

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE
FLORIDA STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

1. Section 1.1, Objectives 1A through and including 6B (pages 10 – 20); delete each reference to “CIL of Southwest Florida.”

2. Section 1.2B is amended as follows (insertions underlined; deletions)

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1.2B Describe the steps planned regarding outreach to populations in the State that are unserved or underserved by programs under title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

- **Identify the populations to be designated for targeted outreach efforts**

CIL Disability Resource Center: Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; with speech impairments; who are deaf/blind.

Disability Resource Center: Individuals with cognitive disabilities; with mental illness and emotional disabilities; with physical disabilities including paraplegia and quadriplegia; with hearing impairments

Ability 1st: Low income individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities

CIL of North Central Florida: Individuals with visual impairments; with developmental disabilities

Independent Living Resource Center: Individuals with visual disabilities; who are deaf

disAbility Solutions for Independent Living: Individuals who are Native American; Hispanic; Russian

CIL in Central Florida: Individuals who are Hispanic

CIL in Central Florida - Lakeland: Individuals who are Hispanic

Caring and Sharing CIL: Individuals who are African American; who are Hispanic

Self-Reliance Center for Independent Living: Individuals with visual disabilities; who are deaf and hard of hearing; who need barrier removal to access their homes and community

Space Coast CIL: Individuals from ethnic minority groups; Youth and -baby-boomers"; Individuals with cognitive impairments; with sensory impairments; living in rural areas

SunCoast CIL: Youth with developmental delays; Individuals from minority populations

Coalition for Independent Living Options: Parents of children with disabilities regarding educational issues; Adults with disabilities of all types

Deleted: CIL of Southwest Florida: Based on stakeholder surveys and community partner input annually we will identify and update our strategic plan to better meet the needs of underserved populations. ¶

CIL of Broward: Individuals who are Haitian; who are Hispanic

CIL of South Florida: Individuals who are Hispanic; Migrant farm workers; Gays and lesbians

CIL of the Keys: Individuals who are homeless Hispanic and African American

- **Identify the geographic areas (i.e., communities) in which the targeted populations reside**

CIL Disability Resource Center: Extreme rural Escambia (Century Molino); Santa Rosa County (Northern parts of Milton Jay); Okaloosa (Niceville Laurel Hill); Walton County (Freeport Defuniak Springs Paxton)

Disability Resource Center: Bay Calhoun Franklin Gulf Holmes Jackson Liberty and Washington Counties

Ability 1st : Gadsden Taylor and Madison Counties

CIL of North Central Florida: Northern portion of area that includes: Columbia Dixie Hamilton; Southern portion that includes: Lake and Sumter.

Independent Living Resource Center: People with disabilities who need barrier removal to participate in programs or services such as rural communities without sidewalks

disAbility Solutions for Independent Living: Near the St John-s River on the far west side of Volusia

CIL in Central Florida: Osceola County

CIL in Central Florida - Lakeland: DeSoto County

Caring and Sharing CIL: Eastern Pasco County

Self-Reliance CIL: Ruskin and Wimauma; Sun City

Space Coast CIL: Rural and unserved/underserved areas of Brevard and Indian River Counties

SunCoast CIL: South sections of Sarasota County and eastern sections of Manatee County; Myakka City and other areas of Manatee County

Coalition for Independent Living Options: Belle Glade; Pahokee; South Bay; Okeechobee County

Deleted: CIL of Southwest Florida: Based on current media reports and information and referral logs the Center will ascertain the geographic rural areas that need great outreach on a weekly basis ¶

CIL of Broward: Fort Lauderdale; Southwest Broward; Southeast Broward

CIL of South Florida: Hialeah; Westchester; Kendall/Deep South Dade; Miami Beach

CIL of the Keys: County-wide with a greater concentration of homeless in lower keys

- **Describe how the needs of individuals with significant disabilities from minority group backgrounds will be addressed**

CIL Disability Resource Center: The Center will conduct outreach to minority churches and participate in minority-sponsored civic groups and/or community events.

Disability Resource Center: Since the Center is consumer driven, the needs of the consumer will be addressed through a needs assessment of the consumer and community.

Ability 1st: Outreach efforts by Center staff into the community will identify needs. This should include someone (staff or volunteer) that speaks Spanish for the residents of Gadsden County.

CIL of North Central Florida: The Center will take a consumer driven approach by conducting a needs assessment and public forums.

Independent Living Resource Center: The Center strives to be consumer driven by what the needs of the community are and by working collaboratively with partner agencies. The Center could expand services by conducting a focus group at the Center or at an off site location within the rural county.

disAbility Solutions for Independent Living: Outreach is the largest focus. The Center plans on participating in the Native American Festival next year and have partnered with the National VISION program. The Center is participating in the Hispanic Exhibit to begin outreach to that population as a targeted effort. The

Center will develop a plan to reach the Russian community in Flagler if additional funds become available.

CIL in Central Florida: Center has recently hired an Hispanic Housing/Accessibility Specialist who will be doing outreach to this population.

CIL in Central Florida - Lakeland: The Lakeland office does not currently have a Spanish speaking staff person. The Center would recruit for such a person.

Caring and Sharing CIL: The Center will identify communities in both counties which have high ethnic populations. The Center will increase outreach efforts to these areas and to eastern Pasco at the specific community level and through collaborations with other local agencies who frequently deal with persons with disabilities. The Center will seek cooperative agreements with other agencies or community organizations for space donated to provide services and for their assistance at outreach efforts. The Center will seek qualified candidates who may also be bilingual to better reach certain communities.

Self-Reliance CIL: The Center will conduct outreach, and services will be mostly consumer driven based on the needs of the community and collaboration with partner agencies.

Space Coast CIL: The Center attends health, community, and housing fairs directed to serve the minority communities, each held in the three most underserved areas of Brevard County covering Titusville, Cocoa and Melbourne/Palm Bay areas. The Center has marketed all services to include home modifications for those with disabilities of very low or low income needs.

SunCoast CIL: The Center will provide services based on each consumer-s individual needs, according to their independent living plan.

Coalition for Independent Living Options: The Center has a few bi-lingual staff who translate Spanish and one staff who can speak to the Creole speaking population.

Deleted: CIL of Southwest Florida: The Center will utilize volunteers and community partners to help locate and serve minority groups in the area.

CIL of Broward: If additional funds were available, the Center would develop partnerships with Haitian outreach agencies that can assist in identifying Haitians with disabilities that need services. The Center would also partner with Haitian outreach agencies to provide Creole interpreters, assistive devices and durable medical equipment, independent living skills classes, legal services, and accessible housing.

CIL of South Florida: Currently, 91 percent of the individuals the Center serves are minorities with significant disabilities. First, successful outreach to minority

populations means having an office where they can be conveniently served in their community. Second, another essential feature is hiring a qualified person with a disability who reflects the dominant racial/ethnic characteristics of the community. Third, the Center would extend the four core services to the population in that community and, if funding allows, hire a job placement specialist since employment is likely to be the most needed service and the biggest barrier to independence.

CIL of the Keys: The Center has added two employees in the past two years who are bi-lingual. Other staff are working on learning basic Spanish. The Center has translated some of our materials into Spanish and are working on others. As a result, the Center has seen an increase in number of Hispanic people coming to the Center for services. The Center has had minimal success with outreach to African Americans. They have added a board member who is from an African American neighborhood and who is well respected in that neighborhood and continue outreach at health fairs and community events.

3. **Section 3.1 Existing Network, is amended as follows (insertions underlined; deletions)**

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Provide an overview of the existing network of centers, including non-Part C-funded centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act, and the geographic areas and populations currently served by the centers.

The State has a statewide Network of Centers that complies with the standards and assurances set forth in section 725 of the Act and meets the geographic requirements of the state. Florida has 67 counties, all of which are served by a Center. All of the Centers serve all eligible consumers.

All Centers are required to meet the definition of a Center for Independent Living as stated in Section 702 and the standards and assurances set forth in Section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended. Other services identified by consumers in the area may be provided within the constraints of available funding. All Centers are subject to being monitored by the Designated State Unit and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA).

Below is the listing of Centers for Independent Living in the state of Florida, the counties served by those Centers and the sources of funds included in the resource plan.

1. CIL Disability Resource Center - Pensacola, Florida

Serves: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties
Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

2. Disability Resource Center - Panama City, Florida

Serves: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

3. Ability 1st - Tallahassee, Florida

Serves: Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

4. CIL of North Central Florida - Gainesville, Florida

Serves: Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, and Union Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

5. Independent Living Resource Center of Northeast Florida - Jacksonville, Florida

Serves: Duval Baker, Clay, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

6. disAbility Solutions for Independent Living - Daytona Beach, Florida

Serves: Flagler and Volusia Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

7. Center for Independent Living in Central Florida - Winter Park, Florida

Serves: Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

8. Center for Independent Living in Central Florida - Lakeland, Florida

Serves: Desoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Polk Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

9. Caring and Sharing Center for Independent Living - Largo, Florida

Serves: Pasco and Pinellas Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

10. Self-Reliance Center for Independent Living - Tampa, Florida

Serves: Hillsborough County

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

11. Space Coast Center for Independent Living - Cocoa Beach, Florida

Serves: Brevard and Indian River Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

12. SunCoast Center for Independent Living - Sarasota, Florida

Serves: Manatee and Sarasota Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

13. Coalition for Independent Living Options - West Palm Beach, Florida

Serves: Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

14. Center for Independent Living of Broward - Tamarac, Florida

Serves: Broward County

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

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Serves: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties .
Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C
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15. [Center for Independent Living of Broward - Fort Myers, Florida](#)

[Serves: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties](#)

[Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C](#)

16. Center for Independent Living of South Florida - Miami, Florida

Serves: Miami-Dade County

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C

17. Center for Independent Living of the Keys - Key Largo, Florida

Serves: Monroe County

Funding sources: State General Revenue, Social Security Reimbursement funds, and Title VII, Parts B and C