



Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council

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Dear fellow Hoosier:

This letter reflects a wonderful opportunity for YOU to be at the heart of statewide decision making for people with disabilities in Indiana! The Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council or INSILC, would like to invite you to join their membership, and/or help us identify someone else who might be interested. You can help shape the state independent living plan, which details how federal/state funds are spent in Indiana. Not only can you help shape the plan, you will monitor and evaluate the implementation of how funds are spent for independent living in our state.

The council is looking for people with disabilities, parents and guardians of people with disabilities, advocates of and for people with disabilities, representatives from private businesses, and representatives from organizations providing services to people with disabilities. It is important to note that we are required to have the majority of the members of the council be comprised of people with disabilities who are not employed by a state agency or an independent living center.

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act greatly expanded the role and responsibilities of the statewide independent living councils, in effect making them full partners with vocational rehabilitation and the Centers for Independent Living in the independent living process. INSILC is currently reviewing and improving the Policies and By-laws by which we operate to be inclusive of all members of the Disability community.

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Our members are appointed by the Governor and serve specific time limits. At this time the appointments are minimal and new voices are needed to keep the Independent Living Network functioning. We are seeking your assistance and expertise in helping us identify potential candidates to serve on INSILC.

Individuals selected to serve as members of the council must be knowledgeable or demonstrate a willingness to learn about independent living centers and services, working with the Family Social Services Administration, and must represent different parts of the state as well as different disability constituencies. INSILC is also committed to seeking racial diversity. It is very important that the people who are appointed to the council be not just knowledgeable about but also have a real commitment to disability rights and the independent living philosophy.

Please contact either the Nomination Committee Chair, Kacie Weldy at (516) 269-1233/ email at KWeldy@indianasilc.org or INSILC chair, Abigail Fleener at Toll Free number: (844) 446-7452 or email Chair@Indianasilc.org with any questions or referrals.

Thank you for your assistance,

Abigail Fleener

Chair, INSILC Council

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