



WASILC Special Meeting, March, 25, 2021

## State Plan for Independent Living Committee: Recommendations

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### **Background:**

The State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Committee is a subcommittee of WASILC. The SPIL committee, through Section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act, is required to develop the SPIL. WASILC provides oversight and review of the SPIL. The SPIL committee is comprised of the Directors of Centers for Independent Living and WASILC Director.

The Spokane Center for Independent Living is part of the greater Independent Living (IL) Network in Washington State comprised of the WASILC, Alliance for People with disabilities, Central WA Disability Resource Center, Centers for Independence, Disability Action Center, and WASILC. Centers across the state provide five core services to the disability community and WASILC is a statewide cross disability, governor appointed advocacy, education, collaboration and planning council.

The Spokane center doors closed in February, 2021. Per the SPIL, Section 3.2, "The SPIL committee will consider and recommend to the SILC the resolution of other unanticipated contingencies, as needed". The SPIL committee has met and the following are their recommendations:

### **Recommendation 1: Current fiscal year, FFY21, Part C and CARES Act funding**

In order to ensure the least amount of disruption for services in the Spokane region, direct the OILP to transfer both Part C and CARES Act funding to Disability Action Center (DAC)

- a. This funding is available for services through September 30, 2021
- b. Disability Action Center has the capacity and proximity to provide services to the disability community
- c. Disability Action Center currently provides services to Spokane region through a Part B contract with Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

## **Recommendation 2: SPIL Amendment**

- a. Identify a CIL that has the capacity to provide services and develop programs
- b. Identify a CIL that can provide fiscal overview and oversight as a new center is being developed
- c. Identify a CIL that has the capacity to engage disability and BIPOC communities, provide Independent Living philosophy expertise, and build a new center
- d. Once the Center has become eligible for, the Part B contract with DVR will revert to the new Center

## **Recommendation 3: Continuity of Services and develop a new Center for Independent Living (CIL) for Spokane region for FFY22 & FFY23**

Disability Action Center has the capacity and proximity to provide services to the disability community:

- a. Provide uninterrupted services for the disability community
- b. Engage the community in building a new CIL within the Independent Living Philosophy which engages disability voice and advocates
- c. Build a center that reflects the intersectionality of disability and the Black, Indigenous, People of Color community in the Spokane region
- d. Lead in the development of an existing or new, long term, eligible nonprofit as a CIL to which the program will be transferred by FFY24 or sooner unless otherwise agreed upon in subsequent SPIL or amendment.