CIEP’s New Disability Integration Manager

Jim House has a strong background in advocating for people with disabilities, especially those who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, deaf-blind, and deaf-plus. While representing Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center in Seattle, he served as the co-chair for the Disability Advocacy Group (DAG) in Seattle/King County, a coalition of disability service organizations and emergency management professionals. As an SME on communications as an access and functional need, Jim has given many presentations around the country.

“I look forward to being a positive influencer and an asset to CIEP. WASILC, our IL network, and most important, empowering the people we serve by our inclusive emergency planning.”

In 2015, Jim’s grassroots campaign “Captions On Now!” in Portland, OR
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State Plan for Independent Living

The days are flying by and we are more than halfway through the timeline for the 2017-2019 SPIL. The SPIL, developed every three years, addresses independent living needs in Washington and we are hosting public forums to gather information to develop the 2020-2022 SPIL.

We want to hear from you! We would like to know what you think WASILC and Centers for Independent Living should be doing to support people with disabilities and ensure they are living self-directed, independent lives.

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They should know that I will be working hard to ensure it is dead on arrival in the United States Senate...

-Senator Patty Murray on H.R. 620

Jim House, CIEP Disability Integration Manager

Dismantling the ADA, H.R. 620

On February 15, the ADA Education Reform Act, or H.R. 620, was passed in a vote in the House. This bill would amend the ADA and make it more difficult for a person with a disability to file complaints against businesses and allow the businesses over six months to make improvements before lawsuit can be filed. WASILC believes this bill will roll back the rights of individuals with disabilities. It encourages ignorance of the law until a complaint is filed.

Washington has 10 congressional representatives, six of whom opposed H.R. 620. Our two senators are strongly opposed and will vote accordingly when this bill reaches the Senate. Please take a moment to thank your representative if he/she voted no on this bill, and thank your senators for supporting the disability community.

CIL Spotlight

With offices in Seattle, Redmond and Auburn, Alliance of People with disAbilities is the Independent Living Center serving King County, Washington providing Independent Living services to residents with disabilities. Alliance staff play an active role in systemic change and are a strong voice in the rights of people with disabilities. Alliance’s Director, Kimberly Meck, was recently interviewed by Kutztown University Radio in Pennsylvania, about advocacy and how to get involved. Listen to the interview here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlUOIPF4-0&app=desktop

Kimberly Meck, Executive Director of The Alliance of People with disAbilities

What’s Up with WASILC
Reactivating the Youth Committee

Our newest council member and youth representative is Hannah Langlie. Hannah has a passion for issues that directly affect youth with disabilities. She actively participates in the NCIL Youth Caucus, volunteers facilitating and contributing to discussions surrounding health and social issues experienced by women with disabilities and their allies, and she is currently working as a Financial Capability Coordinator for Norwest Access Fund. With all of her experience, Hannah is responsible for reactivating the WASILC Youth Committee and serving as chair. Hannah will be leading the committee to develop their mission and goals. We are currently recruiting members for this committee! If you are someone you know is interested in serving, please contact WASILC staff!

Hannah Langlie, proudly displaying her WASILC Appointment Letter from Governor Inslee.

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Upcoming Forums coincide with WASILC Quarterly Meetings. Forums are held from 1-3:30 pm.

For accommodation requests, please contact staff at 800-624-4105 at least two weeks prior to the event.

- October 11 & 12, 9-4 pm
  Red Lion River Inn
  700 N Division St.
  Spokane, WA 99202

2018 Quarterly Meeting Dates and Locations

- April 12 & 13, 9-4 pm
  Red Lion Hotel
  1101 N Columbia Center
  Kennewick, WA 99336

- July 12 & 13, 9-4 pm
  Oxford Suites
  9550 Silverdale Way NW
  Silverdale, WA 98383

For all meetings are scent-free.

ASL Interpreters are provided.

“Nothing about us without us!”

For accommodation requests, please contact staff for accommodation requests.
The Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC) is a Governor-appointed council that works to promote a statewide network supporting the Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities through advocacy, education, and collaboration. WASILC’s vision is a world where people with disabilities exercise equal rights and participate fully in all aspects of society.

We welcome your feedback regarding your experiences and concerns!

Join WASILC!

We promote the Independent Living (IL) Philosophy by empowering communities through advocacy, education and collaboration. This philosophy emphasizes the idea people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, deserving of equal opportunity to decide how they live, work, and take part in their communities.

HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE

WASILC strives to ensure statewide representation of members who represent a broad range of individuals with geographic, disability, business, ethnic, service provider, advocacy and agency diversity. If you are committed and passionate about the values and mission of Independent Living or are interested and want more information, please contact Kim Conner, Executive Director, at:

Kimberly.conner@dshs.wa.gov or 360.725.3695.

To apply, submit an online application to the Governor’s office at: [http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.aspx](http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.aspx)