Network	CFI	0.5	introduce ourselves to All Points Transit	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.5	meeting with VOA to expand low vision services in Montrose	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.75	informed the library about CFI and gained information about meeting rooms and activities about seniors	
Increase the availability	IL Skills and Life skills	CFI	2.5	To make Braille more available, teach braille. Weekly collaboration on needs to	

				seniors with vision loss	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	6	To raise awareness about CFI services to the St. Mary's Hospital Stroke Survival Support Group.	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.5	Worked with Brenda and had a meeting about what needs to be done for YLF. Talked about curriculum for YLF on 7/8/2018	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	create partnership with Habitat Restore and discuss and educate Habitat about disabilities and vocational program at CFI	
Housing	Outreach efforts	CFI	2.5	to introduce ourselves (Montrose CFI)	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	
Community Services Issues	IL Skills and Life skills	CFI	1	ongoing discussion about aspects of the YLF	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	Outreach/education to Sharing Ministries with	

				The Joseph Center	
Increasing Access to Appr	Community Education & Pub	CFI	5	to showcase low vision rehab strategies & promote Ensign Skills Center low vision evaluations	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	Present information about CFI and assistive technology for the OIBLV at the 9th annual caregiver's conference.	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	to promote CFI programs for seniors (CCT & OIB) & network with other agency staff in Garfield County	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	Learn about upcoming computer class and share information on our computer lab.	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.25	Worked with Sandy Sharp and other vocational organization to find job leads and work with other agencies in Mesa County	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	learn about employment opportunities for consumers at Home Depot	

Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Lucy Hudson, director of the Zero to three safe babies court teams project, provides an overview of this zero to three	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Learn about job opportunities at Community Hospital and what degrees/certificates they require.	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.25	Spend time with participants with events. Talk to parents about CFI and its services. Build rapport with all	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2.25	Went to meet and network with new foster care program in Mesa County. Will discuss goals, mission statement, next steps	
access to Disability benefit	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1.5	meet with Employment First staff at Mesa County Workforce Center re: CFI programs	
Increasing Access to Appr	Collaborating & Network	CFI	8	the objective was to bring information to the community and to collaborate with other agencies	
Housing	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.75	Met with Nick Belnap property manager for Pathways Village. Tracy	

				Morgan, Morgan Robb and myself talked about presentation	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Attend the Ariel job fair for consumers and speak with consumers about vocational services. Speak with employers.	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.5	Worked on curriculum for YLF. Talked about concerns with assistive technology and talked about consumer who is going and	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5	collaborate and network with other agencies on senior services	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	discuss services and employment options at Lowes for consumers with regards to felons and RSO;s	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3	Mary, Morgan, Tracy, and myself want to work with clients and staff of Pathways Want to give presentation of services.	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	10.75	met with local agencies in Montrose and established rapport for services	

Access to Disability Bene	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.5	I me with coordinator and provided information on CFI's services	
Increasing Access to Appr	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5.5	to promote CFI programs for seniors (CCT & OIB) & network with Ensign Skills Center in Route County	
Increasing Access to Appr	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	To inform seniors about low vision rehab services at Walnut Park senior apartment	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	90.6	work with youth with disabilities and teach leadership skills	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	3	discuss needs within the community for elderly care and housing	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	5	Attended the monthly Human Services Comm meeting in Rifle with Ondine and Tobie. Introduced Ondine and new programs.	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	discuss vocational program	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	discuss vocational program	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	10	renew information about CFI programs and services in Gunnison and Lake City area	

Access to Disability Bene	Collaborating & Network	CFI	4	Met with Delta and Montrose Housing Authority to determine wait list. Met perspective section 8 case managers.	
Access to Disability Bene	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2	met with Brianna Brozina social services director Willow Tree Care Center	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	to inform the staff about the CFI and to provide information for collaboration	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	inform agency about CFI and provide information	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	I spoke to the receptionist about our program and provided brochures	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.75	to inform Workforce Center staff about low vision, aids, services, & coping strategies for clients	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Speak with Sears Outlet manager about possible collaboration for employment opportunities	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	Meet with Western Colorado Center for Children to learn about their services	

				and teach them about ours.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	2	Make connections with staff who work WCCFC and see what we can do for youth. See what services we can exchange	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	went to Natural Grocers to discuss hiring and training disabled individuals or felons	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled ind and or felons	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	42	blind and low vision assistive technology, education options, attend class sessions on LV/OIB and outreach	
Housing	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	community outreach at Welcome Home Montrose at Alliance for Veterans	
Housing	Outreach efforts	CFI	2.5	community outreach and introduction of new staff	
Housing	Community Education & Pub	CFI	2	attend the Anciano Towers to accept and award for dedication and	

				service along with outreach and education	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled individuals and felons	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1.5	went to DRA Educational meeting to learn about other resources and share new events/services	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1.5	learn about other agencies vocational services, educate on ours	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1.5	Tour workforce center with staff and learn about Youth career development program	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	to share and exchange information	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	went to introduce staff and exchange information between agencies	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	to find prospective employer who are willing to work with disabled individuals	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	0.5	met with Arnold at Target to discuss referring consumer's to him for employment	

Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	expanding access to learning braille I & R to NFB board members about CFI & IL services	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	re-establish a community connection with MADA	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	show Jody from Western Colorado Center for Children around CFI and share our services	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	5.5	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	0.75	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled individuals and/or felons	
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Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	1.5	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled individuals and/or felons	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3	to fulfill the Vision Part of the Stepping on program giving information on how vision contributes to falls for seniors	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	4.5	speaking about social security	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	8	to increase community awareness of expanding services provided by CFI	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3	low vision assistive tech education to Glenwood Springs Community	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	10	collaborate with other agencies and inform public of CFI services	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2.5	to provide information about CFI and how those programs can assist the disabled in our community	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	5	to educate seniors about AMD & low vision	

				electronic devices	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	6	AMD & low vision magnification workshop at the Highlands for residents	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1	meet with potential consumers	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1	I met with the founder and discussed needs of those who are homeless	
Housing	Collaborating & Network	CFI	3	to educate others of CFI and to gain knowledge of potential use of other agencies	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	to discuss youthville with Disability Law and confirm their attendance	
Access to Disability Bene	Community Education & Pub	CFI	3.5	To learn about Medicare basics, how to assist someone in applying.	
Community Services Issues	Community & systems advocacy	CFI	7	Learn about WIOA, DVR< and HCBS and the relationship with I/DD consumers. Refresher on Employment First overview and Init	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.5	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled individuals and/or felons	

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Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	0.25	to find prospective employers who are willing to work with and train disabled individuals and/or felons	
Increasing Access to Appr	Collaborating & Network	CFI	4	requested visit by courtyard care - they want LV consultation, information & demo of equipment	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	9	inform the public about the services of CFI and to demonstrate electronic magnifiers	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	9	Attend Quality Health Network's summit training to learn about other resources and service provided in our community.	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	spoke with Audrey from College Living Experience to share youth program services	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	spoke with CMU social work club advisor about student's role for youthville	

Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	1	distributed Youthville flyers among Main Street, including Bagel Street, Board and Card game shop, and Pazzo's Pizza	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	1.25	went to talk to case managers and talked to staff about Youthville	
Increase the availability	Outreach efforts	CFI	3	meet people with low vision and determine if they want to do peer groups or information sessions	
Increase the availability	Outreach efforts	CFI	2	demonstrate larger electronic magnifiers to staff who is in the process of writing a grant to purchase same	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	1.5	to education and collaboration to Hilltop and their staff	
Community Services Issues	Collaborating & Network	CFI	2.5	met with new DVR counselor in Delta to discuss the services I can provide to her consumers	
Community Services Issues	Outreach efforts	CFI	5.5	to talk about CFI and the services we provide, including the OIB/LV program	
Increase the availability	Community Education & Pub	CFI	5.5	Share information about the services offered at CFI for people with	

				hearing loss. Show the variety of phones available	
Community Services Issues	Community Education & Pub	CFI	9	to show case low vision/blind strategies devices and issues at the event	
Community Services Health	Outreach efforts	CFIL	55	Community partner collaborate/net work to spread the word of services for PWD	Collaborated with Community Transition Team partnership throughout the year and other community partners
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Community Services	Education and Public Info	CFIL	1	Expand and develop a network that increases employment opportunities for PWD	Presentation about job development, one-stop centers, and introduced opportunities to work and earn a living
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Transportation	Advocacy/Collaboration	CPWD	275	To ensure that people with any type of disability are able to navigate in and between communities of choice	PWD will be able to travel to their desired location with appropriate transportation
Housing	Advocacy/Collaboration	CPWD	495.5	To ensure that communities have the appropriate amount of affordable and accessible housing options.	PWD are living in integrated housing
Assistive Technology	Collaboration/Education	CPWD	932	Provide demonstration and technical assistance on how to use different assistive technology devices	PWD have increased access to assistive technology
Resource Development	Outreach/Education	CPWD	516.5	To build partnerships and expand knowledge of working with individuals with disabilities	Individuals will have access to more services that meet their need.
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Emergency Management	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	606.8	Educate and advocate for inclusive emergency preparedness planning and response for people with disabilities	The needs of people with disabilities are included in responses to emergencies, are safe and have their own preparedness plans
Outreach Related Needs	Collaborating and Network, Outreach Efforts, Community Education	CSIC	580.1	Ensure that services are available in outlying areas and that the CIL continues to collaborate with community resources	The CIL has partnerships in all 6 counties in its catchment area and is able to provide resources to consumers in outlying areas.
Increasing Access to Community Programs	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	420.7	Ensure that people with disabilities are able to access all activities and environments in the community.	The needs of people with disabilities are addressed in various contexts across the community: accessible voting, art inclusion, recreational activities.

Education	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	315.7	Ensure that students with disabilities are aware of CIL services and that they are able to express and advocate for their educational needs.	Students with disabilities self-advocate, are connected to Center services during transition out of educational programs, and build a social network of other students with disabilities.
Increasing Accessibility to Transportation	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	144	Ensure that people with disabilities have adequate access to transportation resources.	People with disabilities have improved programs and services to meet their transportation needs and providers are inclusive in communicating and responding to people with disabilities.
Increasing Opportunities for Affordable, Accessible housing Units	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	107	Ensure that people with disabilities have adequate and equitable options for accessible, affordable housing.	People with disabilities have increased housing availability, connections and resources and are living in integrated settings.
Employment Information	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	63	Increase the availability of employment opportunities for people with disabilities.	People with disabilities are able to live independently and have financial resources to meet their needs.
Increasing ADA Compliance	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	28	Increase compliance with ADA provisions across the community.	People with disabilities are able to access all opportunities in the communities in which they live.
Increasing the Availability/Access to Assistive Technology	Community	CSIC	18.5	Increase the availability of individualized assistive technology to address community and	People with disabilities are able to live, work and interact in their community with the technology

				disability barriers.	resources that meet their needs.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community and Systems Advocacy, Community	CSIC	16.5	Increase access for inclusive and integrated healthcare that meets the individual needs of patients with disabilities.	People with disabilities live in integrated settings in their community with greater quality of life and control over their health interventions.
Assistive Technology	Community Education/Outreach	DRS	1680	Provide demonstration and technical assistance on benefits and how to use different assistive technology for those with hearing, vision and/or mobility disabilities.	People with disabilities have increased access to assistive technology.
Health Care	Community Education/Outreach	DRS	416	To increase access to healthcare and home health options so people with disabilities can remain in their own homes and/or community of choice.	People with disabilities have options in how their health care is provided.
Housing	Advocacy, Collaboration	DRS	1204	To ensure that communities have the appropriate amount of affordable and accessible housing options.	People with disabilities are living in integrated housing settings.

Transportation	Advocacy	DRS	452	To ensure that people with any type of disability are able to navigate in and between communities of choice.	People with disabilities are able to travel to their desired location with the appropriate accessibility either with transportation or by foot.
Access to Benefits	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	22.5	To brainstorm and collaborate between community organizations in order to assist consumers	Discussed opportunities that are available.
Access to Benefits	Community and Systems Advocacy	NWCCI	6	Create interagency Agenda for 4/17/18 BOCC Meeting addressing At Risk Adult/Elder Laws and Services.	Identify county responsibilities (APS/Sheriff) and community agency supports, identify grievance policy in county system
Access to Benefits	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	3	Meet with Summit DHS and provide instruction on how to use the SOAR process to assist with SSA applications	Presented information about how to do SOAR SSA applications with Summit DHS and how to coordinate with Summit NWCCI
Access to Benefits	Outreach Efforts	NWCCI	23.5	Engage Families and youth in community resources to better themselves.	Families successfully staffed, connected to community resources.
Access to Social/Recreational Opportunities	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	85	Learn about events in the community.	Learned about lots of activities coming up. Networked with organizations to become more involved. DBA has several upcoming events.

Access to Social/Recreational Opportunities	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	49	Learn about events in the community.	Learned about lots of activities coming up. Networked with organizations to become more involved. DBA has several upcoming events.
Access to Social/Recreational Opportunities	Outreach Efforts	NWCCI	21	Learn about activities that NWCCI can participate in.	Discussed upcoming events. Met with organizations to talk about what NWCCI does in the community.
Access to vocational services	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	33	Meet with DVR, Easter Seals, and Middle Park Special Ed teacher to continue transition coordination with students	Followed up about existing services provided to students and continued coordination about a transition class next year.
Access to vocational services	Outreach Efforts	NWCCI	1	To connect with the CO workforce center and to collaborate with other vocational professionals	Connection with Patti at the CO work force, along with other professionals and community members
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	32.5	Meet to coordinate services with various agencies	Collaborated on ensuring everyone's roles are clear and there are no gaps in attending to needs.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community and Systems Advocacy	NWCCI	2	To network with other Grand County professionals To address social/health issues in GC and secure coalition	Meeting colleagues from DHS, GHHRC, Grand Beginnings, GCRHN, and outreach for NWCCI

Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	6	Participate in a helmet safety/brain injury learning event	St. Anthony's Hospital, NWCCI, and Copper Mountain had a booth at the base area to educate the public on helmet use. Citizens learned about brain and spinal cord injuries, treatment, and prevention.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	6	Day 2.Participate in a helmet safety/brain injury learning event	Day 2.St. Anthony's Hospital, NWCCI, and Copper Mountain had a booth at the base area to educate the public on helmet use. Citizens learned about brain and spinal cord injuries, treatment, and prevention.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	8	Mind Springs health held a Mental Health 1st Aid training for the public at the Frisco library.	Attendees learned about the signs and action steps for when identifying a person suffering a mental health crisis.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	8	Attend Mental Health First Aid	Learned about mental health first aid and how to de-escalate situations.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	1	Attend meeting about drug abuse.	Learned latest trends on drug use and their effects and how to be aware of them.
Increasing Access to Appropriate Health Care	Outreach Efforts	NWCCI	2	Meet with David Ulrich to discuss complaint with Middle School principle about a community meeting and	Discussed the dispute with Middle School principle and coordinated on upcoming training in Keystone as well as colab.

				review NWCCI role	
Increasing Accessibility to Transportation	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	15	Participate in Emergency prep meeting	worked on crisis management, public safety and emergency response Learning web-based program
Increasing Accessibility to Transportation	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	11.5	attend meeting and discuss the perspective of the disability community on transportation needs and concerns	established connection with COPRIG and sent them information on NWCCI transportation services
Increasing Accessibility to Transportation	Outreach Efforts	NWCCI	0.5	Outreach to Horizons about emergency prep	I spoke with Susan Mizen, Director for Horizons, about Emergency Preparedness, and about connecting with Mo DeMorat. We will schedule a meeting between Mo, myself, and someone from Horizons, probably Tatum Heath.
Increasing Opportunities for Affordable, Accessible housing Units	Collaborating and Networking	NWCCI	14	Housing authority summit to see how the community can meet housing needs.	The organizations met and discussed options for housing.
Increasing Opportunities for Affordable, Accessible housing Units	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	2	Attend and assist CCDC in facilitating a listening tour in Steamboat Springs	Set up technology for the meeting, discussed with the group various issues that are important for CCDC to consider.

Increasing the Availability/Access to Assistive Technology	Community Education & Public Information	NWCCI	4	Emergency Prep Meeting	Well attended by agencies and support staff but not by consumers and target audience (elderly and with disabilities).
Assistive Technology	Community Education	SWCI	9.5	AT Financing	Veterans Connect, Durango Senior Center
Community Services	Community Education	SWCI	117.5	ADA, Youth Conference, APRIL Conference, Job Development, Disability issues, Local newspaper	Annual ADA Celebration, Pinon Project, Outreach/education to catchment area
Community Services	Community Involvement	SWCI	5	Arc of Southwest Colorado	Annual meeting
Community Services	Collaboration/Networking	SWCI	44.25	Chamber Table Top Expo, Civic engagement, ADA issues	Coalition meetings with consumers, Arc of SW Colorado, Community Connections CCB, Conservation Colorado, Disability Law CO meeting, SILC meeting support groups
Community Services	Other Services	SWCI	5.5	Partnering to do new groups	Stroke Support Groups, Yoga classes
Community Services	Outreach Efforts	SWCI	231	Events, Circuit rider, Open house, Tribal outreach, booths & tabling, Deaf outreach, 416 Fire	Durango Public Library display, GOTV at Durango Transit Center, GOTV at Durango Public Library, Disability Forum with local representatives, Community Picnic, SILC meet and greet, SWCI open house, work with NWCCI, outreach at evacuation shelter

Community Services	Systems Advocacy	SWCI	61.75	Keep up with state initiatives, Public testimony, ADA violations, CCDC groups	No Wrong Door, ADRC, AAA, SNF Transition, La Plate County
Community Services	Technical Assistance	SWCI	1.5	Emergency Preparedness	Equitable Emergency Preparedness Coalition
Health Care	Community Involvement	SWCI	1	Southwest Health Services Forum	
Health Care	Collaboration/Networking	SWCI	30	Attend Community meetings	Options for Long Term Care meetings in Cortez, Community Health Advisory Council
Health Care	Fund Raising	SWCI	0.75	Program Presentations	United Way, City of Durango
Health Care	Collaboration/Networking	SWCI	26	Coordinated Entry	New state requirement to decide who gets emergency housing vouchers
Transportation	Fund Raising	SWCI	2.5	Program Presentations	Daybreak Rotary
Transportation	Outreach Efforts	SWCI	37	Meetings and Booths	Southern Ute Health Clinic, Veterans Stand Down, Manna Soup Kitchen

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

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.

The Office of Independent Living Services acts as the fiduciary agent for the SILC. The Colorado SILC coordinates with the nine (9) CILs.

ACI

Systems Advocacy

- ADAPT meetings
- Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living Meeting

- Employment First Advisory Partnership
- National Council on Independent Living conference and board meetings
- One Strong Voice Meetings for disability advocacy organizations
- Statewide Advocacy Trainings
- No Wrong Door meetings
- Denver County Local Coordinating Council
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing stakeholder meetings including: Transition (money follows the person), leadership meetings, Community Living Quality Improvement Committee, HCBS waiver meetings and Conflict Free Case Management
- Meeting with Lt. Governor
- Community Living Plan review and update
- IL-NET Youth Transition Learning Collaborative
- Community First Choice Planning Council

Issue Area(s):

Health Care

Housing

Transportation

Community Services

Youth Transition

Objective(s):

To participate in, effectively influence political and social systems to help our consumers and community better access the supports and services necessary to thrive in the community.

Outcome(s):

ACI continues to be very involved in systems advocacy efforts. Working closely with ADAPT, One Strong Voice, and NCIL, ACI has worked hard to protect essential national policies that protect people with disabilities. No Wrong Door is a collaborative effort to help the disability and aging community gain streamlined access to supports and services within the community. The collaboration is comprised of CCBs, AAA, ADRC, SEP, and CILs. The feedback provided has helped eliminate systems that would further complicate access to healthcare and other essential services in the community.

Community Education

First Transit Tour

CCDC Employment Open house

World Denver Tours

RTD Tours

Living Well With a Brain Injury

Adult Protective Services Presentation

Denver Public Schools Engagement – youth

Youth Leadership Forum

Human Resources Training

CCDC Advocacy Training

Case management Agency Training

Issue Area(s):

Community Services Health Care
Assistive Technology
Transportation

Objective(s):

To provide information about crucial issues facing the Denver Metro Area and the State of Colorado.

Outcome(s):

ACI works hard to provide quality trainings to staff and the community on important, relevant information. Staff attended Mental Health First Aid Training to empower themselves and consumers in navigating mental health issues, such as working with feelings of suicide, managing substance abuse, and coping with anxiety and depression. The Youth Leadership Forum was a multi-day event that empowered youth with significant disabilities to build community, advocate for themselves, and develop new skills toward personal fulfillment. Adult Protective Services training educated attendees on how to better work with PWD.

Collaboration/Networking

Harvard University student research project
Youth Leadership Forum
Youth on Record Engagement
School District Engagement
Denver Local Coordinating Council
Employment First Advisory Partnership
ACCIL Meetings
Mountain Area health and Human Services

Issue Area(s):

Community Services
Housing
Transportation
Health Care

Objective(s):

To create and sustain empowered networks of organizations and individuals to work together to promote independent living.

Outcome(s):

ACI built and strengthened partnerships with various human services and nonprofit organization to further shared goals in reducing homelessness, streamlining interagency communications, and improving accessibility of services for clients.

Outreach Efforts

The Grant Avenue Street Reach
Rocky Mountain Deaf School Career Fair
PASCO Resource Fair

The Rising – Arvada
258 Deaf St. Festival
Overcoming Poverty Outreach
ADAPT/Disability History Tours
Adams County Human Services Meetings
Denver Day of Community Action
Lincoln High School Youth Program Presentation
Clear Creek County Outreach Day – Georgetown, CO

Objective(s):

To inform the general public about the history and philosophy of ACI and CILs in general. Advocate for community services, quality health care including Medicaid, affordable housing, accessible transportation. Connect community members to essential services. Communicate ACI programming for youth and those who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

Outcome(s):

ACI's mobile unit has been hosing weekly outreach at the Grant Avenue Street Reach and The Rising, places where people experiencing homelessness receive shelter services. This has expanded ACI's network and has enabled us to reach more consumers. At the PASCO Resource Fair, ACI promoted its services to several hundred attendees. This allows ACI to connect with more potential consumers as well as receive referrals from partner agencies. ACI's has effectively promoted its Youth transition Program to local schools. Sever hundred visitors also learned about the crucial role ACI plays in the community, disability rights history, and mission and philosophy and purpose of CILs through guided tours or our archives.

Technical Assistance

Colorado Nonprofit Association Meetings
ILRU Monthly Technical Assistance Calls

Issue Area(s):

Community Services
Assistive Technology

Objective(s):

To gain greater understanding on issues important to sustaining ACI as a viable nonprofit organization.

Outcome(s):

The Colorado Nonprofit Association Meetings educated staff on various topics for improving organizational efficiency and collaborating with other CILs. The ILRU Monthly Technical Assistance call provided information to management and staff on a number of useful topics.

Resource Development

Zim Consulting Collaboration
Capital Campaign Work
Grant Writing Trainings

Arts in Society Grant Program
Gates Family Foundation Grant Work

Issue Area(s):
Community Services
Housing

Objective(s):
To raise money for new programming space, conference/community room and access to affordable, accessible housing. To develop new relationships for more funding opportunities.

Outcome(s):
ACI earned over \$60,000 in donations from private foundations, individuals, and business enterprises. The money will be used for ACI's new programming space as well as its disability rights museum. New relationships continue to be developed to diversify ACI's funding.

CFD

The previous enumeration of agency activities has outlined the focus that the agency had during the reporting period as they interacted with various community groups. These groups have included programming formulated by the agency workers in which the consumers were directly involved in receiving training, offering input or giving peer support. In some instances the staff collaborated with other agencies in the community in order to provide services to a broad spectrum of consumers. There were other activities in which the staff was involved that allowed for outreach into the community to inform individuals of the variety of services with the agency facilitates in cooperation with the consumers. Finally there have been some community events designed to better equip staff and/or board members to provide ongoing services and support to our consumers. The enumeration of the events and their outcomes are outlined in the table previously presented.

CFI

We conduct hundreds of community activities in the course of a year. Some activities are for consumers to experience the community as a group. We attend outreach activities in community settings at the library, churches, with the Department of Human Services, with school counselors, with parent outreach, at resource fairs, community councils, chamber events, and senior centers.

Our Board volunteers with staff to conduct outreach also.

We have done presentation to the school district, police, parents, special education, employers, medical clinic, county DHS, DVR offices, and affiliated groups.

CFIL

Staff and consumers are on: Mobility Council, DOVIA (professional organization for volunteer managers), Envision Human Services Rights Committee, housing and Emergency Services network, Youth Coalition, Youth Transition Community Advisory, Self-Sufficiency Summit,

Emergency Food & Shelter Board, Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Committee, City of Greeley Commission on Disability, The League of United Latin American Citizens, Aging and Disabled Resource Committee, and the United Way Collaborative Committees for Household Stability and Older Adults and Healthy Aging.

CPWD

For many CPWD staff community outreach and education is part of their daily work. This might be informally through a simple conversation with a local business or more formal such as a presentation or training provided locally or on a national scale. The above numbers capture these more formal community activities and outreach provided by our staff. Additionally, many of our programs rely on strong community partnerships to help our consumers reach their independent living goals. From the transition team creating partnerships for the success of each individual moving from a nursing home back into the community; to the business relationships that contribute to the successful employment of consumers, partnerships are at the center of our programs.

To strengthen all of these partnerships staff participate on councils and regional planning committees; offer presentations to the community of a variety of disability related topics/ attend networking events and fairs/ actively participate in local Chamber of Commerce and present at national conference to share our best practices with other CILs around the county.

Below are a few highlighted examples of our community activities from 2018:

- CPWD's Longmont Manager presented at the 2017 APRIL conference on "finding my Strengths and Advancing the Independent Living Movement". Over 25 individuals from around the country attended the presentation and the focus was assessing how to look at service delivery in a strengths based approach.
- Last winter, the Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living hosted a Legislative Day. CPWD had five staff and three consumers participate as part of the day. During the luncheon, one consumer shared his story and the positive impact CPWD has had on his life. This consumer gave an excellent talk about what it is like to experience his disability and ended with a call to 'rethink' what it means to be a person with a disability. Providing first hand, real life perspective to people who are in decision making positions is critical to furthering the understanding of supports that need to be funded and in place for successful independent living in our communities. As a whole, the ACCIL Legislative Day was a great opportunity to gather with other CILs and talk with legislature about the important work we do.
- Throughout the year, staff hosted vendor tables and focused on community education through many events including Longmont's Cinco de Mayo Event, the Boulder County Care-giving Symposium, Latinx at the University of Colorado, Longmont's Pride Festival, Everybody's Table, Community Inclusion and Boulder's Mobility for All.
- Staff lead community trainings throughout the year on many topics including disability etiquette, emergency preparedness and inclusion in partnership with the Colorado department of Public Health and Environment, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-Violence, Boulder County Library, Boulder County Area Agency on Aging Fall Prevention Week, Boulder rotary, and local high schools.
- CPWD staff are also very active with councils and committees related to public transportation. This includes the Boulder County Local Coordinating Council, East

Arapahoe Transportation Planning Community Working Group, Regional Transportation District Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, and the Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council. As a whole these groups are working towards accessible transportation and the transportation corridors. Having a voice on these committees and councils is very important to CPWD as it ensures that the needs of individuals with disabilities are being taken into consideration during the planning process.

CSIC

The IC strives to connect our consumers and people with disabilities to the broader community by representing the needs of people with disabilities in every activity in which we participate. Over the fiscal year, staff participated in 958 community activities over the course of 2929 hours. The IC staff pride themselves on providing expertise and information to people across the community – locally, statewide and nationally. IL staff were asked to speak at many conferences to share their expertise on the following topics:

- The Senior Manager presented at the Region 6 IL Conference in Dallas, TX on a Multi-State Voting Panel to highlight accessibility needs and solutions in the elections process.
- The Quality Assurance Coordinator attended the Region 6 Conference in Dallas and presented the “Putting VALUE back in eVALUation” presentation.
- ILRU published a case study on The IC’s Veteran in Charge (VIC) Program.
- The VIC Program Manager presented on “Supporting Independence for Veterans” at the NCIL Conference in Washington, DC.
- Along with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Administration on Community Living (ACL), Veterans Administration (VA), and Health and Human Services (HHS), the VIC Program Manager presented on “Supporting Independence for Veterans: How Colorado Collaborated to Build VD-HCBS” at the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference in Baltimore.
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In addition to presenting at conferences, The IC continually provides Disability Awareness training to outside agencies, partners and businesses. Over the past year, IL staff provided 25 Disability Awareness Presentations to a total of over 600 people.

The Outreach Program met with Keefe Memorial Hospital to schedule an Emergency Preparedness Training in Cheyenne Wells and plans to come to Cheyenne Wells once a quarter to provide training and connect to individuals with disabilities needing services. In 2011, the population of Cheyenne County was 1,876 people, but we are working to ensure that every person with a disability within the county knows of and has access to our services. With this partnership, for the first time The IC has a presence and committed partnership in every county in its catchment area.

The CTS program transitioned their first consumer to the Cripple Creek Area who was in the Cripple Creek Care Center since 2013. With the assistance of the housing navigators, he has

transitioned into an apartment community right across the street from the nursing facility so that he can continue those relationships with the staff and residents. Through this transition, CTS has learned the Cripple Creek community and expanded the capacity for transition services in our outlying areas.

The IC has worked in the past fiscal year to engage with our local arts community to ensure that art events are inclusive and welcoming for people with varying disabilities. After hosting an initial Art of Accessibility event at our facility in September 2017, The IC has hosted an additional three Art of Accessibility events, which included a dance performance, ADA Access Panel, and Fashion Show, in addition to our ever-growing art gallery. These events provide an inclusive space for people with disabilities to share their talent with the wider community. The event grew from having seven artists represented in our first show to over 40 in our September 2018 One-year Anniversary Gallery; 125 community participants to over 200; and our artists collectively sold over \$1200 in artwork at our most recent show. The IC received the “Best Art Exhibit of 2018” Award from the Pikes Peak Arts Council, a regional body that awards arts achievements. The IC was the only non-arts-specific organization to receive an award, and our community partnerships and advocacy opportunities continue to grow from these events.

An IL Program Manager presented information to members of the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs visiting from Japan. Objectives for the group were to learn policies and technologies of inclusion, supports for individuals with disabilities, how the US protects the rights of people with disabilities, and observe American values of inclusion. The IL Program Manager specifically shared information about Centers for Independent Living, The IC, employment services, and collaboration with agencies/businesses. The coordinator for the State Department was so impressed with The IC and what we do, she shared that they will try to incorporate visits in the future as they fit within the scope and objectives of visiting parties.

The Community Organizing Manager, in her role as Logistics Manager for the SB17-011 Transportation Forum, completed the Forum Report and submitted it to the State General Assembly and other involved State Departments. The Report defines legislative and programmatic recommendations to improve transportation access for people with disabilities in El Paso and Teller Counties. This six--month process included over 40 organizations and 150 participants and their input.

DRS

Staff and consumers are active in achieving the outcomes outlined in the above table. For instance, in the area of *Assistive Technology*, the Vision Matters After 55 (VMA55) peer groups are another example of how consumers, staff and outside agencies are working toward assistive technology outcomes. Peer groups focus many of their meetings on the latest technology for people who are blind or visually impaired. Staff and outside representatives demonstrate use of the equipment. Staff also provide additional one-on-one assistance when needed. This is for our consumers who are blind or visually impaired and for our consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist provides approximately ten (10) hours a month acquiring assistive technology for deaf/hard of hearing individuals and demonstrating the equipment once it's acquired.

Two (2) staff from VMA 55 provided thirty (30) hours a week acquiring and demonstrating equipment for low vision and blind individuals. A large part of this was due to a grant from the Larimer County Office on Aging which allowed us to acquire almost \$13,000 worth of materials for individuals. VMA 55 assessed and consulted on the equipment then ordered it and finally, our outreach staff provided initial demonstration training and follow up services for these individuals.

In the area of **Transportation**, DRS provides financial assistance for people with disabilities who need bus passes in both the Fort Collins and Loveland offices. They also help verify disability and provide assistance with the longer paratransit applications. This averages approximately eight (8) hours per week total for both locations.

DRS provides training on the bus systems for individuals. This training averages about three (3) hours per month for both offices. Also, there are other services that provide more specialized training that we often refer people to for this type of training.

In the area of **Housing**, up until June 30, 2018, DRS staff managed 38 Section 8 vouchers and provided recertification and inspects for these vouchers as well as supportive services. These services were provided for eight (8) months of the federal fiscal year and two (2) staff provided about ten (10) hours a week total towards this end.

DRS Loveland staff helps manage a waitlist for Loveland Housing Authority. They put people on the waitlist and refer them over with disability verification once their names come up on the list. DRS Loveland staff also participate in a program call North Colorado Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing program where they complete intakes for people to be placed on a regional waitlist for high risk homeless individuals who need housing. These activities average about ten (10) hours a week in the Loveland office.

DRS manages a shared home for previously homeless people with disabilities. These individuals receive supportive services through DRS and ongoing advocacy if issues come up with their main landlord, Neighbor to Neighbor. Staff time averages about five (5) hours per week for this venture.

DRS also provides a great deal of advocacy with landlords regarding Fair Housing laws, particularly related to companion animals in housing. This housing advocacy averages about two (2) hours per week total for both offices.

In the area of **Health Care**, DRS staff provide guidance and information to people with disabilities related to health insurance. They assist in applications for various Medicaid programs (and other health insurance). In addition to this assistance, they provide a great deal of advocacy by connecting with Human Services when individuals are unfairly dropped from programs or there are other issues with applications or re-certifications. This advocacy and assistance totals eight (8) hours per week total in both offices

NWCCI

During the reporting period, NWCCI staff supported consumers to take key participatory roles in implementing the community activities described above whenever possible; facilitating opportunities for consumers to be integrally involved in community activities is paramount to accomplishing our mission and staying true to the IL philosophy. The activities documented in this report are merely a small part of the total of the community activities in which NWCCI is engaged. Partner organizations include, but are not limited too, the following: Northwest Colorado Health, United Way Routt County, United Way Moffat County, Lift Up, Community Budget Center, Love Inc., Colorado Youth Leadership Forum, Yampa Valley Medical Center, The Memorial Hospital, Steamboat Springs Transit, Routt County Council on Aging, Craig Senior Center, Grand County HHRC, Easter Seals, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northwest BOCES, Steamboat Springs School District, South Routt County School District, Hayden School District, Summit County School District, Middle Park School District, Kremmling School District, Womens Giving Circle, Sunset Meadows, Columbine Apartments, Routt County Veteran Service Officer, Moffat County Veteran Service Officer, Casey's Pond, Sandrock Ridge Rehabilitation, Northwest Colorado Health Partnership, CCDHHDH, Horizons, Routt County DHS, Moffat County DHS, Grand County DHS, Summit County DHS, Grand Junction SSA office, Lakewood SSA office, Family and Intercultural Resource Center, Integrated Community

SWCI

SWCI collaborates with innumerable of agencies in our catchment areas. Comprehensive service provision for our consumers is dependent on a strong collaborative process with our community partners. We are involved in several local coalitions developed to address architectural and attitudinal barriers. These groups include INDIVISIBLE and the Accessible Communities Team. The number of collaborations that we participate in is truly endless because comprehensive service to our consumers dictates collaboration. Agencies partnered with include:

- Axis Health Systems - shared mental health consumers and referrals
- Community Connections – developmental/intellectual disability collaboration and Referrals
- County Human Services – referrals both to and from
- Colorado Legal Services, Colorado Disability Law, and the Native American Disability Law Center
- 6 local school districts – youth transitions, IEPs
- Social Security Administration - referrals both to SWCI and from SSA. SWCI is receiving more requests from consumers for benefits assistance and several of our staff have received benefits training.
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - as noted previously in the report, SWCI is receiving more requests for assistance with employment and employment related tasks i.e. resume writing, interviewing skills etc.
- Tribal VR – outreach and joint projects

- Our work with San Juan Basin Public Health relates primarily to nursing home transition and brokering of services intended to assist individuals with disabilities in maintaining their desired level of independence through the HCBS Waivers and the SEP. We are also involved with their suicide prevention and other public health programs.
- San Juan Basin AAA and their local contractors: Aging & Disability Resource Centers, No Wrong Door, four County Senior Centers, Ombudsman, etc.
- Five nursing homes and many assisted living facilities – SNF transition and open consumers
- Several Home Health providers – ADRC, SNF transitions, advocacy, outreach
- Other Senior Centers – Pine River, SUCAP for office hours, low vision support groups
- Women’s Resource Center - referrals and collaboration.
- La Plata Family Centers - Shared referrals and collaboration.
- Local Transportation Coordinating Council – advocacy for accessible affordable transportation, work on Southwest Rides
- Manna Soup Kitchen & Durango Food Bank – Referrals and collaboration, plus free weekly transportation for people who can’t carry their groceries on public transportation.
- Piñon Project – Referrals & Collaboration
- We continue to work with Housing Solutions for the Southwest, the Regional Housing Alliance, Volunteers of America, and other organizations to address the abysmal housing crisis and basic need insecurities that exist for those we serve.
- The San Juan Board of Community Services – advocacy, joint projects, sign language interpreters
- Pine River Valley Shares (Bayfield, CO) – referrals and collaboration, office hours
- The ELHI Center (Ignacio, CO) - referrals and collaboration, office hours
- The San Juan Basin Health Department – referrals, advocacy and collaboration on SEP and many joint projects
- The VA, the DAV and the Veteran’s Outreach Center
- La Plata Youth Services
- We conduct workshops, consultation, fee for service and advocate with local organizations regarding disability issues and trends.

The list is endless because disability issues are the same issues that affect everyone else.

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 Office of Independent Living Services (Office), DSU, provides administrative support to the operation of the SILC as requested. These activities include note taking;

equipment operation for SILC regular meetings and committee meetings; financial acquisition of equipment, personnel, and professional contracts.

- The Office serves as the fiscal sponsor for SILC operation. The Office provides financial reports, tracking and ensures federal fiscal compliance.
- The Office processes all travel arrangements and travel reimbursements
- The Office participates on the membership committee, finance committee, public policy committee, SPIL committee, Youth Leadership Conference steering committee, and provides staff to the executive committee.
- The Office provides training and technical support to the SILC administrative assistant, SILC membership, SILC executive officers as needed
- The Office provided space and equipment to the SILC administrative assistant as needed.
- The Office provides staff and attends the regularly scheduled SILC statewide meetings
- The Office and SILC jointly developed narrative for the 2018 DVR annual report
- The Office advocates and promotes the SILC role with the DVR Senior Leadership Team
- The Office is partnering the State Rehabilitation Council and key committees such as membership and public policy to foster communication and greater collaboration of committee work with the SILC. The Office is sharing model documents across these committees for use and reference.
- The Office and SILC established a matrix of Statewide committees to identify collaboration opportunities involving the following Statewide groups: Behavioral Health and Planning Advisory Committee; Colorado DD Council; Governor's Advisory Council for People with Disabilities; University Center of Excellence on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council; Colorado Commission for Deaf/HoH; Colorado Workforce Development Council; State Rehabilitation Council; and, Advisory Council for Homeless Youth.
- The SILC Committees composition is made up of SILC members, CIL Executive Directors and staff, and other members in the community with an interest in Independent Living topics. Representation includes the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The Office supports recruitment and processing the Governor's appointees to the SILC.
- The Office is facilitating communication between the SILC and the State's No Wrong Door pilot project.
- The CIL Executive Directors provided an hour long training to the SILC.
- SILC Chair met with DVR Director at least two times to discuss membership
- The SILC worked collaboratively with the Developmental Disabilities Council in holding the inaugural session of the Colorado Youth Leadership Forum (COYLF).
- The Office acted as the fiscal sponsor for the CO YLF.

SUBPART V – STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21

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
Nancy Rising Jackson	Neither	Member @ large	Voting	10-05-17	10-2-19
Joan LaBelle	CIL	Center Directors Rep	Voting	04-29-18	10-1-19
Olivia Tonti	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	08-28-18	10-1-19
Charlotte Morgan	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	10-26-16	10-1-19
Matthew Ruggles	CIL	Member @ large	Voting	10-26-16	10-1-19

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Stephen Heidenreich	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	10-05-17	10-1-20
James "Joe" Triplett	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	10-05-17	10-1-20
Johanna Kathleen Taliercio	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	04-20-18	10-1-20
Sam Jarris	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	8-28-18	10-01-21
Richard Newell	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	08-28-18	10-1-21
Bill Wood	Neither	Ind. w/Dis not Employed by State or CIL	Voting	08-28-18	10-1-21

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Adam Tucker	State	State Agency	Non-Voting	07-24-18	10-1-20
Chris Roe	Neither	Member @ large	Voting	10-24-14	10-1-20
Jennifer Scilacci	State	DVR Rep	Non-Voting	08-28-18	10-1-21

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?	14
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	8
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	12
(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?	8

Section B – SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21(c)

Item 1 – Statewide Representation

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

The SILC is comprised of members from across the State of Colorado. 9 members, or 64.28%, are from the Denver Metropolitan area with a population of 3.1 million. 2 are from the mountainous region, or 14.29%. 2 are from the north area of Colorado, or 14.29%. 1 member is from the Colorado Springs area, 7.14% of the Council.

85.71% of the Council members identify as coming from a rural area and 14.29% are from urban areas.

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.

The SILC members have a range of disability types. There is one member who is Blind, one who is Deaf, one who has Multiple Sclerosis, one who has Cerebral Palsy, one who has Anxiety, one who has a Spinal Cord Injury, two with Autism, one with Traumatic Brain Injury.

Item 3 – Knowledgeable about IL

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

This year the SILC traveled to cities in areas that had a Center for Independent Living to have their quarterly meetings. Each meeting a CIL spotlight is done and highlights of the different centers are provided with success stories of their consumers. During the SILC open public quarterly meeting after the Director's report each Executive Director in attendance has the opportunity to report on their CIL.

There are three members of the SILC working at CILs and they provide information on CIL issues and services.

SILC has established an ongoing training program for SILC members and new members and includes the IL Philosophy and SILC administration.

The SILC continued Meet and greet functions the night prior to the open public meeting of the SILC quarterly meeting. The Meet and greets are a partnership of the SILC and the CIL in the catchment area. The meet and greets are to increase SILC awareness in the community and for the SILC to learn of the difficulties and needs in the area. Members of the community are invited to come meet SILC members and CIL employees to learn about resources in their area and to share their challenges.

SILC Committee Chairs recruit from the CILs and the community to increase awareness of a variety of topics that are related to Independent Living.

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.

The Colorado SILC does not have an Executive Director and the SILC is led by the Chair. Upon request, the support for the SILC has been provided by the Independent Living Program Coordinator at the DSU (Office of Independent Living Services). The SILC contracted with a Coordinator to develop and provide the inaugural Youth Leadership Forum.

Item 2 – SILC Support

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

Upon request, the Office of Independent Living Services, acting as the DSU, provides support to the SILC. The Office of Independent Living Services (Office) operates as the fiscal sponsor for the Colorado SILC.

Below are the examples of extra support provided by the Office:

- Website
 - Update as needed
- Committee Work
 - Financial transactions
 - Minutes/notes
 - Coordination
- SILC meetings
 - 30 day Notice disseminates to SILC Membership and public
 - Coordinate lodging needs/transportation needs
 - Secure meeting space requirements/food
 - Packets for the meeting – committee report, budget, agenda, committee list
 - Logistical set up for the meeting space
 - Equipment for meeting
 - Translators
 - Secure financial transactions for event
 - ZOOM/Phone conferencing
 - Notetaking – SILC member/Office backup
- Newsletter
 - Disseminate items of priority
- Phone/Emails
 - Office practices
- Financial
 - Financial reports
 - Procures items
- 704 report
 - Tabulates the numbers for the report

- Review conducted with the SILC chair and Office

Section D – SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 34 CFR 364.21(g)

Item 1 – SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

The SILC worked on implementing the 2016-2019 SPIL that was enacted in 2016. The SILC took steps such as creating a master calendar, deciding to move to a nonprofit status, and taking a strong approach to the youth objectives by hosting an inaugural Youth Leadership Forum (YLF). The SILC also supported development of a 501c3 for the YLF and working to promote services to under-served populations. SILC Membership committee recruited new members and designed and implemented a comprehensive training plan. The SILC continued Ad hoc committees of Deaf/Hard of Hearing and the 501c3 group. Standing committees had regular meetings monthly.

(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.

Based on the actions of the Federal Regulatory agency, work towards a new SPIL was halted. Monitoring and implementation of the 16-19 SPIL continues.

(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.

The SPIL is reviewed and goals and processes are monitored by the Executive Committee monthly. The SPIL progress is shared with the SILC at the full meetings.

(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 has a representative on the SRC who provides information from the SILC to the SRC and from the SRC to the SILC. Nearly all SILC members are active on other boards, councils, and commissions. These are not formal appointments for SILC representation, but offer great information and opportunities for joint activities. These organizations include: National Federation of the Blind, Colorado Chapter, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Long Term Care Services and Supports Committee, Community Choice Transitions (CO's Money Follows the Person Grant), Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, Chapters of Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Workforce Board, National Council for Independent Living (NCIL), the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), the ARC, the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Peak Parent, Colorado Workforce Development Council, Advisory Council to ASPIRE, Region 8 SILC Representatives, Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living (ACCIL), Association of Youth Leadership Forums, Under 26 Workgroup, Mindsource, Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

(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.

SILC meetings are posted on the website at the beginning of the year. There is an announcement distributed via email one month in advance of the meeting to CILs, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff, Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, No Wrong Door workgroup, and minimum of 231 stakeholders to advertise meetings and share flyers at their Center. The Colorado SILC also has a Facebook page that provides information for upcoming meetings and meet and greets.

Item 2 – Other Activities

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

The SILC is funded by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at \$48,000. The funds are used for SILC operations: travel and logistics for open meetings, attending conferences, and other functions of the SILC. The Developmental Disabilities Council provided a grant of \$45,000 for the inaugural Youth Leadership Forum. There were donations from individuals donors of under a \$1,000.

Section E – Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

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.

	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Training and Technical Assistance Needs	
Advocacy/Leadership Development	
General Overview	
Community/Grassroots Organizing	
Individual Empowerment	
Systems Advocacy	
Legislative Process	
Applicable Laws	
General overview and promulgation of various disability laws	
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	
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	
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	4
General Overview	
704 Reports	
Performance Measures contained in 704 Report	
Dual Reporting Requirements	
Case Service Record Documentation	
Disability Awareness and Information	
Specific Issues	

	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Training and Technical Assistance Needs	
Evaluation	3
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	6
General Overview	
Diversification of Funding Base	
Fee-for-Service Approaches	
For Profit Subsidiaries	
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	
Grant Writing	
Independent Living Philosophy	8
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	

	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Training and Technical Assistance Needs	
Networking Strategies	9
General Overview	
Electronic	
Among CILs & SILCs	
Community Partners	
Program Planning	10
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	7
General Overview	
Disability	
Minority	
Institutionalized Potential Consumers	
Rural	
Urban	
SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs	5
General Overview	
Development of State Plan for Independent Living	
Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL	
Public Meetings	
Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board	
Role and Responsibilities of General Members	
Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
CIL Board of Directors	
General Overview	
Roles and Responsibilities	
Policy Development	
Recruiting/Increasing Involvement	
Volunteer Programs	
General Overview	
Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in) DSE Relationship 501c3 Development	2 1

SUBPART VI – SPIL COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REPORTING YEAR

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 76.140

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.

Action Items In Progress/Pending:

- New SPIL Development
- Strategic Planning goals for the new SPIL
- Ad hoc committee for persons who are blind or visually impaired

Action Items Completed:

- SPIL committee established a one page information sheet showing the actions if a CIL closes. This led the State to require a transition plan in case of closure for each CIL in the 2019 contracts
- Completed evaluation of financial responsibilities to move forward as a nonprofit

SPIL Goal: New SPIL Development

SPIL Objective: Begin the process of gathering information from stakeholders and incorporating Strategic Plan goals into the development of new SPIL

SPIL Time Frame(s): Fall of 2020

SPIL Cost: \$2,000

Proposal /Recommendation: Election of new Chair-Elect Officer who will be SPIL Chair is scheduled for the September SILC meeting; hold off on starting any development until guidance is received from the Administration for Community Living.

Committee due date: Fall of 2020

Resources needed: N/A

Impact: Timeline and SPIL development plan over FFY 2019-2020

SPIL Goal: Implement and incorporate the Strategic Planning goals into the new SPIL

SPIL Objective: Develop goals for the new SPIL 2019-2022

SPIL Time Frame(s): ongoing

SPIL Cost: N/A

SPIL Proposal /Recommendation: Move forward with implementing strategic plan and will add to new SPIL when guidance received from Administration of Community Living.

Committee plan or objective: Strategic Plan is finalized in the process of updating and implementing

Committee due date: ongoing

Resources needed: 0

Impact: Development of new SPIL goals for 2019-2022 as amended

SPIL Part II: Narrative, Section 3: Design for the Statewide Network of Centers,

Closing of a Center for Independent Living

In the event that a Center funded by Title VII, Part B or C should close, the SILC, DSE and the existing network of CILs will coordinate, and reach by consensus, the distribution of funds previously allocated to the closed CIL. Should such funds remain available for the State, funding will be distributed according to the established funding formula. Of note, however, is that the areas and populations previously served by the now closed CIL will be considered unserved (except by counties served dually by another CIL) for purposes of determining priorities previously mentioned. When a Part C Center closes, the ILA will issue an RFP to compete for services in the same service area.

SPIL Objective: Distribution of funds and services for areas and populations with a closed center

SPIL Time Frame(s): September 20, 2017

SPIL Cost: N/A

Proposal /Recommendation: Implement each CILs transition plan in case of need

Committee plan or objective: The 2019 contracts for the CILs with the State require the draft of transition plans to be completed and filed with the Office of Independent Living Services.

Committee due date: December 31, 2018

Resources needed: N/A

Impact: Colorado Division of Labor and Employment (CDLE) clarification for Part B and C funding and audit reviews

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.

A timeline and action plan was created based on the SPIL regarding action to be taken if a CIL closes if applicable.

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.

- Inaugural event of Colorado Youth Leadership Forum where 19 Colorado youth attended under sponsorship of the CILs, SILC, and Developmental Disability Council.
- Deaf Providers Group met with service providers in the State of Colorado to coordinate services
- Chair and Treasurer attended the SILC Congress with the Office of Independent Living Services showing a cohort of 4 for Colorado
- Public Policy has started reviewing policy topics to address in Colorado and developed a survey for CIL Directors to determine issues in Colorado, and developed a plan to implement obtained information
- NCIL Board meeting was held in Denver and the SILC Chair and several CIL Directors presented
- Reviewed, updated, and amended the Colorado SILC Policies and Procedures
- In the 2018 Federal Fiscal Year the Colorado SILC moved to quarterly meetings and held open public meetings in the home cities of the CILs:
 - February 28, 2018 Boulder, Colorado
 - May 16, 2018, Denver, Colorado
 - August 15, 2018, Durango, Colorado
- The SILC Committees are:
 - Executive
 - Communication and Media
 - Finance
 - Membership and Training
 - State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)
 - Strategic Plan
 - Public Policy
 - Youth
 - Youth Advisory Council
 - Youth Leadership Forum

- Ad Hoc Committees
 - 501c3/nonprofit
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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.

- Recruiting SILC members and committee members is a challenge
- Establishing consistent office support for the SILC through a State procurement process, *Documented Quote*, to hire an independent contractor or Administrative Assistant position through a temp agency.
- Having enough human resources to complete all SILC and SPIL activities due to the voluntary nature of the committee.
- Managing limited fiscal resources annually.

Section D – Additional Information

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

- The Colorado SILC is a dynamic, qualified, dedicated, talented, and intelligent group of individuals working to enhance the environment of Colorado for people with disabilities who happen to have or be impacted by a disability.

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson.



SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Chris Roe, SILC Chair

720-560-2341

NAME AND TITLE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

PHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF DSU DIRECTOR

DATE

Steve Anton, Director Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

303-318-8570

NAME AND TITLE OF DSU DIRECTOR

PHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF DSU DIRECTOR (Older Blind Program)

DATE

NAME AND TITLE OF DSU DIRECTOR (Older Blind Program)

PHONE NUMBER
