

# 2/22/24      **INSILC SPIL Committee Public Info Gathering Session Compilation**

## **DEFINITIONS of CATEGORIES**

Please find below items that are grouped by a TOPIC and then the LOCATION of the individual that provided the feedback and the ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED that they gave feedback on.

*NOTE:* Item to be addressed is presented in a summary/compilation format and is NOT word for word as stated by the individual providing the feedback.

Accessibility - expands access to information in all formats across all platforms.

Advocacy - Advocacy means getting support from another person to help you express your views and wishes, and help you stand up for your rights. Someone who helps you in this way is called your advocate.

Education - teaching or informing individuals and entities about the disability community and independent living philosophy, issues/solutions for the disability community and give a better understanding of the aspects of the Independent Living Network in Indiana.

Grassroots - Grassroots movements and organizations use collective action from the local level to implement change at the local, regional, national, or international levels.

Outreach - an effort to bring services or information to people where they live or spend time

Partnerships / Collaboration - Collaborative partnerships are agreements and actions made by consenting organizations to share resources to accomplish a mutual goal.

## **Clarification needed by L.R.**

### Lake County

- Lake County is the last to receive information.

## **Accessibility**

### Lake County

- Partners of the IL Network should initiate an internal review of outreach, websites, processes, and documents, to ensure access across all disabilities.
- Addressing how guardianship will be defined within the SPIL.

## **Advocacy**

### Lake County

- Who it is that they can talk to, complain to let the body know what their needs are because there are definite needs out there: Transportation, lack of housing, medical issues.

## **Advocacy/Accessibility**

### Allen County

- Breaking the language down to be simple, so people want to get involved.

### Lake County

- Simplify the wording of the SPIL documents to be better understood by the general public.
- Wording is a barrier for the general public.

### Vigo County

- Keep the documents understandable for the general public.
- Limit the use of acronyms

## Education

- Allen County

I think a FAQ sheet in plain language that talks about what independent living is, why it matters, how you can be involved.

- Individuals can feel included and have their voice heard and understand clearly what the SPIL is and how it impacts centers for independent living.
- Create a glossary of terms.
- As old as the independent living movement is, most people don't know what it is. Most people do not know that there is a state Council and why there is a state Council. Most of them do not know that centers exist. Until they need something.

### Lake County

- Identify a systemic change project to support.
- Network with agencies and services that interact with people who have newly acquired disabilities.
- Educating those who are making change, understanding the purpose of the state plan, looking at the situation, "What needs to be different?" And then create ideas that partners can collaborate on towards those changes.
- Outreach and education on the IL Network.
- People do not know what a SPIL is to even look at it.
- Promotion of public SILC meetings for community awareness.

### Vigo County

- Educating people on what the IL Network is.
- Focus on Indiana Initiate personal interactions with the people in the disability community.
- Network with local agencies for awareness of Independent Living Network.
- Outreach to the community to educate on what the Independent Living Network is.

## **Grassroots**

### Vigo County

- Be an organization that's for the People with Disabilities in the State of Indiana and allow them to take ownership.
- Have a broad focus of things impacting Indiana such as Right to Die, Not Dead Yet movements.

## **Grassroots Advocacy**

### Lake County

- Systemic Change Dream big, drill down to how to make that happen, and who can make that happen: elected officials, state agencies, local government, and IL Network. Build steps through which the objectives can be achieved.

## **Outreach**

### Allen County

- Use a FAQ sheet in plain language that talks about what independent living in conjunction multiple public sessions like this.
- Need to have multiple public sessions around the state.

### Lake County

- Identify ways to reach youth and veterans with disabilities.
- Getting word out to people.
- Seeking input from public/state agencies in the Public Meetings.
- We must get the word out to people to educate them about what it is that they have issues with
- If we can get it out to our public or to our area and especially those areas that don't have a CIL in them. The areas that are missing someone to complain to or to take their issues to. So, we really need to concentrate on those areas that don't have anybody to complain to or don't have a CIL in those areas.

### Lawrence County

- Establish annual town hall meetings for each center.
- Holding town hall meetings at the CILs for feedback sessions.
- Identifying ways to reach out to people before they're in a crisis.

### Vigo County

- Address those who are incarcerated who have disabilities.
- Outreach and coverage for unserved areas.
- Outreach to areas that do not have a center, such as health fairs, county fairs, conferences, senior fairs, etc.

## **Partnerships/Collaborations**

### Allen County

- Seeking input and working with other organizations: VR, Disability Organizations, College/University Accessibility Offices.

### Hendricks County

- Establishing relationships between VR and CILs to facilitate referrals to each other based on a person's needs.
- Set up outreach panels/information sessions at organizational conferences.

### Lake County

- Identification of resources and contacts surrounding public transportation services.
- Identify and outline within the SPIL the responsibilities of each component of the IL Network: CILs, SILC, and VR showing active contributions by all parts of the network to promote the entire network.
- Collaborating and providing resources for agencies and services that interact with people who have newly acquired disabilities.

### Lawrence County

- Establish one stop resource center (Disability Resource Finder) shared by the Independent Living Network (IL Network), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), Centers for Independent Living (CILs), and Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC).
- Use more local resources and give direct contact information that applies directly to a specific disability.

### Vigo County

- Collaboration with local agencies for awareness of Independent Living Network on how to assist people with disabilities and connection to IL resources.
- Provide direct source of information that has been vetted.