**Analysis of \*National 501c3 SILCs**

Contacted eight (8) states across the United States (Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Hawaii, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania)

The date of these states becoming a 501c3 range from 1998 to 2012

All would become a 501c3 again.

All overwhelmingly stated that the primary reason was to have greater autonomy. Their words “The state had too great a hand on the SILC”. This included the Designated State Entity as well as state administration. Tennessee indicated the relationship with government oversight actually improved as a result of healthy boundaries.

States indicated many positives among their reasons for becoming a 501c3, including:

* Greater autonomy
* Paid staff
* Being in control of their own funding (ability to apply for grants and do other resource development)

The only con (which they also said turned into a positive) was one Council needed additional training on how to be an effective SILC with the new responsibilities of functioning as their own 501c3 in regards to accounting.

\* As of a 2015 survey 51% (22 out of 43) of the responding SILCs indicated they were a 501c3. Recent numbers have put 75% (42 out of 56) as 501c3. The National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils is currently conducting a new survey to determine how many have become a 501c3, how many are in progress, and how many will be pursuing a 501c3 status.