Michigan’s Independent Living Network

Michigan’s Independent Living Network is comprised of Centers for Independent Living, Disability Network/Michigan and the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council.

Centers for Independent Living

Michigan has 15 federally-designated Centers for Independent Living (CILs) that focus on removing barriers for people with disabilities and promoting self-sufficiency. We take a two-pronged approach to our services; helping people discover and reach their independent living goals and helping communities become more inclusive through education and advocacy.

CILs are unique in that they are community-based, private non-profits that are governed and staffed predominantly by people with disabilities. CILs serve people of all ages and all types of disabilities. But, it doesn't stop there...we are also a great resource for families, caregivers, state and local government, legislators, businesses and community organizations.

Supports to individuals are focused on working in partnership with them to achieve their goals which often include increased independence, connections to their community and self-sufficiency. We do this through a variety of services that include: Information & Referral, Peer Support, Independent Living Skill Development, Individual & Systems Advocacy and Community Transitions.

Disability Network/Michigan

Disability Network/Michigan (DN/M) represents the collective voice & efforts of Michigan's CILs at the state and national level. DN/M is devoted to supporting and building sustainable CILs though leadership development, relationship building, effective communication and mobilizing around issues that will have the greatest impact on delivering high-quality independent living services to people with disabilities.

Statewide Independent Living Council

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is an independent agency created by the Governor’s Executive Order, in accordance with the federal Rehabilitation Act. By law, each state must establish a SILC to be eligible for federal funding. The council is responsible for collaborative development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) which serves as the roadmap to improve independent living for Michigan’s citizens with disabilities. The SPIL is developed in coordination with Michigan’s CILs, along with input from a variety of other organizations and people with disabilities. To access the SPIL, visit www.misilc.org.
Investing in CILs Saves State Money

In 2018, for every GF/GP dollar invested in CILs, we returned $13. This translates into total taxpayer savings of $41 million.

CILs Promote Independence, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Equal Opportunities & Full Participation in Society

Every citizen in Michigan with a disability deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. CILs have a long history of being a wise investment to help people discover and reach their potential while advocating for policy changes on a local, state and federal level that ensure equal opportunity and full participation in society.

The benefit to Michigan’s economy when we promote independence, economic self-sufficiency and equal opportunities in our communities include:

- More people are financially literate.
- Higher employment rate for people with disabilities.
- Young adults are more prepared for success in employment or post-secondary setting.
- Citizens have the supports they need to live in the community vs. an institutionalized setting, saving significant Medicaid costs.
- Accessible communities allow everyone to participate in the economy.
- People with disabilities have the skills to ask for accommodations that make it easier to stay in their jobs.
- Increased purchasing power & spending on Michigan products and services.
Changing Lives:

In 2018, CILs assisted 43,588 people with disabilities across every county in Michigan in reaching their independent living goals.

Age & Disability Demographics

CIL staff serve people with disabilities of ANY age and ALL disability types.

### Disability Type

- Physical: 28%
- Cognitive: 27%
- Multiple Disabilities: 20%
- Mental/Emotional: 13%
- Other: 8%
- Vision: 2%
- Hearing: 2%

### Age

- Under 5 Years: <1%
- 5 to 19 Years: 17%
- 20 to 24 Years: 8%
- 25 to 59 Years: 41%
- Over 60 Years: 27%
- Age Unknown: 6%
In 2018, 80% of the independent living goals set by consumers were met with the assistance of CIL staff.

CIL Consumer Services

In FY 2018, the top three services CILs provided were assisting people in securing affordable and accessible housing, supports to obtain and maintain employment and ongoing community supports to maximize independence in the community.
Services to consumers continued to increase in 2018

The statewide CIL network realized a 13% increase in consumers served and a 12% increase in services provided. Much of these increases can be attributed to the network’s focus on Michigan’s youth with disabilities as we partner with education providers, vocational rehabilitation, students and families to ensure a seamless transition into adulthood.

![CIL Consumer Services Overall Trend (5 years)](chart.png)
Changing Communities:

In 2018, 60,970 Michigan citizens were impacted by a CIL through Disability Awareness Training, Community Education & Outreach and Systems Change Advocacy.

2018 Highlights

In addition to educational activities at the local level, Michigan’s network of CILs collectively worked on issues that impact public policy to ensure Michigan’s citizens with disabilities have equal opportunities and are able to fully participate in society. In Fiscal Year 2018 the network focused on the following issues:

**Employment:** Disability Network has continued to engage in systems change efforts to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. We have specifically engaged in Employment First policy efforts. This initiative places employment in the community at a competitive wage as a top priority for people with disabilities in Michigan. In addition, we have engaged in discussions with other advocates about the elimination of policy that allows for people with disabilities to be paid less than minimum wage. The Americans with Disabilities Act promotes EQUALITY; paying people less than minimum wage is the antithesis of equality.

**Transportation:** Having access to reliable transportation options is an essential priority for people with disabilities to connect to work, shopping, health care and community. CILs take an active role both locally and at a state level to ensure public transportation is accessible and available so people with disabilities can access their communities.

**Housing:** Access to safe, accessible and affordable housing is a challenge for people with disabilities. The Michigan Disability Housing Workgroup, inclusive of the CILs, is a multi-organization workgroup solely focused on ensuring adequate housing options are available for people with disabilities in Michigan.

**Disability is Diversity:** We strive to ensure that all citizens understand that disability is part of the human experience and in no way diminishes one’s ability to participate in society. Our educational emphasis is on promoting equality, full participation and self-sufficiency for Michigan’s citizens with disabilities.

**Long-term Community Services & Supports:** Michigan’s CILs continue to collaborate with the aging network, Aging and Adult Services Agency and the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services program to ensure that people with disabilities and seniors can remain living in their own homes or transition from institutional care. In FY 2018, Disability Network has devoted significant hours to re-designing the Nursing Facility Transition program with our state partners. These changes will increase access and options for people living in nursing facilities who want to return home to their community and families.
Financial Information:

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Compiled 2018 financial data from 15 CILs.
State Plan for Independent Living:

Every three years the Statewide Independent Living Council and the network of Centers for Independent Living develop a strategic plan for Changing Lives & Changing Communities.

2017-2019 Goals Set:

**Inclusion and Accessible Communities:** Michigan’s IL program will strive to create inclusive and accessible communities.

- **2018-** The CILs spent 10,328 hours educating community members on how to make their communities and businesses more accessible to people with disabilities.

**Education:** Michigan’s IL program will work more closely with the education system to ensure students and families have the optimal educational experience.

- **2018-** CILs worked with schools, families and students to help facilitate the path to a successful transition into adulthood. Through our partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services we worked with 7,310 students with disabilities ages 5-19 years old.

**Employment:** Michigan’s IL program will partner with appropriate entities to facilitate increased employment in competitive, integrated settings.

- **2018-** 77% of the goal’s consumers set regarding employment were met last year. These goals include obtaining employment, developing resumes, learning job search skills, interview practice and learning soft skills for the employment setting. In addition, CILs spent 54,285 hours on systems change activities to educate employers on the value of a diverse workforce.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Michigan’s IL program will continue to help individuals with disabilities and communities be prepared for emergency situations.

- **2018-** CILs continue to engage with their local emergency management organizations and law-enforcement to help communities understand the unique needs of people with disabilities during a natural disaster or community crisis.

**Long-Term Care Services and Supports:** Michigan’s IL program will continue to promote community-based living as the preferred living arrangement for people with disabilities.

- **2018-** In addition to transitioning 1,326 people out of nursing homes in 2018, we also spent 20,469 hours educating the community about community living options.

**Effective and Efficient Independent Living Program:** Michigan’s IL Network will continue to build a consumer driven, highly effective IL program that meets the federal standards and indicators as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act.

- **2018-** The CIL network experienced many changes in leadership in 2018 with the turnover of CIL Directors and management. To ensure we have a strong network, we provide mentoring to all new Directors by connecting to experienced Directors. In addition, we are creating the Disability Network Academy, which will offer training in a variety of modalities to the 350+ employees in our network. Our network, in partnership with our Designated State Entity, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, created a peer led review process to monitor compliance with federal Independent Living program standards and indicators.
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