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2007



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Change is in the air. It's an often-used buzzword in the 2008 presidential campaign, but change is anything but new. In fact, it's the only thing we can count on. Our world is a dynamic place, and our competence is demonstrated by our ability to weather change and shape what comes next.

The California State Independent Living Council (SILC) demonstrates this competence and more. Unusual among advisory boards and commissions, SILC is a collective. Our staff members, Council members and the people to whom we are accountable are uniquely tied together, in that we are all Californians with disabilities. All of us have struggled to overcome obstacles to our independence, and we all have good ideas about how to improve the state for everyone.

Through collaboration with other disability groups, and with our friends and families, we have developed a comprehensive vision of what needs to change and how to change it. As an active body that speaks up, creates educational opportunities and challenges those who would put barriers in our way, SILC articulates that vision and accomplishes it.

We have a state plan that was crafted after months of testimony throughout the state regarding your needs — our needs — for change. We committed ourselves to advocacy priorities such as implementation of the Olmstead decision, and access to housing, employment and transportation. The transparency that we create — by taking your testimony, telling you our plans and having difficult conversations in public — allows you to participate and also strengthens our organization.

The top priority for SILC is to highlight and catalyze needed change. We will complete this plan and more by publishing information to stimulate dialogue, and by funding projects that test new methodologies. We will continue to reach out to more people, to unheard voices, so that our vision is complete and our actions meaningful.

The 2007 Annual Report from SILC includes changes we've made already in 2008, as well as information about the path we are on. We have key advantages in our work: the collective understanding of our membership, our energy as a community with common purpose, and our credibility as volunteer public servants. These strengths, together with a good state plan and our hard work, lead to success. We hope you will join us, become involved with SILC, and make a difference.

Sincerely,

Liz Pazdral  
Executive Director

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## **CONSUMER DIRECTED:**

Independent Living has always been a movement for people with disabilities, by people with disabilities and so it is no surprise that 17 out of 18 current SILC members have disabilities as well as experience obtaining and receiving services in California. The Council is directed by consumers. Title VII B moneys from the Federal Rehabilitation Act, which the SILC allocates through the State Plan for Independent Living, are earmarked for projects where people with disabilities take control. During 2007, nine projects fostered leadership among people with disabilities, adding 122 voices to the movement, including two consumers employed as advocates.

One of these projects was the E-Plan conducted by residents of three apartment buildings owned by United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles, Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties. Tenant Emergency Preparedness Coordinator/s (EPCs) volunteered at each site, where all tenants were trained, provided with materials, created emergency kits, and built relationships with local firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders.

***“The EPCs stated that they are less fearful, more informed, better prepared, and have become more confident advocates as a result of the project.”***



*Residents learn how to prepare for emergencies.*

**COLLABORATIVE:**

Meaningful change requires coordinated effort by many people. Open and interactive partnerships with the California State Department of Rehabilitation and many of the state’s Independent Living Centers ensure the SILC fulfills its purpose. In addition, not only does the SILC provide funding for dozens of worthwhile projects each year, but members and staff also participate in a large number of groups working for change:

- American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC)
- CA Department of Housing & Community Development Committees Developing Standards
- CA Council of the Blind (CCB)
- CA Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP)
- CalCare Net Portal Advisory Committee
- California Association for Coordinated Transportation (Cal-ACT)
- California Commission on Aging (CCOA)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- California Vocational Rehabilitation 121 Directors, Projects for Native Americans
- Californians for Disability Rights (CDR)
- CFILC: Diversity Leadership Institute
- Coordinated Leadership Conference
- Department of Public Health Office on Disability Advisory Committee (ODH)
- Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC)

- Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD)
- Mental Health Planning Council
- National Federation for the Blind of CA
- Protection and Advocacy, Inc. (PAI)
- Respect-ABILITY Coalition
- Traumatic Brain Injury Services of CA (TBISCA)
- Triple-A Advisory Committee (TACC)
- Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF)

The Council’s participation with AIAC and the VR 121 Directors led to a heightened awareness regarding the lack of independent living services to Native Americans with disabilities. Preliminary action was taken to support the First Annual Native American Resources Summit. SILC believes that California has an obligation to increase service access to Native Americans in all areas of the state in all types of service programs.



*Traditional dancers perform at the First Annual Native American Resources Summit.*

**ACTIVE:**

The SILC’s mission is to maximize options for independence for persons with disabilities. The Council employs many strategies to actively improve independent living in California. One of the most successful has been supporting the Statewide Systems Change Network through CFILC. For more than five years, the Network has succeeded at organizing coalitions of Californians with disabilities and their supporters into effective advocacy groups. Some of the Network highlights in the last year include:

- Bringing our disability advocacy perspective to 31 state bills, with a 70% success rate.
- Leading the Disability Action Coalition in mobilizing over 1,700 people with disabilities, friends, family and caregivers for the 4th annual Disability Capitol Action Day.
- Visiting over 140 legislative offices and staff on the state and federal level.
- Organized “Road to Freedom” Tour bus stop in Sacramento.
- Organized in partnership with AARP to mobilize over 2,500 members and allies of the disabilities and aging community for Health Advocacy Day
- Mobilized over two dozen youth with disabilities to demonstrate at three statewide events.



*A consumer advocate testifies at her local government hearing.*

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**TRANSPARENT:**

Raising the level of public participation of people with disabilities in the decision-making process includes keeping everyone informed of opportunities to join, decisions made, and moneys spent. Every SILC meeting is open to the public.

Toll-free numbers, teleconference capability, and disability accommodation enable statewide, cross-disability participation.

The SILC is responsible for allocating Title VII, Ch 1, Part B moneys by helping to write a state plan detailing how they are going to be spent. This money derives from part of the United States Rehabilitation Act. Although the SILC does not have discretion over the other funding that goes to independent living programs, it still works with Department of Rehabilitation to explain and describe them in the State Plan for Independent Living or SPIL.

In addition to the two million dollars the SILC works with, the SPIL also describes the three million plus dollars that fund independent living programs for older people who are blind. Finally, the SPIL documents the twelve and a half million dollars that the state of California leverages for independent living centers. This twelve and a half million, often referred to as “AB 204” grants, is in addition to the grants listed in this report.

Financial transactions allocated in the State Plan for Independent Living for 2007 are broken down in the following tables:

<b>SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF FUNDS AND RESOURCES</b>	
<i>All Federal Funds received</i>	
<b><i>Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B</i></b>	<b>\$ 2,026,986</b>
<b><i>Title VII, Ch. 2 Elderly Blind</i></b>	<b>\$ 3,258,596</b>
<b><i>Other Federal Funds (Local Assistance/SSR)</i></b>	<b>\$12,498,000</b>

<b>PRIVATE RESOURCES</b>	
<b><i>Fees for Service (program income, etc.)</i></b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><i>Other resources (matching funds declared by Independent Living Centers)</i></b>	<b>\$744,345</b>

<b><i>Total Income, Net Operating Resources</i></b>	<b>\$18,527,927</b>
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<b>DISTRIBUTION OF TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUND</b>		
<i>What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?</i>	<i>Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by Dept. of Rehabilitation IL Unit Staff</i>	<i>Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract</i>
<i>(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions</i>	\$0	\$223,505
<i>(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services: DIAL Project 114,182 and the Transition Grants \$101,980</i>	\$0	\$216,162
<i>(4) Supported the general operation of independent living centers (ILCs) that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services</i>	\$0	\$629,568
<i>(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services</i>	\$702,017	\$97,804
<i>(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy</i>	<i>included in 5 &amp; 6 above</i>	\$0
<i>(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations</i>	\$0	\$54,821

**GRANTS OR CONTRACTS USED TO DISTRIBUTE TITLE VII,  
CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS**

<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>Amount of Part B Funds</b>
Access to Independence San Diego (A2 i SD)	Community Organizing (CO)	\$63,636
Community Resources for Independent Living	CO	\$68,181
Dayle McIntosh Center	CO	\$68,181
Brain Injury Support Group of Ventura Co.	CO	\$50,000
State Independent Living Council (SILC)	Interagency	\$481,000
Central Coast Center for Independent Living	Self-Advocacy (SA)	\$7,500
Placer Independent Resource Services	SA	\$7,500
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center	SA	\$7,500
Special Service for Groups	SA	\$7,500
United Cerebral Palsy	SA	\$7,500
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers	Systems Change Network	\$310,000
Westside Center for Independent Living	Southern California Transition DIAL Project	\$130,000
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers	Technical Assistance (TA)	\$88,800
Central Coast Center for Independent Living	TA	\$4,000
Communities Actively Living Independent & Free	TA	\$4,000
Community Resources for Independent Living	TA	\$8,000
Dayle McIntosh Center	TA	\$4,000
Disabled Resource Center	TA	\$4,000
Independent Living Resource Center	TA	\$4,000
Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco	TA	\$4,000
Placer Independent Resource Services	TA	\$8,000
Tri-County Independent Living	TA	\$3,300
Western University of Health Sciences	TA	\$8,800
Westside Center for Independent Living	TA	\$4,000
<b>Total of Grants or Contracts:</b>		<b>\$1,353,398</b>

**Access to Independence  
(Access Center of San Diego, Inc.)**

1295 University Avenue, Suite 10  
**San Diego, CA 92103**  
 Voice: (619) 293-3500  
 TTY/TDD: (619) 293-7757

**Center for Independence of the Disabled**

875 O'Neill Avenue  
**Belmont, CA 94002**  
 Voice: (650) 595-0783  
 TTY/TDD: (650) 595-0743  
 Website: [www.cidbelmont.org](http://www.cidbelmont.org)

**Center for Independent Living Fresno**

3008 N Fresno Street  
**Fresno, CA 93703**  
 Voice: (559) 221-2330  
 TTY/TDD: (559) 221-2342  
 Website: [www.cil-fresno.org](http://www.cil-fresno.org)

**Center for Independent Living**

2539 Telegraph Avenue  
**Berkeley, CA 94704**  
 Voice: (510) 841-4776  
 TTY/TDD: (510) 848-3101  
 Video Phone Relay  
 866-327-8877  
 Website: [www.cilberkeley.org](http://www.cilberkeley.org)

**Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)**

234 Capitol Street, Suite A and B  
**Salinas, CA 93901**  
 Voice: (831) 757-2968  
 TTY/TDD: (831) 757-3949

**Communities Actively Living Independent & Free  
(CALIF)**

634 S. Spring Street, 2nd Floor  
**Los Angeles, CA 90014**  
 Voice: (213) 627-0477  
 TDD: (213) 623-9502

**Community Access Center**

6848 Magnolia Ave., Ste 150  
**Riverside, CA 92506**  
 Voice: (951) 274-0358  
 TTY/TDD: (951) 274-0834

**Community Rehabilitation Services**

4716 E. Cesar Chavez Ave.  
 Bldg A, Rm. 75  
**Los Angeles, CA 90022-1210**  
 Voice: (323) 266-0453  
 TTY/TDD: (323) 266-1850

**Community Resources for Independence**

980 Hopper Avenue  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95403**  
 Voice: (707) 528-2745  
 TTY/TDD: (707) 528-2151  
 Website: [www.cri-dove.org](http://www.cri-dove.org)

**Community Resources for  
Independent Living, Inc.**

439 "A" Street  
**Hayward, CA 94541**  
 Voice: (510) 881-5743  
 TTY/TDD: (510) 881-0218

**Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled**

13272 Garden Grove Blvd.  
**Garden Grove, CA 92843**  
 Voice: (714) 621-3300  
 TTY/TDD: (714) 663-2087

**Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living  
(DRAIL)**

221 McHenry Avenue  
**Modesto, CA 95354**  
 Voice: (209) 521-7260  
 TTY/TDD: (209) 521-1425  
 Website: [www.drail.org](http://www.drail.org)

**Disabled Resource Center, Inc.**

2750 East Spring Street, #100  
**Long Beach, CA 90806**  
 Voice: (562) 427-1000  
 TTY/TDD: (562) 427-1366  
 Website: [www.drcinc.org](http://www.drcinc.org)

**FREED Center for Independent Living**

900 East Main Street, Suite 201  
**Grass Valley, CA 95945-5853**  
 Voice: (530) 272-1732  
 or (800) 655-7732  
 TTY: (530) 272-1764  
 Website: [www.freed.org](http://www.freed.org)

**Independent Living Center for  
San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys**

109 South Spring Street  
**Claremont, CA 91711**  
 Voice: (909) 621-6722  
 TTY/TDD: (909) 445-0726  
 Website: [www.ilc-clar.org](http://www.ilc-clar.org)

## Independent Living Center of Kern County

1631 30th Street  
**Bakersfield, CA 93301**  
 Voice: (800) 529-9541  
 (661) 325-1063  
 TTY/TDD: (661) 325-4143  
 Website: [www.ilcofkerncounty.org](http://www.ilcofkerncounty.org)

## Independent Living Center of Southern California

14407 Gilmore St., #101  
**Van Nuys, CA 91401**  
 Voice: (818) 785-6934  
 TTY/TDD: (818) 785-7097  
 Website: [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org)

## Independent Living Resource Center

423 West Victoria Street  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93101**  
 Voice/TTY: (805) 963-0595  
 TTY: (805) 963-8265  
 Website: [www.ilrc-trico.org](http://www.ilrc-trico.org)

## Independent Living Resource Center, San Francisco

649 Mission Street, 3rd Floor  
**San Francisco, CA 94105**  
 Voice: (415) 543-6222  
 TTY/TDD: (415) 543-6698  
 Spanish: (415) 543-6743  
 Chinese: (415) 543-6768  
 Website: [www.ilrcsf.org](http://www.ilrcsf.org)

## Independent Living Resource of Contra Costa County

1850 Gateway Blvd, Suite 120  
**Concord, CA 94520**  
 Voice/TTY/TDD: (925) 363-7293  
 Website: [www.ilrcoco-sol.org](http://www.ilrcoco-sol.org)

## Independent Living Services of Northern California

1161 East Avenue  
**Chico, CA 95926-1018**  
 Voice/TTY/TDD: (530) 893-8527

## Marin Center for Independent Living

710 Fourth Street  
**San Rafael, CA 94901**  
 Voice: (415) 459-6245  
 TTY/TDD: (415) 459-7027  
 Website: [www.marincil.org](http://www.marincil.org)

## Placer Independent Resource Services

11768 Atwood Road, Suite 29  
**Auburn, CA 95603**  
 Voice: (530) 885-6100  
 TTY/TDD: (530) 885-0326  
 Website: [www.pirs.org](http://www.pirs.org)

## Resources for Independent Living

420 I Street, Suite 3  
**Sacramento, CA 95814-2319**  
 Voice: (916) 446-3074  
 TTY/TDD: (916) 446-3074

## Rolling Start, Inc.

570 W. 4th Street, Suite 107  
**San Bernardino, CA 92401**  
 Voice: (909) 884-2129  
 TTY/TDD: (909) 884-7396  
 Website: [www.rollingstart.com](http://www.rollingstart.com)

## Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

2306 Zanker Road  
**San Jose, CA 95131**  
 Voice: (408) 894-9041  
 TTY/TDD: (408) 894-9012  
 Website: [www.svilc.org](http://www.svilc.org)

## Southern California Rehabilitation Services

7830 Quill Drive, Suite D  
**Downey, CA 90242**  
 Voice: (562) 862-6531  
 TTY/TDD: (562) 869-0931  
 Website: [www.scrs-ilc.org](http://www.scrs-ilc.org)

## Tri-County Independent Living, Inc.

2822 Harris Street  
**Eureka, CA 95503**  
 Voice: (707) 445-8404  
 TTY/TDD: (707) 445-8405  
 Website: [www.tilinet.org](http://www.tilinet.org)

## Westside Center for Independent Living

12901 Venice Boulevard  
**Los Angeles, CA 90066**  
 Voice: (310) 390-3611  
 TTY/TDD: (310) 398-9204  
 Website: [www.wcil.org](http://www.wcil.org)



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