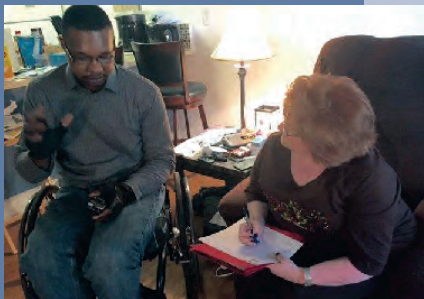




# Independent Living 2015 Annual Report



Living independently does not mean doing everything for one's self, but being in control of decisions made about one's self. This is the foundation upon which Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are founded. What sets CILs apart from other organizations is the fact that consumer control exists at every level, where at least fifty-one percent of staff, management staff and the Board of Directors must be persons with disabilities. With this experience and knowledge, CILs advocate for changes in legislation, provide disability-awareness-related activities, develop technical assistance initiatives regarding the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) as amended, and work in a committed fashion to deinstitutionalize or reintegrate people with disabilities who can and want to live independently in the community.

A CIL is a private, non-residential, community-based, not-for-profit, consumer-controlled organization that is mandated to provide five core services. The core services are: Advocacy; Peer Support; Independent Living Skills Development; Information and Referral Services; and Transition Services. The new fifth core service, Transition Services, is mandated as a result of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. Many of the CILs already provide Transition Services to persons with disabilities as they include facilitating transition from nursing homes to Home and Community-Based Services in the community, activities to prevent individuals from entering institutions and youth transitioning out of the educational system. With anticipation of full implementation of WIOA, CILs are very well positioned to enhance the services they provide through existing partnerships with local entities that are part of this consumer-centered system.

Staff in CILs also serve as role models, demonstrating that people with disabilities can be independent and productive. They also offer unique services based on specific community needs. The most frequent needs identified by CIL consumers are accessible and affordable housing and transportation. The support and guidance provided by CIL staff help create informed choice options which provide consumers the confidence to pursue their own independence, e.g. living independently, employment and realizing their dreams and aspirations. CIL staff assist in enhancing an individual's positive self-image and confidence which is so important in the development of significant peer relationships. Having this positive self-image and confidence, leads to full and equal participation in the community.

This is an especially crucial and exciting time for CILs as they are one of many stakeholders who will be assisting with the implementation of the Uniform Assessment Tool (UAT) which will assess supports and services for consumers. They are also stakeholders in the proposed "No Wrong Door" system which promotes consumer control and information about the full range of long-term services and supports and quality independent living options. With CIL's services and supports, persons with disabilities will have the opportunity to live independently. For some individuals, this will be their first home or apartment!

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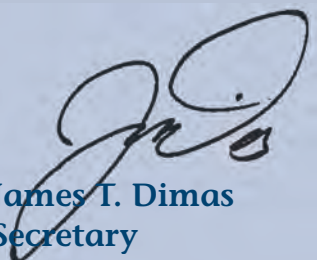
Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), we are pleased to share this copy of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Annual Report on Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Illinois. This report would not have been possible without the active cooperation and support of the CILs whose numerous contributions make this year's report a vivid record of the independent living philosophy and CIL's commitment to improve persons with disabilities lives through provision of their core services.

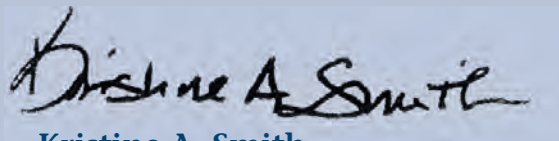
In accordance with their mission, Illinois' 22 CILs provided services to 68,642 Illinois citizens with disabilities in FFY 2015. In addition to information and referrals, direct services and mandated core services were regularly provided by CIL staff. Examples of some direct services provided include: introduction to assistive technology devices and equipment; advocacy; personal assistance service referral and training; independent living and life skills training; housing assistance and home modification services; community reintegration; and vocational services. In total, CIL staff provided 90,179 direct service hours to persons with disabilities.

In the CIL'S annual federal reports, approximately 44,386 working hours were reported by the CILs participating in local community activities. These activities promote disability awareness and advocacy for improved transportation, as well as adequate, affordable and accessible housing. In addition to providing services to consumers in their community, CILs are also available to businesses and housing officials in order to educate or review accessibility standards for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act as amended, and other Illinois accessibility codes.

We are honored to have such a great relationship with the CILs and value the services they provide to persons with disabilities. Despite an especially difficult budget year, CILs continued to enhance the lives of consumers. We wish to thank CIL staff for all they do for persons with disabilities in Illinois.



James T. Dimas  
Secretary  
Illinois Department of Human Services



Kristine A. Smith  
Director  
Division of Rehabilitation Services



# Independent Living Unit - Program Highlights - FFY 15

- CILs served 92 of Illinois' 102 counties.
- Direct Services and Information and Referral contact combined for FFY '15 was 68,642.
- The percentage of persons with disabilities on boards of directors for FFY '15 was 76 percent, an increase of three percent over FFY '14.
- The percentage of persons with disabilities on the administrative staff (decision-making) of CILs for FFY '15 was 89 percent, which is a decrease of two percent from FFY '14.
- The percentage of persons with disabilities on staff for FFY '15 was 74 percent, an increase of one percent from FFY '14.
- CILs spent 90,179 hours in FFY '15 providing individual services to consumers.
- CILs spent 44,386 hours in FFY '15 involved in community awareness and education activities; an increase of three percent from FFY '14.

\*Percentages and numbers represent information contained in the CIL's annual federal 704 reports.

## Legislative Internship Project

### **Community Advocacy Project for Minorities with Disabilities and Individuals with Disabilities from Rural Communities**

The Division of Rehabilitation Services' Independent Living Unit (ILU) first awarded Community Advocacy grants to CILs to develop this project in FFY 1998. This project continues to provide opportunities for minorities, youth and persons living in rural communities who have disabilities to learn about the legislative process. These opportunities enable leadership development and decision-making skills that enhance their ability to address legislative issues and system changes which impact them and their respective communities.

By engaging in and learning the basic components of the advocacy, individuals with disabilities can develop more effective interpersonal and communication skills. Ultimately, participants will enhance their ability to self-advocate and therefore, increase their potential for growth and independence.

# From Institutionalization to Reintegration

Many individuals in Illinois nursing homes have the capability to live independently within the community. For many years, CILs have worked with limited resources, to move persons with disabilities out of nursing homes and other institutions back into community-based independent living situations of their choice. To address this deficiency, the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Home Services Program (HSP) developed the Community Reintegration Program (CRP), which awards grants to CILs in Illinois. These grants provide Centers with the necessary resources to offer the start-up essentials (i.e., first month's rent, furniture, cooking equipment, peer support) to help individuals successfully transition into the community.

CILs successfully reintegrated and increased the quality of life for 206\* individuals out of 489\* who set community reintegration as a goal, saving the state millions of taxpayer dollars.

\* Numbers obtained from the CIL's annual federal 704 reports (FFY '15).

## Independence in Action



## Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago (AL)

115 West Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
60607

312-640-2100 (V)  
888-253-7003 (TTY)

Serving:  
Cook-Chicago

- Access Living aided 82 people with disabilities transition out of nursing homes into the community.
- Access Living had 105 persons with disabilities graduate from their "Stepping Stones" program, an independent living skills program for people transitioning out of nursing homes. A peer mentoring program is part of "Stepping Stones" and is offered to consumers that have successfully transitioned from facilities.
- Access Living staff provided 127 people with assistive technology through the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) Community Supports Program.
- Access Living's Fair Housing staff filed five cases in federal court to draw attention to the issue of discrimination against home seekers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Access Living's Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing, in cooperation with the MOPD, successfully advocated for new funding in MOPD's budget for home modifications.
- Access Living is engaging in strategies to meet the needs of the increasing Latino demographic. Access Living staff work specifically on outreach and education in the Latino community to assist persons with disabilities.

## Achieving Independence and Mobility (AIM-CIL)

3130 Finley Avenue,  
Suite 500  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

630-469-2300 (V)  
630-469-2300 (TTY)

Serving:  
DuPage  
Kane  
Kendall

- AIM reintegrated seven consumers into community-based settings from nursing homes.
- AIM was selected as a 2015 honoree in The Daily Herald Business Ledger's 25th Annual Awards for their Business Excellence recognition program.
- AIM's three certified Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors assist with Medicare needs and one specializes in services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population.
- AIM continues to collaborate with Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging to provide Options Counseling in partnership with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for a second year.
- AIM collaborated with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office to create Deaf visor cards, which enable deputies to effectively communicate with Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals during traffic contacts. The card has also been translated into Spanish. In addition, AIM is working to create a general Deaf visor card for national distribution.
- AIM was recognized as one of the top 10 Selection Centers for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Amplified Phone Program for the 6th consecutive year.

## Advocates for Access (AFA)

4450 N. Prospect Road,  
Suite C8  
Peoria Heights, Illinois  
61616

309-682-3500 (V)  
309-682-3567 (TTY)

Serving:  
Fulton  
Peoria  
Tazewell  
Woodford

- AFA assisted 10 individuals with reintegration from nursing homes.
- AFA provided training on "Abuse and Empowerment: What it Means for People with Disabilities," to social workers, nurses, direct support personnel and other professionals.
- AFA provided 10 ramps to individuals for their homes through a local grant through the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.
- AFA held a focus group concerning issues with a local para-transit provider. The group identified the top three issues and participated in a webinar pertaining to the ADA and para-transit. AFA then met with the provider to present the information and identify solutions.
- AFA provided training to all para-transit employees on Disability Awareness and Etiquette.
- AFA participated in an emergency drill with local first responders. Follow-up meetings with first responders and hospital reviewed and evaluated the process to determine what needed to be improved when persons with disabilities are involved.
- AFA hosted an ADA 25 Year Celebration in collaboration with their local Division of Rehabilitation Services office and transportation providers. Ray LaHood, former United States Secretary of Transportation, was the guest speaker.

## Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living (IICIL)

3708 11th Street  
P.O. Box 6156  
Rock Island, Illinois  
61201

309-793-0090 (V)  
309-793-0693 (TTY)

Serving:  
Henry  
Mercer  
Rock Island in Illinois  
Clinton  
Muscatine  
Scott in Iowa

- IICIL moved three consumers to community-based settings from nursing homes.
- IICIL hosted an ADA 25 celebration with a huge block party that included information vendors, entertainment and refreshments. IICIL invited local youth centers to educate youth about disabilities, as well as organized various games and activities about disability. Over 400 people participated in the event.
- IICIL's Sixth Senior and Disability Expo was held at the I-Wireless Center in Moline and had a record attendance. A variety of assistive devices for independent living were available for testing and distribution.
- IICIL completed their eighth and final home modification for \$15,000 under the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), a two-year \$120,000 grant.
- IICIL hosted a Holiday Carnival for youth with over 200 youth and families participating in the Carnival's activities. Each was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and received a gift.



## Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL)

18 Gunia Drive  
LaSalle, Illinois  
61301-9712

815-224-3126 (V)  
815-224-8271 (TTY)

Serving:  
Bureau  
LaSalle  
Marshall  
Putnam  
Stark

- IVCIL reintegrated six individuals from nursing homes into the community. One consumer stated he is the happiest he has ever been in his life, living independently with his cat in his own home.
- IVCIL had two staff members successfully receive training and participated in Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) outreach through the Central Illinois Area on Aging.
- IVCIL celebrated the anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) by holding its first ever 5K for the ADA. IVCIL had close to 40 participants and a nice number of sponsors. A 5K walk or roll was also held at the same time.
- IVCIL organized and hosted a housing conference at the Center. The main issue addressed at the event was the lack of affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities. Each agency in attendance provided real-life examples of how this affects our consumers.
- IVCIL staff and consumers attended a rally at the Capitol to address proposed legislation that would significantly raise the threshold of eligibility for the Home Services Program (HSP). This would result in thousands of people with significant disabilities losing home services and put them at risk for nursing home placement.

## IMPACT Center for Independent Living (IMPACT)

2735 East Broadway  
Alton, Illinois  
62002

618-462-1411 (V)  
618-474-5308 (TTY)

Serving:  
Calhoun  
Greene  
Jersey  
Macoupin  
Madison  
Bond

- IMPACT assisted seven individuals with moving from nursing homes into apartments or homes through the Community Reintegration Program (CRP)/Money Follows the Person (MFP) program. IMPACT continues to provide outreach to social workers in the nursing homes to answer any questions they may have about the MFP program.
- IMPACT had 100 individuals in attendance at their 30th Anniversary Gala. Ann Ford, Executive Director of Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL), was the keynote speaker.
- IMPACT began a Housing Advocacy Group in coordination with the Equal Housing Opportunity Council of Greater St. Louis. This group meets monthly and is composed of individuals who are experiencing housing discrimination. They have identified and have begun working on housing advocacy issues in Madison County.
- IMPACT provided technical assistance to 125 entities to ensure compliance with the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act. As a result of IMPACT's efforts, 90% of the businesses voluntarily removed identified barriers resulting in greater access for people with disabilities.



## Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living (JACIL)

15 Permac Road  
Jacksonville, Illinois  
62650

217-245-8371 (V/TTY)

Serving:  
Mason  
Scott  
Cass  
Morgan

- JACIL's Nursing Home Diversion services assisted three individuals avoid long-term nursing home placement. A ramp was provided for one individual and Home Services Program (HSP) Determination of Need (DON) scores were expedited, along with Personal Assistant services, for two others.
- JACIL provided events and trainings that allowed 2,147 children and adults to understand more about disabilities, the challenges persons with disabilities face and the ways in which they adapt.
- JACIL's employment series provided 20 individuals with communication, application and interview skills necessary to secure employment.
- JACIL sponsored 13 Knowledge is Power (KIP) Café workshops and were attended by more than 239 individuals. Topics ranged from how government works to securing your rights in interactions with healthcare providers.

## Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL)

377 North Seymour Avenue  
Mundelein, Illinois  
60060

847-949-4440 (V/TTY)

Serving:  
Lake  
McHenry

- LCCIL assisted 10 consumers transition from a nursing home into their own home.
- LCCIL had a 12% increase in the number of consumers served from the previous year.
- LCCIL celebrated the groundbreaking event for Fairhaven Crossing, which is an affordable, accessible housing complex for low income families and persons with disabilities.
- LCCIL celebrated 25 years of serving persons with disabilities and received a number of proclamations recognizing their work.
- LCCIL collaborated with community partners to coordinate Dial-A-Ride programs, which will provide expanded transit services to residents in central Lake County beginning in 2016.
- LCCIL collaborated in an initiative to train law enforcement how to interact with persons with disabilities in an appropriate, respectful manner. In addition, LCCIL conducted eight disability awareness presentations to educate non-disability community groups, reaching 226 individuals without disabilities.
- LCCIL collaborated with 10 schools and identified 135 transition age youth with disabilities to participate in the Center's Youth Leadership Program teaching self-advocacy skills.

## LINC, Inc. (LINC)

#15 Emerald Terrace  
Swansea, Illinois  
62226

618-235-9988 (V)  
618-235-0451 (TTY)

Serving:  
St. Clair  
Monroe  
Randolph

- LINC reintegrated 12 individuals from nursing homes, one of whom became a LINC Board member.
- LINC partnered with Lindenwood University's Belleville campus and the Abilities Institute of Missouri to provide a disability awareness day at the campus.
- LINC opened a new satellite office in Red Bud (Randolph County).
- LINC increased Braille services by 50%.
- LINC created a training video on the accessibility features of Apple devices.
- LINC's Legislative Advocacy Training resulted in a new monthly peer-led group, SWAG (South West Advocacy Group), engaging 14 new advocates.
- LINC provided Home Service Program (HSP) training to 14 "at risk" individuals in an effort to increase consumer understanding and reduce fraud.
- LINC's Executive Director is active in the State of Illinois' Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Committee.
- LINC participated in 26 community events offering a variety of independent living information to approximately 3,420 people.

## Living Independence For Everyone (LIFE)

2201 Eastland Drive  
Suite #1  
Bloomington, Illinois  
61704

309-663-5433 (V)  
309-663-0054 (TTY)

Serving:  
Dewitt  
Ford  
Livingston  
McLean

- LIFE moved five individuals from a nursing home into their own homes in the community and worked with Advocates for Access to reintegrate one individual.
- LIFE partnered with national award-winning Connect Transit of Bloomington/Normal to provide para-transit eligibility certifications, training in riding fixed-route buses and technical assistance for accessibility and ADA compliance of fixed-route bus paths.
- LIFE's Disability Rights Advocate won a statewide Advocate of the Year award from the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI) and the Region V Advocate of the Year award from the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).
- LIFE staff members serve on 33 statewide, regional, county, and community boards, planning committees and collaborative action groups.
- LIFE assisted 60 seniors with severe vision loss to remain in their own homes and maintain independent lifestyles through independent living skills training and acquisition of assistive technology.

# Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL)

412 Locust Street  
Sterling, Illinois  
61081

815-625-7860 (V)  
815-625-7863 (TTY)

Serving:  
Carroll  
Lee  
Ogle  
JoDaviess  
Whiteside

- NICIL reintegrated five consumers from nursing homes into the community.
- NICIL offered, co-sponsored, or participated in the following Community Activities: Fitness and Nutrition class with 48 attendees; Disability Sensitivity Training to schools, including 1,400 students and 200 teachers, aides and parents; Disability Expo with 70 in attendance; Interpreter/Relay Service Training to 12 individuals; SVCC Child Fair with 1,000 in attendance; and statewide disability training to Home Services Transportation Program (HSTP) partners.
- NICIL's Volunteer Core provided 1,458 hours of service.
- NICIL participated in the following contract requirement trainings: Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI); Mandated Reporters, including Self-Directed (Children) and Adult; Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace; and Harassment/Sexual Harassment.
- NICIL participated in Personal Development Workshop Training.

# Opportunities for Access (OFA)

4206 Williamson Place  
Suite 3  
Mount Vernon, Illinois  
62864

618-244-9212 (V)  
618-244-9575 (TTY)

Serving:  
Clay  
Clinton  
Effingham  
Fayette  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Marion  
Washington  
Wayne  
White  
Edwards  
Hamilton  
Wabash

- OFA moved four consumers from nursing homes and provided advocacy services so they could live independently.
- OFA provided Personal Assistant (PA) Management/Fraud training to 56 consumers to assist with improved management of their PA's.
- OFA continues its program to obtain Social Security Benefits (seven consumers) and its Pharmaceutical Procurement Program (10 consumers).
- OFA continues to provide a third party service that enabled 28 consumers to obtain quick payment for necessary items in order to further their education, job search or employment opportunities.
- OFA attended 53 Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings with students with disabilities and their families to obtain educational rights and/or transition services.
- OFA has been a very active member of the three Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) that cover OFA's service area. The Executive Director is on the leadership team for each of the ADRCs.

## Options Center for Independent Living (OPTIONS)

22 Heritage Drive  
Suite 107  
Bourbonnais, Illinois  
60914

815-936-0100 (V)  
815-936-0132 (TTY)

Serving:  
Kankakee  
Iroquois

- Options assisted one person's transition out of a nursing home after modifications were made to her home. Two people requesting reintegration remain in nursing homes and are waiting for completion of home modifications.
- Options enabled 68 rural residents to use 1,652 bus vouchers; 63 individuals received amplified phones, 132 people received vision aids; eight ramps were built or modified; and 299 independent living aids were provided.
- Options transitioned two youths with disabilities from high school to community college and one youth obtained employment.
- Options assisted one consumer displaced by a weather disaster with temporary shelter and obtaining permanent housing. One homeless consumer obtained housing through a partnership with Statewide Referral Network.
- Options formed a partnership with "Help America Hear" enabling low income people to obtain hearing aids. Options also worked with the Starkey Foundation to secure hearing aids for five low income consumers.
- Options developed and provided a Vision Information Group which is held quarterly.

## Persons Assuming Control of their Environment (PACE)

1317 East Florida Avenue  
#27  
Urbana, Illinois  
61801

217-344-5433 (V)  
217-344-5024 (TTY)

Serving:  
Champaign  
Douglas  
Edgar  
Piatt  
Vermilion

- PACE assisted five persons reintegrate from nursing homes into the community.
- PACE moved Dennis and Julie (a married couple), who resided in different nursing homes and often in different cities, for the past seven years. They are now in the same apartment for the first time in decades. This couple was featured on the local news which was tied to a story about plans to change the minimum Determination of Need (DON) score and the impact it would have on qualifying for the Home Services Reintegration Program.
- PACE has a consumer who is experiencing rapidly advancing vision loss. During one meeting, he told everyone he had been "so angry" about his vision loss. However, after coming to PACE's low vision groups, he found that he could still continue doing activities he enjoyed and his anger was "tons less". He is now the group leader for the East-Central Low Vision Group and helps determine with new attendees topics for discussion and assists new attendees learn more about the group. He also offers peer support by sharing basic daily living skills he learned while attending the group.
- PACE's advisory committees meet quarterly to obtain input from consumers regarding what they would like various programs to address. Advisory committees have been established for the following programs: Community Reintegration, Deaf Services, Personal Assistant, Opportunities for Independence and VIN55 (facilitates a low vision support group).



## Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL)

7521 Madison Street  
Forest Park, Illinois  
60130

708-209-1500 (V)  
708-209-1827 (TTY)

Serving:  
Suburban Chicago

- PCIL did not reintegrate any consumers this fiscal year due to transition responsibilities of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program being administered by managed care organizations in Cook County. However, PCIL works with consumers who are relocating from other counties into Cook County and are currently collaborating with AIM CIL to reintegrate one of their consumers who is moving to Cook County. Also, PCIL met with several potential consumers who have expressed an interest in relocating to Cook County.
- PCIL's Advocacy Coordinator received the Justin Dart Award from the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI).
- PCIL's Deaf Services Coordinator was elected Vice President of Chicago Club of the Deaf as well as Vice President of Fox Valley Illinois Association of the Deaf.
- PCIL's Information & Referral/Benefits Specialist was re-elected Regional Director for the CCDI.
- PCIL hosted a Community Partners' Brainstorming Breakfast, where an on-going collaborative committee established PCIL as a reliable resource for disability information and training.

## Regional Access and Mobilization Project (RAMP)

202 Market Street  
Rockford, Illinois  
61107

815-968-7567 (V)  
815-968-2401 (TTY)

Serving:  
Boone  
DeKalb  
Stephenson  
Winnebago

- RAMP reintegrated eight consumers into the community and works with the local housing authorities to increase availability of subsidized housing to decrease institutionalization.
- RAMP's new Employment Services Program assisted 30 individuals obtain gainful employment in the community.
- RAMP is preparing to bring "Project Search," a customized employment training program to the Rockford area.
- RAMP's Youth Education Advocates assisted 309 youth consumers to obtain or maintain education through the public school systems.
- RAMP presented the "IBelong" program to 576 students. "IBelong" provides disability awareness activities for youth with and without disabilities in pre-K through sixth grades.
- RAMP presented the "Teens-N-Transition (TNT)" program to 353 students. This program provides classroom instruction to prepare high school students with disabilities for independent living and employment.
- RAMP had a record-breaking Annual Appeal, with over \$56,000 donated by 404 donors

## Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living (SICIL)

2135 West Ramada Lane  
Carbondale, Illinois  
62901

618-457-3318 (V/TTY)

Serving:

Franklin  
Jackson  
Perry  
Williamson  
Gallatin  
Hardin  
Saline

- SICIL assisted a gentleman with paraplegia to move into his own apartment in the community. He is one of six individuals reintegrated into the community by SICIL.
- SICIL works with a variety of organizations in its effort to meet community housing and counseling and support demands. Some of those partners include: the local Women's Center; the Good Samaritan House; SIU-Carbondale Rehabilitation Institute and School of Social Work; and SPIN, a local organization that helps provide houseware items for persons who are relocating or have lost their homes.
- SICIL assisted a young person with severe social anxiety and a degree in graphic arts, to obtain employment in a major graphic arts merchandise and distribution business.
- SICIL assisted a woman with low vision with visual aids so she could continue to quilt blankets which she donates to the Catholic "Mothers Too Soon" program.
- SICIL provided magnification and a talking Bible to a person with low vision, allowing him to continue as pastor of his church.
- SICIL provided coaching for a young man with severe autism that has allowed him to be placed in a major retail store where he is providing janitorial work during regular work hours.

## Soyland Access for Independent Living (SAIL)

2449 Federal Drive  
Decatur, Illinois  
62526

217-876-8888 (V/TTY)

Serving:

Macon  
Moultrie  
Shelby  
Cumberland  
Clark  
Coles

- SAIL staff assisted four consumers move from a nursing home into their own homes in the community.
- SAIL served 350 consumers during FFY '15 compared to 309 served last year, an increase of 13% with a 33% increase in the number of African American consumers.
- SAIL's Visual Service Program provides services resulting in a 93% success rate for keeping consumers independent and living at home.
- SAIL provided Personal Assistant Management training to 50 consumers through the Understanding Your Service Plan curriculum.
- SAIL trained 72 new Personal Assistants.
- SAIL's Home Service Advocate assisted 19 consumers with their self-advocacy skills during their re-assessment process.
- SAIL increased the number of consumers served in their eight county service area by 21% in FFY '15.
- SAIL provided disability awareness activities for children three to five years of age at the local Head Start program. This activity allowed 120 children to experience a disability and the accommodation used to complete a task.

## Springfield Center for Independent Living (SCIL)

330 S. Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, Illinois  
62704

217-523-2587 (V)  
217-523-4032 (TTY)

Serving:  
Christian  
Logan  
Menard  
Montgomery  
Sangamon

- SCIL reintegrated one individual from a nursing home during FFY '15. In all, staff provided 93 services to this individual before transitioning into the community.
- SCIL staff collaborated with the Illinois Central Management Service (CMS) to improve accessibility for State employment applicants who are blind or visually impaired by assessing a new typing test and made suggestions for improvements after CMS received complaints.
- SCIL collaborates with the Sangamon County Department of Community Resources to facilitate Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications for people with disabilities by providing an accessible space. Expansion in FFY '15 included LIHEAP applications for individuals with and without disabilities and with disconnect notices, resulting in 48 additional individuals being served.
- SCIL's "Becoming Empowered and Successful Teens" (BEST) support program provides students who are in the transition process through their schools an opportunity to engage in peer support and counseling.
- SCIL assisted nine consumers with home modifications or construction of residential ramps, allowing them to live independently.

## Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living (SHCIL)

39 North Prairie  
Galesburg, Illinois  
61401

309-344-1306 (V/TTY)

Serving:  
Henderson  
Knox  
Warren

- SHCIL does not have a Community Reintegration Program; however, two people were referred to other Centers in our area that could assist them.
- SHCIL's Youth Advocate was able to get a child back into school in a different school district that met this consumer's needs. The Youth Advocate also worked to obtain personal assistant services for a child with severe autism. The Advocate also had a consumer who was able to terminate personal assistant services because he was able to care for himself in his own home.
- SHCIL's Home Service Advocate collaborated with a local church and youth group to build a ramp for a couple, one of whom uses a wheelchair.
- SHCIL's Independent Living Advocate (ILA) holds a peer group meeting every Thursday. The group achieved a goal of presenting a play to the public which a consumer had written.
- SHCIL has an ILA that assisted 12 people file for Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), eight of whom were accepted for benefits.
- SHCIL's Community Advocacy Program graduated nine people. Speakers talked to the group about the proper channels for filing a complaint. Two groups worked on coming up with a complaint and working out the proper procedure to follow to resolve it.

## West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (WCICIL)

639 York Street, Suite 204  
Quincy, Illinois  
62301

217-223-0400 (V)  
217-223-0475 (TTY)

Serving:

Adams  
Pike  
Brown  
Schuyler  
Hancock  
McDonough

- WCICIL reintegrated two individuals from nursing homes and four more community reintegrations are in process.
- WCICIL's Loaned Equipment program allowed 57 individuals gain access to assistive technology and equipment needed to enjoy a more independent lifestyle.
- WCICIL's Annual Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Celebration, in combination with the Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center's "Senior Expo" offered an opportunity to provide education and resources to a large number of people representing all ages and disabilities.
- WCICIL worked on home modification goals with 58 individuals.
- WCICIL assisted persons with disabilities with recovery in the aftermath of a major weather event by checking in on consumers in the area. WCICIL offered services and equipment to those in need during the week-long power outage and area-wide cleanup and recovery.

## Will/Grundy Center for Independent Living (WGCIL)

2415 A West Jefferson  
Street  
Joliet, Illinois  
60435

815-729-0162 (V)  
815-729-2085 (TTY)

Serving:

Will  
Grundy

- WGCIL reintegrated four consumers and were provided independent living and case management services during and after the reintegration process.
- WGCIL took five students with disabilities to Springfield to advocate with their legislators. There were 23 consumers who took part in WGCIL's Legislative Internship and Disability Law Series.
- WGCIL continues to secure partners who will support WGCIL's efforts to create a housing development that is affordable, accessible and integrated. WGCIL will not own or operate the housing complex.
- WGCIL provided technical assistance to the city of Joliet regarding its temporary access to its train station. WGCIL also provided technical assistance to the Joliet Park District to address inaccessibility of many facilities operated by the District.



# Overall Individual CIL Operational Funding - FFY 2015

CILS	GRF	VII B	SSI	TOTALS	PART C	GRANT TOTAL
AL	\$296,524	\$0	\$83,198	\$379,722	\$333,337	\$713,059
AFA	\$213,438	\$53,733	\$22,550	\$289,721	\$21,179	\$310,900
AIM	\$339,965	\$22,480	\$51,714	\$414,159	\$26,096	\$440,255
IICIL	\$83,482	\$7,065	\$40,772	\$131,319	\$256,914	\$388,233
IVCIL	\$268,974	\$0	\$0	\$268,974	\$26,277	\$295,251
IMPACT	\$291,046	\$7,065	\$23,063	\$321,174	\$33,901	\$355,075
JACIL	\$146,500	\$0	\$11,701	\$158,201	\$156,143	\$314,344
LCCIL	\$125,052	\$19,811	\$59,490	\$204,353	\$243,289	\$447,642
LINC	\$159,925	\$7,065	\$65,305	\$232,295	\$92,001	\$324,296
LIFE	\$174,419	\$49,743	\$51,554	\$275,716	\$99,485	\$375,201
NICIL	\$211,424	\$42,509	\$21,330	\$275,263	\$0	\$275,263
OFACIL	\$401,272	\$7,065	\$74,538	\$482,875	\$152,810	\$635,685
OPTIONS	\$93,326	\$56,291	\$10,250	\$159,867	\$156,684	\$316,551
PACE	\$191,289	\$34,311	\$21,054	\$246,654	\$25,831	\$272,485
PCIL	\$356,868	\$7,065	\$32,031	\$395,964	\$0	\$395,964
RAMP	\$150,608	\$44,675	\$36,243	\$231,526	\$228,948	\$460,474
SAIL	\$121,168	\$0	\$21,323	\$142,491	\$244,189	\$386,680
SCIL	\$276,183	\$0	\$33,322	\$309,505	\$34,739	\$344,244
SICIL	\$148,304	\$83,734	\$48,407	\$280,445	\$152,314	\$432,759
SHCIL	\$22,972	\$0	\$43,325	\$66,297	\$225,306	\$291,603
WCICIL	\$145,799	\$7,065	\$5,520	\$158,384	\$130,634	\$289,018
WGCIL	\$77,962	\$7,065	\$63,994	\$149,021	\$240,184	\$389,205
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,296,500</b>	<b>\$456,742</b>	<b>\$820,684</b>	<b>\$5,573,926</b>	<b>\$2,880,261</b>	<b>\$8,454,187</b>

# Age of Consumers Receiving Direct Services - FFY 2015

CILS	Under 5	5-19	20-24	25-59	60 & Over	Unknown	Total
AL	5	33	70	1,399	452	44	2,003
AFA	1	8	9	119	50	0	187
AIM	0	3	6	92	31	2	134
IICIL	0	6	10	153	174	0	343
IVCIL	1	40	6	47	5	0	99
IMPACT	1	35	30	107	200	11	384
JACIL	0	4	2	20	56	6	88
LCCIL	0	329	67	73	84	0	553
LINC	18	178	9	176	45	0	426
LIFE	0	3	9	76	72	1	161
NICIL	4	102	18	167	40	0	331
OFACIL	9	110	45	323	49	0	536
OPTIONS	2	13	7	137	130	0	289
PACE	0	7	8	162	217	0	394
PCIL	0	5	19	317	144	26	511
RAMP	10	325	68	442	163	0	1,008
SAIL	0	11	6	159	172	2	350
SCIL	0	13	6	132	18	0	169
SICIL	0	30	56	131	104	0	321
SHCIL	1	46	8	88	13	0	156
WCICIL	2	42	8	90	41	0	183
WGCIL	2	42	54	54	6	28	186
<b>TOTAL</b>	56	1,385	521	4,464	2,266	120	8,812
<b>PERCENT</b>	1%	16%	6%	51%	26%	1%	100%

# Direct Service by Major Primary Disability - FFY 2015

CILS	Cognitive	Mental	Physical	Hearing	Visual	Multi-Disability	Other	Total
AL	167	347	1306	51	36	0	96	2,003
AFA	23	36	37	20	4	57	10	187
AIM	17	8	56	32	3	18	0	134
IICIL	11	24	84	39	105	80	0	343
IVCIL	25	9	29	1	4	26	5	99
IMPACT	37	21	65	30	195	35	1	384
JACIL	3	5	8	14	53	4	1	88
LCCIL	153	84	26	2	12	276	0	553
LINC	52	145	164	44	20	0	1	426
LIFE	19	9	22	2	98	7	4	161
NICIL	134	28	147	6	5	11	0	331
OFACIL	28	14	24	3	4	462	1	536
OPTIONS	40	26	112	13	87	3	8	289
PACE	46	11	87	82	144	0	24	394
PCIL	29	59	228	91	32	34	38	511
RAMP	364	204	386	31	14	0	9	1,008
SAIL	17	38	157	33	97	4	4	350
SCIL	34	24	49	4	9	48	1	169
SICIL	108	56	43	2	95	17	0	321
SHCIL	35	16	44	0	4	57	0	156
WCICIL	39	9	82	1	3	49	0	183
WGCIL	92	21	51	3	4	14	1	186
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>3,207</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>8,812</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Consumers Receiving I & R and Direct Services by Gender- FFY 2015

<b>CILS</b>	<b>I &amp; R RESPONSES</b>	<b>CONSUMERS SERVED DIRECT SERVICES</b>	<b>MALES SERVED DIRECT SERVICES</b>	<b>FEMALES SERVED DIRECT SERVICES</b>
<b>AL</b>	4,192	2,003	945	1,058
<b>AFA</b>	7,998	187	66	121
<b>AIM</b>	1,617	134	58	76
<b>IICIL</b>	15,659	343	138	205
<b>IVCIL</b>	611	99	55	44
<b>IMPACT</b>	1,303	384	150	234
<b>JACIL</b>	1,000	88	41	47
<b>LCCIL</b>	1,316	553	316	237
<b>LINC</b>	919	426	229	197
<b>LIFE</b>	1,967	161	58	103
<b>NICIL</b>	609	331	178	153
<b>OFACIL</b>	955	536	289	247
<b>OPTIONS</b>	780	289	110	179
<b>PACE</b>	1,097	394	144	250
<b>PCIL</b>	2,541	511	265	246
<b>RAMP</b>	12,857	1,008	529	479
<b>SAIL</b>	719	350	141	209
<b>SCIL</b>	1,182	169	91	78
<b>SICIL</b>	599	321	156	165
<b>SHCIL</b>	194	156	78	78
<b>WCICIL</b>	1,211	183	83	100
<b>WGCIL</b>	504	186	106	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	59,830	8,812	4,226	4,586



# County Coverage - FFY 2015

CILS	Number Counties Served	Number Served Home County	Number Served Outlying County	Total	Percent Home	Percent Outlying
AL	Chicago	1,990	13	2,003	99%	1%
AFA	4	133	54	187	71%	29%
AIM	3	82	52	134	61%	39%
IICIL	3	273	70	343	80%	20%
IVCIL	5	61	38	99	62%	38%
IMPACT	6	309	75	384	80%	20%
JACIL	4	65	23	88	74%	26%
LCCIL	2	359	194	553	65%	35%
LINC	3	361	65	426	85%	15%
LIFE	4	113	48	161	70%	30%
NICIL	5	161	170	331	49%	51%
OFACIL	13	93	443	536	17%	83%
OPTIONS	2	163	126	289	56%	44%
PACE	5	304	90	394	77%	23%
PCIL	1	492	19	511	96%	4%
RAMP	4	445	563	1,008	44%	56%
SAIL	8	204	146	350	58%	42%
SCIL	5	155	14	169	92%	8%
SICIL	7	119	202	321	37%	63%
SHCIL	3	118	38	156	76%	24%
WCICIL	6	107	76	183	58%	42%
WGCIL	2	177	9	186	95%	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	95	6,284	2,528	8,812	71%	29%

# Ethnicity of Consumers Receiving Direct Service - FFY 2015

CILS	American Indian	Asian	African American	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian	White	Other	Total
AL	4	27	1,261	180	4	457	70	2,003
AFA	4	0	41	3	0	139	0	187
AIM	0	8	23	9	0	94	0	134
HCIL	2	0	65	12	0	261	3	343
IVCIL	0	3	0	3	0	93	0	99
IMPACT	0	0	33	6	0	337	8	384
JACIL	1	0	5	0	0	82	0	88
LCCIL	2	13	58	3	373	70	34	553
LINC	0	4	107	7	2	294	12	42
LIFE	0	0	20	1	0	139	1	161
NICIL	1	1	8	18	0	291	12	331
OFACIL	1	3	30	1	1	490	10	536
OPTIONS	1	0	25	9	0	251	3	289
PACE	2	1	77	9	0	303	2	394
PCIL	3	6	184	114	1	188	15	511
RAMP	4	7	185	81	2	697	32	1,008
SAIL	1	1	51	0	0	294	3	350
SCIL	3	1	49	0	0	113	3	169
SICIL	1	0	82	4	0	234	0	321
SHCIL	0	0	10	5	0	140	1	156
WCICIL	1	0	6	1	0	170	5	183
WGCIL	2	2	39	16	0	118	9	186
<b>TOTAL</b>	33	77	2,359	482	383	5,255	223	8,812
<b>PERCENT</b>	0.37%	0.87%	26.77%	5.47%	4.35%	59.63%	2.53%	100.00%

# Overall Consumer Involvement - FFY 2015

CILS	Number and Percentage of Persons with Disabilities on Board of Directors			Number and Percentage of Persons with Disabilities on Administrative Staff			Number and Percentage of Persons with Disabilities on Program Staff		
	Number	Total	Percent	Number	Total	Percent	Number	Total	Percent
AL	18	23	78%	10	14	71%	29	48	60%
AFA	5	9	56%	2	3	67%	2	3	67%
AIM	8	12	67%	3	3	100%	5	6	83%
IICIL	10	11	91%	10	11	91%	10	11	91%
IVCIL	9	11	82%	2	2	100%	3	4	75%
IMPACT	7	11	64%	3	3	100%	9	14	64%
JACIL	9	11	82%	2	2	100%	8	8	100%
LCCIL	7	10	70%	4	4	100%	9	11	82%
LINC	6	10	60%	2	2	100%	6	10	60%
LIFE	10	13	77%	3	3	100%	4	6	67%
NICIL	4	5	80%	3	3	100%	4	5	80%
OFACIL	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	6	10	60%
OPTIONS	7	10	70%	2	2	100%	7	7	100%
PACE	8	10	80%	3	3	100%	5.75	7.75	74%
PCIL	8	11	73%	6	9	67%	13	15	87%
RAMP	8	10	80%	6	9	67%	14	28	50%
SAIL	7	7	100%	1	1	100%	8	10	80%
SCIL	8	11	73%	3	4	75%	7	10	70%
SICIL	5	5	100%	5	8	63%	11	21	52%
SHCIL	5	9	56%	2	2	100%	5	5	100%
WCICIL	5	8	63%	2	3	67%	4	6	67%
WGCIL	11	15	73%	2	2	100%	4	6	67%
AVERAGE	8		76%	4		89%	8		74%



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