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SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM
(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

Part I

INSTRUMENT

(To be completed by Designated State Units
and Statewide Independent Living Councils)

Reporting Fiscal Year: 2005-2006

State: Florida

SUBPART I – ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A – Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.35 and 364.36

Indicate amount received by the DSU as per each funding source. Enter “0” for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	DVR\$ 817,697/ DBS/\$167, 164
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C – For 723 states Only	\$0
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	DBS \$337, 948
(D) Other Federal Funds	DVR \$ 4,027,961 DBS \$ 3,175

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	DVR \$ 90,855 DBS \$ 0
(F) Local Government Funds	DVR \$0 DBS \$14,512

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	DVR \$ 0 DBS \$ 0
(H) Other resources	DVR\$ 0 DBS \$ 114, 267

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$ 5,661,259
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Item 5 – Pass-Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$ 0
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$ 5,661,259
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Section B – Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22, 365.1, 365.20, and 365.21

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$	\$
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$	\$
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$	\$
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	DVR \$ 121,373	DVR \$ 750,000
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$	\$
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$	\$
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$	\$
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$	\$

Section C – Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.43, and 34 CFR 365 Subpart C

Enter the requested information for all DSU grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter “N/A.” If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter “\$0” in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider	CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider
CIL OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 26,726	\$ 151,369	Provider	Provider
CIL OF NORTH FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 15,735	\$ 102,138	Provider	Provider
CIL OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 90,422	\$ 505,166	Provider	Provider
CIL OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 54,781	\$ 329,638	Provider	Provider
CIL OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 49,912	\$ 281,413	Provider	Provider
CARING AND SHARING CIL	4,7,8	\$ 55,888	\$ 308,588	Provider	Provider
DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER	4,7,8	\$ 11,748	\$ 85,320	Provider	Provider

SELF-RELIANCE	4,7,8	\$ 44,865	\$ 248,047	Provider	Provider
SUNCOAST CIL	4,7,8	\$ 25,417	\$ 143,013	Provider	Provider
SPACE COAST CIL	4,7,8	\$ 25,788	\$ 144,288	Provider	Provider
CIL OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 39,339	\$ 223,231	Provider	Provider
COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS	4,7,8	\$ 64,918	\$ 363,678	Provider	Provider
CIL OF BROWARD	4,7,8	\$ 75,265	\$ 372,278	Provider	Provider
CIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA	4,7,8	\$ 105,635	\$ 571,451	Provider	Provider
CIL OF THE KEYS	4,7,8	\$ 42,128	\$ 25,665	Provider	Provider
VICTORY LANE CIL	4.7.8	\$ 21,433	\$ 104,734	Provider	Provider
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$ 750,000	\$3,999,091		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or for the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 365.1 and 34 CFR 365.20

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

Not applicable.

Section E – Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

34 CFR 80.40(a)

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

The DSU receives monthly reports on program activities from each of the CILs that include data for both state and federal funds. These reports are reviewed by program and contract administration staff members prior to the CIL's invoices being paid. The DSU contract manager reviews financial reports submitted on a monthly and quarterly basis. Information about technical assistance requests are compiled and addressed as training opportunities arise or are developed. Each CIL's 704 report is reviewed on an annual basis.

The DSU conducted four technical assistance reviews during the 2005-2006 federal fiscal year. The technical assistance reviews use the RSA monitoring tool and CSR review tool. Generally, a team from the DSU program and contract administration staff members, the Florida Independent Living Council (FILC) and a CIL executive director spend two to three days at a CIL. In addition to the general program/contract administration reviews, the DSU Bureau of Compliance and Oversight does periodic reviews of CIL operations.

FILC continues to be involved in the development of reports addressing technical assistance needs of CILs derived from on-site reviews. Any FILC member that participates in a review is responsible for reporting his/her findings. The findings are then developed into a report that is shared with the CIL. The report highlights areas where the CIL excels as well as where there are areas for improvement.

The CILs receiving a program/contract administration review during the fiscal year include: Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO) in Palm Beach County; the CIL of Broward, and; the CIL of South Florida in Miami/Dade County. In addition, Victory Lane CIL was reviewed multiple times by program, contract administration and Compliance and Oversight staff members.

In general, the CILs reviewed are in compliance with state and federal assurances. The CILs are engaged in diverse activities. For instance, CILO has innovative programs working with youth, as well as productive relationships with agencies serving the homeless population. The CIL of Broward has devoted a great deal of effort partnering with other agencies to address the disaster preparedness needs of people with disabilities. And the CIL of South Florida held an innovative,

successful fundraiser featuring artistic photographs of women with disabilities entitled “Raw Beauty.”

The difficulties at Victory Lane CIL during the past fiscal year have been well documented; however, with assistance from the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living and the Austin Resource Center for Independent Living, the Center pursued improvement over the fiscal year. The DSU continues to work closely with Victory Lane CIL to provide technical assistance and oversight.

Section F – Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act; CFR 364.22(a)(2) and 34 CFR 364.31

Item 1 – Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSU to the Part B Program.

The DSU provides the following administrative support to the Part B program:

- One full-time contract manager who reviews compliance with contract requirements and provides technical assistance on fiscal and contract issues.
- One full-time independent living program manager who reviews compliance with programmatic requirements, provides technical assistance on programmatic issues, and provides support for other activities that promote the independent living program and CILs in Florida.
- One part-time administrative assistance who provides support to the program.

Item 2 – Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSU and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs):

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	2	
Other Staff	1	

Section G – For Section 723 States ONLY

Section 723 of the Act, 34 CFR Part 366, Subpart D

Item 1 – Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers

In the chart below, please provide the following information:

- A) name of each center within your state that received Part C funding during the reporting year;
- B) amount of Part C funding each center received;
- C) whether the Part C funding included a cost-of-living increase;
- D) whether the Part C funding included any excess funds remaining after cost-of-living increases were provided;
- E) whether any of the centers received its Part C funding pursuant to a competition for a new center in the state; and
- F) whether the center was the subject of an onsite compliance review conducted by the DSU during the reporting year.

Name of CIL	Amount of Part C Funding Received	Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	New Center? (Yes/No)	Onsite Compliance Review of Center? (Yes/No)

Add additional rows as necessary.

Item 2 – Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22(a)(2)

Describe the administrative support services used by the DSU to administer the Part C program.

Item 3 – Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i); 34 CFR 366.38, 366.40 – 46

Provide a summary of the monitoring activities involving Part C centers conducted by the state during the current reporting year, including the onsite reviews of at least 15% of centers receiving Part C funds under section 723. The summary should include, at least, the following:

- A) centers’ level of compliance with the standards and assurances in Section 725 of the Act;
- B) any adverse actions taken against centers;
- C) any corrective action plans entered into with centers; and
- D) exemplary, replicable or model practices for centers.

Item 4 – Updates or Issues

Provide any updates to the administration of the Part C program by the DSU, if any, including any significant changes in the amount of earmarked funds or any changes in the order of priorities in the distribution of Part C funds. Provide a description of any issues of concern addressed by the DSU in its administration of the Part C program.

SUBPART II – NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.53

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSU, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual 704 Reports, Part II.

Section A – Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	264
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	261
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	525

Section B – Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has:

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	38
(2) Withdrawn	76
(3) Died	16
(4) Completed all goals set	164
(5) Other	5
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	299

Section C – Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30 of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	226

Section D – IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	2
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	354
(3) Total number of consumers served during the reporting year	356

Section E – Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	0
(2) Ages 5 – 19	10
(3) Ages 20 – 24	19
(4) Ages 25 – 59	115
(5) Age 60 and Older	378
(6) Age unavailable	7

Section F – Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	352
(2) Number of Males served	173

Section G – Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. *Individuals MUST select only one category.*

	# of Consumers
(1) Hispanic or Latino	4
(2) Not Hispanic or Latino	257

Section H - Race

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. *Individuals may select more than one category.*

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	2
(2) Asian	2
(3) Black or African American	24
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
(5) White	230

Section I – Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	N/A
(2) Mental/Emotional	5
(3) Physical	38
(4) Hearing	83
(5) Vision	525
(6) Multiple Disabilities	31
(7) Other	N/A

SUBPART III – INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 34 CFR 364.53; Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A – Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSU staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	85	76
(B) Assistive Technology	57	57
(C) Children’s Services	N/A	N/A
(D) Communication Services	325	326
(E) Counseling and Related Services	58	43
(F) Family Services	33	23
(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	42	23
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	427	427
(I) Information and Referral Services	34	26
(J) Mental Restoration Services	N/A	N/A
(K) Mobility Training	326	326
(L) Peer Counseling Services	N/A	N/A
(M) Personal Assistance Services	N/A	N/A
(N) Physical Restoration Services	N/A	N/A
(O) Preventive Services	N/A	N/A

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	N/A	N/A
(Q) Recreational Services	N/A	N/A
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	N/A	N/A
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	N/A	N/A
(T) Transportation Services	321	321
(U) Youth/Transition Services	9	9
(V) Vocational Services	N/A	N/A
(W) Other Services	N/A	N/A

Section B – Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 – Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	N/A	N/A	N/A
(B) Communication	N/A	N/A	N/A
(C) Mobility/Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A
(D) Community-Based Living	N/A	N/A	N/A
(E) Educational	N/A	N/A	N/A
(F) Vocational	N/A	N/A	N/A
(G) Self-care	N/A	N/A	N/A
(H) Information Access/Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A
(I) Personal Resource Management	N/A	N/A	N/A
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	25	5	20

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(K) Community/Social Participation	48	0	48
(L) Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Item 2 – Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	233	179	179
(B) Health Care Services	32	29	3
(C) Assistive Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: For most IL services, a consumer’s access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform RSA how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider did x / did not engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C – Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

This year CVI has implemented a new outreach program with the goal of reaching into minority communities. They produced Spanish Brochures and distributed them at various locations in the community. The center also promoted its services with local radio stations and spoke at local Health Fairs, about services for blind and multi-disable individuals. CVI as part of its standard curriculum conducts and sustains Peer Support-Groups in the Volusia & Rockledge centers which enhance its impact in the community.

CVI shared the achievement of one gentleman who was severely depressed upon entering the program. He was suicidal and was immediately referred for counseling. After attending counseling sessions, with the advice of his counselor, he decided to learn to play the keyboard. He later purchased one and began taking lessons. He continued the lessons for several months and attended the CVI program at the same time. During the course of the year, he decided that he wanted to learn to use a computer and since he had been successful at learning the keyboard, he figured he could succeed at computer training. He has since graduated from the computer program and is doing very well. He was assisted with setting up his new computer and provided training in the home as well as the center. His attitude toward life has dramatically changed as a result of the participation in the program. He is no longer depressed and has gained the confidence to pursue new hobbies and other pursuits.

SUBPART IV – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.26, 364.27, and 364.32

Section A – Community Activities

Item 1 – Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity (ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
SILC Congress	Collaboration and Networking	6 FILC members and staff members	144 attendance hours 150 preparation hours	Educate FILC members on current and future goals of SILC activities and mission.	Florida held the annual SILC Congress in January of 2006. This three day conference encompassed SILC from 40 states. Topics included Advocacy, CIL/DSU/SILC relationships .
NCIL Conference	Community/Systems Advocacy	5 FILC members and staff members	120 hours	Enhance knowledge of the independent living movement and related public policy by participating in one national conference.	Three FILC members and two staff members attended the annual NCIL Conference in Washington D.C. Participants learned more about: systems advocacy, RSA requirements, disaster preparedness and networking and collaboration with DSUs and CILs. Participants visited Florida Congressmen/women to discuss issues relating to persons with disabilities including MICASSA and Money Follows the Person. CILs, SILCs and DSUs were given the opportunity to discuss relationships and how to work together on issues affecting persons with disabilities.
CIL Standards and Definitions Task force	Collaboration/Technical Assistance	5 FILC members and staff members and 4	576 hours 9 people x two days	Standardize reporting by creating a Standards and Definitions tool for use	The draft tool was developed and distributed in September 2006. The final tool was delayed by the

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
		CIL Executive Directors met four times face to face to revise the Standards and Definitions Tool utilized by the Florida CILs.	x four meetings	by the CILs.	August changes to the RSA 704 instructions.
FILC Full Council Meetings	Collaboration	FILC Members/Staff members / DSU and CIL Executive Directors/Public	700 hours	Facilitate implementation of the SPIL by conducting at least three regular FILC meetings.	Three regular FILC meetings were conducted.
Housing/Health Care	Collaboration	FILC Executive Director/FILC Members	97 hours	Work cooperatively with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to develop a systems change grant for Money Follows the Person.	AHCA applied for the Money Follow the Person Grant and FILC has been named as a partner with the agency to develop and implement the program should the state be awarded the grant. FILC staff members and FILC members met with the White House Domestic Policy Coordinator regarding the initiative.
Assistive Technology	Collaboration	FILC President	24 hours	Promote implementation of accessible electronic	The FILC President presented to a group at the ADA Symposium

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
				information technology in Florida.	in St. Louis. The FILC President also participated as a member of the Governor's Accessible Electronic Information Technology Task Force. Based on the Task Force recommendations, AEIT legislation was signed into law in 2006.
Emergency Preparedness	Community/systems advocacy	DSU	40	Prepare Hospitals and EMTs for issues related to individuals with disabilities during an emergency--either natural or related to domestic security.	The Department of Health Disability Task Force hosted two conferences on Emergency Preparedness for persons with disabilities. It developed papers with recommendations to expand accessibility at general shelters.
Emergency Preparedness	Community/systems advocacy	DSU	24	Improve conditions in Special Needs Shelters in Florida.	A Governor's Executive Order related to conditions in Special Needs Shelters was issued and legislation was signed into law in May, 2006.
Emergency Preparedness	Collaboration/networking	DSU	36	Create a document that helps individuals with disabilities prepare for hurricanes and other emergencies.	Developed a document that was distributed to all DSU customers and made available to all CILs for distribution.
Domestic Violence	Collaboration/networking	DSU	10	Develop a curriculum to educate domestic	Curriculum developed.

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				violence personnel on issues related to individuals with disabilities.	
Consumer Input	Collaboration/networking	DSU/FILC	18	To cooperate with the Florida Rehabilitation Council in planning the continuum of services for individuals with disabilities.	The DSU and FILC members and staff members participated in FRC meetings and planning activities.
Providing Information	Community education and public information	DSU	40	Educating Legislative Staff members and Legislators	Received \$1.5 million in state funding for the CILs.
Opportunities for affordable, accessible housing	Collaboration/networking	DSU	8	Provide input to the Department of Community Affairs on housing grants.	Provided input at two advisory committee meetings.
Providing Information	Collaboration/networking	DSU	4	Educate vocational rehabilitation counselors about independent living services.	The DSU provided training on IL philosophy and system to VR counselors
SPIL Implementation	Collaboration/networking	DSU/FILC	4	Strengthen relationships with partners by participating in at least quarterly meetings of the DSU independent living Program Manager with	Participated in at least one joint quarterly meeting of the FILC executive director and DSU independent living program manager.

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				the executive director of FILC.	
SPIL Implementation	Collaboration/networking	DSU	2	Strengthen relationships with partners by participating in at least quarterly meetings with the executive director of FACIL.	Participated in at least one quarterly meeting with the FACIL executive director.
SPIL Implementation	Collaboration/networking	DSU/FILC	8	Strengthen relationships with partners by participating in at least one joint meeting of FILC and FACIL Executive Committee meetings.	Participated in one joint meeting of the FILC and FACIL Executive Committee meeting.
Disaster preparedness	Community/ systems advocacy	DSU/FILC	7	Facilitate communication between the CILs and state emergency management leadership by providing technical assistance on the Florida "Get a Plan" website as it relates to individuals with disabilities.	Met with the Director of Emergency Management and provided the detailed recommendations about how to make the "Get a Plan" website useful for individuals with disabilities.
Recipient agreement compliance	Technical assistance	DSU	128	Increase knowledge of the requirements of the 2006-2007 recipient agreement and monthly	Prepared for and presented three training sessions across the state to train all of the CIL executive directors and relevant staff

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				reporting requirements.	members on the requirements of the 2006-2007 recipient agreement and monthly reporting requirements. Training was provided in Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Tallahassee. All CIL executive directors participated. In addition, many brought relevant staff members. All staff members of the Florida Independent Living Council participated, as did the executive director of the Florida Association of CILs. A total of 45 individuals participated in the training. Based on evaluations, the participants found the training helpful.
Disaster preparedness	Collaboration/networking	DSU	1	Facilitate continuity of operations of CILs during emergencies by collaborating in the development of an emergency hotline number for CIL staff members to report status and communicate through a central operating number.	Participated in the creation of an emergency communication plan for CILs.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
Veterans Administration Training	Collaboration/networking	FILC	15	Begin collaboration between the CIL's, FILC and the Veterans Administration to improve services to those veterans injured and returning from the war	FILC provided a one-day training to Council members and the Centers for Independent Living about the benefits that can be utilized to assist veterans with disabilities and how to collaborate with the VA to coordinate services.
SPIL Implementation	Collaboration/networking	DSU	8	Improve communication with FACIL members by participating in four quarterly business meetings.	Participated in at least three quarterly FACIL meetings.

Item 2 – Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSU, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The community activities above were completed in collaboration with the following organizations:

- The DSU provided a representative to the Department of Health Disability Task Force.
- The DSU provided a representative to the Special Needs Shelter Interagency Task Force.
- The DSU participated with the Florida Alliance on Domestic Violence.
- The DSU and FILC participated with Florida Rehabilitation Council State Plan Public Hearings.
- The DSU participated on an Advisory Committee with Community Affairs related to affordable, accessible housing.
- FILC and the DSU participated in development of the Money Follows the Person grant application with AHCA, the ADA Working Group, and other disability-related organizations.

Section B – Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

FILC and the DSUs have continued to work on their relationship with the Network of Centers. The communication between all continues to improve, but funding issues are an ever-present challenge within the groups.

FILC in collaboration with the Network of Centers, the Division of Blind Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation began drafting the 2007-2010 State Plan for Independent Living. The draft Goals and Objectives were sent to the Network of Centers and they have held Focus Groups with their consumers and staff members to ensure that FILC is on the right track with the needs of persons with disabilities in the state of Florida. To date seven Focus Groups have met and FILC has been provided input on the draft document. The actual writing of a more task-oriented draft SPIL is currently being worked on by FILC's Planning Committee. This committee includes CIL Executive Directors, DSU and FILC members. Public Forums will be scheduled for February and

March of 2007 for additional input on the final writing of the SPIL. FILC is very excited about the 2007-2010 State Plan. The goals and objectives seem to be on target with the needs of persons with disabilities in Florida as indicated by information provided by the FILC Consumer Satisfaction and Needs Assessments as well as from the statewide CIL Focus Groups. Goals include: Health Care, Youth Transition and MICASSA philosophy and Money Follows the Person as well as affordable and accessible housing.

The FILC Executive Director and the DSU, Independent Living Program Manager will continue to coordinate the schedule for the remaining CIL technical assistance reviews for the remainder of the 2007. FILC plans to assist the Network of Centers in the future with providing additional training/technical assistance when requested by the Center. FILC will continue to collaborate with the DSU in performing the on site Technical Assistance/monitoring reviews throughout the remainder of the 2004-2007 SPIL.

Florida's rehabilitation program is divided into a general program and a program that serves individuals who are blind. FILC continues to hold a gubernatorial appointed seat on the Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC) and attends their meetings regularly. FILC assists with the DSU State Plan Public Forums and coordinates activities with FRC. FILC also continues to have representation with the Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Through various collaborations such as participation in the Real Choice Partnership, American with Disabilities Working Group, the Florida Rehabilitation Council, Florida Housing Coalition, FILC is being invited to speak to organizations serving persons with disabilities therefore, becoming better known throughout the State. FILC members also participated in a number of other activities:

- FILC members and staff members participated with the Family Network of Disabilities in the development of their grant and parent training throughout Florida.
- The FILC president was appointed to the Accessible Electronic Information Task Force created by the Governor of Florida.
- FILC was active with Florida Legal Services, Inc. in advocating for retention and betterment of health services in the face of sweeping changes being instituted through Medicaid Reform in the state of Florida.
- FILC was instrumental in coordinating with the Agency for Health Care Administration Demonstration Grant offered by Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services in the development of the Money Follows the Person funding opportunity. FILC has been named in the grant as being a key player should the Agency be awarded the dollars for implementation.
- FILC has no representation on FACIL committees. This issue has limited collaboration between the two groups.

The DSU continues to be represented at Council meetings and collaborates with FILC and the Network of Centers. The DSU also assists FILC in various areas including monitoring site reviews of the CILs and providing technical assistance with the Standards and Definitions.

The DSU generates the funding formula for a fair and equitable distribution of state and federal funding.

FILC is also included in many DSU activities. The DSUs are included in Council activities through attendance at all full council meetings, Executive Committee meetings as well as other committee meetings as needed. Through all of these activities FILC and DSU are working closely together and are also working to develop a better relationship with the Network of Centers.

FILC members or staff members have attended all of the DSU Public Forums scheduled for the development, review, comment, and submission of the annual VR State Plan to RSA.

The DSU has created four work groups that include representatives from FILC, the CILs and FACIL. The work groups include:

- The Pre-Employment Plan Work Group is developing a Pre-Employment Plan and materials that would assist the CILs in assessing a consumer for employment, educating the consumer about the DOE/DVR and/or referring the consumer to DOE/DVR to achieve the consumer's employment goals and
- The Performance Measures Work Group is developing recommendations for identifying performance outcomes that will measure the success of the program and demonstrate the quality of services provided to persons with disabilities and the linking of such outcomes to funding options.
- The Statewide Data System Work Group is discussing the option to determine the sufficiency of the demand and the feasibility of implementation.
- The Funding Strategies Work Group will do the following:
 - To receive input from the members of the Network of Centers on the funding formula;
 - To consider alternative variables for use in distributing funding;
 - To consider modifications to the minimum funding level, and;
 - To consider recommendations from the Performance Measures Work Group as they relate to funding for the 2007 – 2008 recipient agreement.
 - To consider long-term goals for achieving equitable funding, and;
 - To develop recommendations for the 2008 – 2009 legislative budget request.

SUBPART V – STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 – Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Chip Wilson	Neither	Rep. From Center for Independent Living	President. Voting member	09/15/05	06/30/08
Nancy Peters	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting member	11/01/06	06/30/09
Roberta Van Sickle	Neither	Rep. From Private Business	Voting member	09/15/05	06/30/07
Wendi Herzman	Neither	Representative from Center for Independent Living	Voting Member	08/08/03	06/30/06 (replacement not yet appointed)

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Kristi Chapman	CIL Employee	Representative from organization that provided services for persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	09/15/05	06/30/07
William Gordon	Neither	Representative from centers for independent living	Voting member	09/15/05	06/30/08
Doug Hall	State Agency	Representative from organization that provides services for persons who have disabilities	Voting member	10/21/05	06/30/07
Holly Miles	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting member	11/01/06	06/30/09
John Oatley	Neither	Parents and guardians of persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	09/01/05	06/30/08
Rebecca Forsell	Neither	Consumer Representative	Voting Member	11/01/06	06/30/09
Peter Sachs	Neither	Parents and guardians of persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	11/01/06	06/30/08

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Ashley Skellenger	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	11/01/06	06/30/08
Nancy Wilbur	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	09/15/05	06/30/07
Rose Lee Archer	Neither	Advocate of and for persons who have disabilities	Voting Member	09/15/05	06/30/07
Elizabeth Howe	Neither	At least one director from a center for independent living	Voting Member	11/11/04	06/30/06
Bill Palmer	State Agency	Not a governor's appointment	Non-voting member		
Mondi Azpeitia	State Agency	Not a governor's appointment	Non-voting member		

Item 2 – SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	17
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not	13

employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	15
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	13

Section B – SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21(c)

Item 1 – Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

One of the primary focuses of FILC has been to ensure statewide representation on FILC, as Federal law and Florida Statute mandates. In order to do this FILC has tried to select one representative from each of the 16 CIL catchments areas. The Nominating Committee reviews applications in order to make its recommendations to the Full Council for consideration. The recommendations are then voted on by the Full Council to determine who the best candidate would be for the current opening. Those recommendations are then forwarded to the Office of the Governor. FILC has been limited regarding the number of applicants to choose from and has had to choose several applicants from the southern portion of the state. Two geographic areas are currently not represented and FILC and the Governor’s Office are actively recruiting from those areas to fill the gap. FILC currently has one seat to be filled in order to have a full board of directors for the first time in five years.

Item 2 – Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a board range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

FILC’s membership is diverse and represents a broad range of persons with disabilities. The current membership includes:

- At least five individuals with mobility impairments
- At least three individuals with visual impairments
- At least two who are family members of an individual with a developmental disability
- At least one member with a traumatic brain injury.

Item 3 – Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

FILC has several mechanisms for assuring that members are knowledgeable about CILs and independent living services:

- Nominees for membership on FILC complete application forms issued by the Governor's office. The candidates are provided with ample opportunities to discuss their qualifications for serving on FILC, including their prior experience with CILs, independent living services and disability-related issues in general.
- Applications are reviewed in detail by FILC Nominating Committee members and staff members.
- If the Nominating Committee has questions about the qualifications of the applicant, follow-up interviews with potential members are conducted. In addition, applicants may attend meetings and interact directly with FILC members and staff members.
- FILC members scrutinize applications in great detail to assure that the most qualified applicants are recommended to the Governor's Office for consideration.

In November of 2005, FILC conducted a full-day orientation for new and current members. The orientation covered: a review of the vision and mission statements; the history of the independent living movement; a review of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the role of the DSUs and Florida Rehabilitation Councils; the FILC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; the responsibilities of non-profit board members; the Network of Centers; committee responsibilities; the SPIL; Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law; travel reimbursement; state requirements for reporting abuse, and; a question and answer period.

FILC is in the process of developing a better mechanism to ensure that applicants have the background and understanding of the independent living philosophy. An addendum to the application a questionnaire has been developed to send to all those seeking to fill a seat on FILC that details their knowledge about the philosophy of independent living. The Nominating Committee will take that questionnaire into consideration when voting upon an applicant's membership, prior to submission to the Full Council for consideration.

Section C – SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 – SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

The SILC became a non-profit 501(C)3 corporation on July 28, 1999. It continues to operate under this status.

Molly Gosline is the FILC Executive Director
 Donald Dawkins is the FILC Advocacy Coordinator
 Jenny Bopp is the FILC Fiscal/Office Manager

Item 2 – SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSU, if any.

The DSU provides the following administrative support to the Part B program:

- One full-time contract manager who reviews compliance with contract requirements and provides technical assistance on fiscal and contract issues.
- One full-time independent living program manager who reviews compliance with programmatic requirements, provides technical assistance on programmatic issues, and provides support for other activities that promote the independent living program and CILs in Florida.
- One part-time administrative assistance who provides support to the program.

Section D – SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 34 CFR 364.21(g)

Item 1 – SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

The DSUs assisted the SILC in writing the 2004-2007 State Plan for Independent Living. The Independent Living Program staff members from the DSUs attended most meetings of the Planning Committee and the meetings also included representatives of the CILs. The DSUs have played a significant role in the implementation of the State Plan and continue to participate in the development of the 2007-2010 State Plan development. The DSU has offered to assist FILC in developing web-based public forum site on the current SILC website so those who may not be able to attend the public forums in person can still submit comments regarding the State Plan for Independent Living.

FILC has developed a combination Consumer Satisfaction Survey/Needs Assessment form that was sent to consumers of the Network of Centers. The results of the survey have been discussed in great detail with the Network of Centers and have been posted on the SILC website. FILC is choosing not to continue creating a survey in the future and will rely on data received from the individual centers as each center has their own Consumer Satisfaction Survey which they use to assist in providing the necessary services to their consumers.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

The Evaluation Committee has responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the 2004-2007 State Plan for Independent Living.

The DSU was instrumental in assisting the development of the timelines and in the completion of the SPIL.

The SPIL was developed by the Former Executive Director and FILC Chair (both deceased) along with members of the Council who left the Council because of term limits. Therefore the SPIL implementation process was difficult. The Program Coordinator was especially helpful in assisting the Council with strategies of implementation. All but two goals in the timeline have been completed. The Council has decided that the next SPIL development will only have three-four goals so that the focus can be on the quality of the SPIL. The former State Plan was cumbersome and had too many goals and objectives to be effective. The DSU's and the Network of Centers have been involved in the creation of the draft goals and objectives for the 2007-2010 state plan and have held statewide focus groups to gain consumer input to the draft. Public Forums will also be held in the beginning of 2007.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

FILC members and staff members participate in a number of different groups:

- One FILC member is a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC). This member acts as a conduit and liaison between the two groups. The FILC Executive Director also attends meetings when scheduled locally or if the FILC member is unable to attend. There is a continued collaboration between the two groups this year with plans to work closely on legislative issues and schedule joint Public Forums. FILC will provide input into the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan through working with the FRC. FILC continues to participate in quarterly FRC meetings and committee meetings, DSU public forums, the review of the DSU customer satisfaction survey and needs assessment, and in the development of, review of, and comment on, the VR State Plan to RSA. FILC will attempt to coordinate at least one SPIL Public Forum in conjunction with the scheduled four VR State Plan Public Forums. FILC is planning to attend all other VR Public Forums once announced by the DSU.
- One FILC member also has a gubernatorial appointment with the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. This individual also acts as a liaison between the two boards to share information and collaborate on issues that affect both groups.
- The FILC President was a member of the Governor's Accessible Electronic Information Task Force.
- A FILC member serves on the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition.
- A FILC member serves as the chair of the NCIL Committee for Aging and Older Americans with Disabilities.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

All Council and committee meetings are noticed at least monthly in the Florida Administrative Weekly and also posted on FILC's website and are now printed in the monthly SILC Newsletter.

FILC holds monthly teleconferences for all of its standing committees. Those committees include; Executive, Planning, Evaluation, Nominating, Finance and Advocacy. FILC also has Task Forces that meet on an as needed basis that include: Personnel, Orientation, Bylaws and the Standards and Definitions. The Public is encouraged to participate in all of FILC's activities. Under the Advocacy Committee FILC holds bi-monthly teleconferences with the group responsible for continuing advocacy efforts on the grassroots level. This committee is called the Point Persons Committee. This group also assists with the development of the Grassroots Forum Conference held every other year.

Item 2 – Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

Money Follow the Person (MFP) – FILC has been instrumental in advocating for Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to apply for the MFP Demonstration Grant offered by Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. FILC has been invited to be a key player in the implementation phase of the demonstration with several state agencies and two other advocacy organizations if AHCA is awarded the grant.

Unrestricted funding was used to distribute copies of the film "Murderball" to the Florida Congressional delegation and members of the Florida Legislature. The film was accompanied by FILC legislative education materials.

Section E – Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by RSA for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development	
General Overview	
Community/Grassroots Organizing	
Individual Empowerment	
Systems Advocacy	
Legislative Process	
Applicable Laws	
General overview and promulgation of various disability laws	
Americans with Disabilities Act	
Air-Carrier's Access Act	
Fair Housing Act	
Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	
Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care	
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	
Social Security Act	
Workforce Investment Act of 1998	
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999	
Government Performance Results Act of 1993	10
Assistive Technologies	
General Overview	
Data Collecting and Reporting	
General Overview	
704 Reports	7
Performance Measures contained in 704 Report	6
Dual Reporting Requirements	
Case Service Record Documentation	
Disability Awareness and Information	
Specific Issues	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Evaluation	
General Overview	
CIL Standards and Indicators	
Community Needs Assessment	
Consumer Satisfaction Surveys	5
Focus Groups	
Outcome Measures	3
Financial: Grant Management	
General Overview	
Federal Regulations	4
Budgeting	
Fund Accounting	
Financial: Resource Development	
General Overview	
Diversification of Funding Base	
Fee-for-Service Approaches	
For Profit Subsidiaries	
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	
Grant Writing	8
Independent Living Philosophy	
General Overview	
Innovative Programs	
Best Practices	9
Specific Examples	
Management Information Systems	
Computer Skills	
Software	
Marketing and Public Relations	
General Overview	
Presentation/Workshop Skills	
Community Awareness	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Networking Strategies	
General Overview	
Electronic	
Among CILs & SILCs	2
Community Partners	
Program Planning	
General Overview of Program Management and Staff Development	
CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building	
Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution	
First-Line CIL Supervisor Skills Building	
IL Skills Modules	
Peer Mentoring	
Program Design	
Time Management	
Team Building	
Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations	
General Overview	
Disability	
Minority	
Institutionalized Potential Consumers	
Rural	
Urban	
SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs	
General Overview	
Development of State Plan for Independent Living	
Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL	1
Public Meetings	
Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board	
Role and Responsibilities of General Members	
Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
CIL Board of Directors	
General Overview	
Roles and Responsibilities	
Policy Development	
Recruiting/Increasing Involvement	
Volunteer Programs	
General Overview	
Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in)	

SUBPART VI – SPIL COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 76.140

Section A – Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 – Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

Below is a comprehensive list of goals achieved and/or in progress:

GOAL 1: Initiate and/or facilitate systemic and/or institutional change at the local, state and national levels to advance the philosophy and mission of independent living as it applies to persons with disabilities.

Objective 1A: To positively influence public and personal attitudes of persons with disabilities.

STRATEGY: Education: Develop a presentation/seminar program that embodies this philosophy. **Complete**

STRATEGY: Develop a position paper that supports this growth in philosophy. **Complete**

Objective 1B: To increase technology access for persons with disabilities.

STRATEGY: Create at least one position paper on the need for accessible technology for persons with disabilities and how accessible technology affects education and employment. **Completed 05-06**

STRATEGY: At least two speaking engagements addressing accessible technology. **Completed 05-06**

Objective 1C: To increase the knowledge of policy makers, persons with disabilities and the general public on how the lack of resources affect programs and services that support independent living.

STRATEGY: Deliver at least two speaking engagements addressing the lack of resources for programs serving persons with disabilities. **Complete.**

Objective 1D: To improve the Council's visibility by developing and implementing the Council's Image Plan to enhance the public acceptance of a cross disability philosophy.

STRATEGY: Provide at least twelve reports to policy makers and others on the activities of the Council. **Complete 05/06.**

A newsletter was developed that includes an overall advocacy focus, technical assistance site visits, legislative activities, best practices, the mission and vision of FILC, and a disclaimer for distribution. The newsletter is distributed monthly to all legislators, advocacy groups, CILs and FILC members.

Objective 1E: To continue the development and implementation of the Standards and Definitions to assure the Centers for Independent Living services are being recorded accurately.

STRATEGY: Review and/or revise the Standards and Definitions tool used during the technical assistance exchange visits with the Centers for Independent Living. **Completed in 04/05, but undergoing continual revision and improvement.**

MANDATORY AREA 1 – SCOPE AND INTENT OF INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

GOAL 1-1: To increase awareness of barriers adversely impacting the lives of persons with disabilities.

Objective 1-1A: To improve the transportation system in order to support independent living in the areas of, but not limited to, employment, education, healthcare and recreation.

- a) To increase the knowledge of policy makers, agency personnel, the media and others on the importance of transportation as a fundamental necessity of independent living.

STRATEGY: Create at least one position paper to be distributed to various entities. **Completed 05/06**

STRATEGY: Deliver at least two speaking engagements to educate the above named entities. **Complete.**

- b) To increase transportation funding as it applies to persons with disabilities.

STRATEGY: Research and collect data and educate policy makers as to the need for sufficient transportation for persons with disabilities. **Completed 05/06**

- c) To change the philosophy of the transportation system to the “money follows the person” philosophy.

STRATEGY: Research and collect data to educate policy makers regarding the cost effectiveness of individuals making their own transportation decisions. **Completed 05/06**

Objective 1-1B: To increase the availability of accessible affordable housing for persons with disabilities by promoting the enforcement of current housing laws and regulations that provide for accessible affordable housing.

- a) Through collaboration with the Advocacy Center, the Governor’s ADA Working Group, Real Choice Partnership, Florida Housing Coalition, Florida Supportive Housing Coalition, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Authorities, policy makers and other housing organizations to educate the above listed entities on the application of laws and regulations concerning affordable accessible housing.

STRATEGY: Research and collect data to educate the above referenced entities regarding the need for affordable accessible housing for persons with disabilities. **Complete**

STRATEGY: Create at least one position paper addressing the need for affordable accessible housing for persons with disabilities. **Complete**

STRATEGY: Deliver at least two speaking engagements to educate the entities. **Complete**

MANDATORY AREA 2: COOPERATION, COORDINATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG VARIOUS ENTITIES

GOAL 2-2: To increase collaboration on local, state and national levels.

Objective 2-2A: Increase collaborative efforts to provide voter education, registration and the development of resources that support the participation of persons with disabilities in the entire electoral process.

- a) Increase the knowledge of political candidates through the Secretary of State, Supervisors of Elections and other affiliated entities in making campaigns accessible.

STRATEGY: Provide the above referenced entities with accessibility guidelines to be distributed to individual candidates. **Completed 05/06**

b) Increase the knowledge of individuals with disabilities to self advocate for accessibility in the electoral process.

STRATEGY: Provide training in electoral process accessibility. **Completed 05/06**

- c) Increase collaboration with the League of Women Voters, Supervisors of Elections, Secretary of State, civic organizations, et al, to identify and provide accommodations needed by persons with disabilities to facilitate the voting process.

STRATEGY: Educate the above named entities to the need for providing accommodations. Make recommendations regarding options for accommodations. **Completed 05/06**

Four poll worker training sessions were provided. The Poll Worker Training was presented to the FILC members. The training materials were distributed as a resource to the Network of Centers with a request that the materials be used to train local supervisors of elections.

Objective 2-2B: Increase collaboration with the DSU to conduct a series of biennial technical assistance exchange visits with each CIL to enhance the CILs performance.

STRATEGY: Conduct at least eight technical assistance exchange visits with the CILs.

Seven of the eight required technical assistance reviews have been conducted.

Objective 2-2C: Increase accessible, affordable housing in order to promote the transition for people with disabilities to community based living in the State of Florida.

STRATEGY: Collaborate with other agencies and organizations (Real Choice Partnership, etc.) to increase the number of people, statewide, that transition out of nursing homes by 5% over established baseline. **Completed 05/06**

DVR provided baseline information on nursing home transition during the 2004 federal fiscal year. A comparison with federal fiscal year 2005 data revealed that the CILs have exceeded the 5 percent increase.

MANDATORY AREA 3: OUTREACH TO UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS OR MINORITY GROUPS

Goal 3-3: Through collaborative efforts, support and develop outreach strategies to unserved and underserved persons with disabilities, including but not limited to minorities, homeless, deaf-blind, rural/urban populations and youth, et al.

Objective 3-3A: Continue to conduct a statewide Grassroots Forum, contingent on continued funding, and increase participation of minorities, homeless, deaf-blind, rural/urban populations and youth overall by 5% above the 2002 baseline for these populations that attended the 2004 Grassroots Forum.

- a) Increase funding from other entities to support the ongoing efforts of the Grassroots Forum.

STRATEGY: Identify grant opportunities, sponsorships, and to increase fiscal participation. Complete 10/06

BENCHMARK: October 2006

- b) Encourage council members and CIL Directors to enlist one sponsor each for the Grassroots Forum.

STRATEGY: Compose and distribute a formal letter with information packets from the FILC president to CIL directors and FILC members.

The Florida Grassroots Forum is a biennial event that brings together persons with disabilities throughout the state to strategize on ways to remove barriers on the local, state and national levels. By reaching out to organizations and agencies serving populations that are currently unserved and underserved by the independent living program it is hoped these populations will become more involved in this effort. The Council is committed to this

event and will be working to sustain it by increasing sponsorships and identifying grant opportunities.

The SILC Executive Committee voted to postpone the 2006 Grassroots Forum (GRF) for one year, until concerns can be worked out regarding funding and re-structuring of the Grassroots Forum.

The Advocacy Committee has been working diligently in restructuring the Grassroots Forum (GRF) for June of 2007. The number of delegates for the upcoming GRF will be approximately 100 a reduction of 100 from the 2004 GRF. This is to ensure that we receive and focus upon serious advocates. FILC is also facing a funding shortage for the upcoming event. FILC has commitments from various advocacy groups who historically have assisted in financing and facilitation the event, but since many budgets have been reduced, FILC expects to receive fewer dollars. FILC will be holding the event in a university setting instead of a traditional hotel. FILC members and staff members are very excited about the event and hope to continue the tradition of teaching advocacy strategies to the delegates/consumers who are interested in facilitating change their in local communities.

Objective 3-3B: Conduct a Needs Assessment/Consumer Satisfaction Survey and/or cost benefit analysis to assure that independent living services are being provided to unserved and underserved populations.

STRATEGY: Distribute, analyze and report data received from the Needs Assessment/Consumer Satisfaction Survey and/or cost benefit analysis if funds are available.

Completed 05/06

The survey was completed and FILC staff members delivered the survey for distribution during the Network of Centers meeting. The surveys included self-addressed, stamped envelopes and an instruction letter for the CIL executive directors. The CILs were asked to randomly select 5 percent of their consumers to receive the surveys. The survey forms were returned to FILC and the data was compiled by a FILC member who is a statistician. A total of 959 surveys were sent out, and 126 completed surveys were returned.

Objective 3-3C: Increase the awareness of other agencies and organizations to the need for services for youth transitioning from state sponsored programs.

STRATEGY: Develop a position paper regarding the lack of services for youth with disabilities leaving foster care.

This strategy is being pursued in conjunction with the Grassroots Forum.

Item 2 – SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the

SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSU administration of the SILS program.

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If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSU and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

Activities of the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. for fiscal year 2004-2005 include the continuation of the implementation of the 2004-2007 State Plan for Independent Living, implementation and enhancement of the Standards and Definitions for CIL's, and planning of the State Independent Living Council (SILC) Congress that was held in Florida in January 2005.

SILC has developed a newsletter that has been electronically sent to all state legislators and other advocacy organizations throughout Florida beginning January 2006. FILC is continuing to improve its Legislative Platform and legislative day activities during the state legislative session. We are continuing to grow and enhance collaboration with other disability organizations so that the disability advocates speak with one voice on issues affecting all.

The President and the Executive Director were invited to meet with the Domestic Policy Coordinator for the White House. The five-hour meeting focused on national issues that face persons with disabilities and implementation strategies for effective change. FILC was honored to have this opportunity and continues to communicate with the White House staffer frequently.

There are currently no recommended changes to the structure of the Network of Centers.

Section C – Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

The communication between FILC and the Florida Association of Independent Living Centers (FACIL) is strained. FACIL has a membership of 13 Centers for Independent Living out of the 16 Centers statewide. Funding issues continue to be a challenge within the groups. FILC has decided not to include a specific funding formula in the 2007-2010 SPIL. However, the Council will support the funding formula as agreed upon by the DSU and Network of Centers unless the formula negatively affects funding for FILC. FILC has no authority to develop, implement and hold the centers accountable for the state funds. The DSU has sole authority of the dollars that support the centers.

Both the SILC and the FACIL Executive Committees have met in an attempt to unite focus on issues facing the groups. It is the goal of the SILC to continue to strive to have a cooperative and productive working relationship in order to serve persons with disabilities in the state.

Section D – Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

Since the deaths of the Executive Director, Elizabeth Schultz, and the SILC Board President, Dr. Donna Sumlin in 2005, FILC has made progress in regrouping and in re-evaluating the focus of FILC to perform its functions as outlined in Federal law. FILC has scheduled a strategic planning meeting with a professional facilitator for February 2007. Since the majority of the membership of FILC is new, it is felt that this is an opportunity to focus upon the State Plan and the primary mission of FILC.

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

Bill Palmer, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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NAME AND TITLE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

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