**Independent Living Services**

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**What is a Center for Independent Living?** The term "center for independent living" means a consumer‑controlled, community‑based, cross‑disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provides an array of independent living services.

**Core Independent Living Services**

* Advocacy – individual & systems
* Independent Living Skills Development
* Peer Support
* Information and Referral
* Transition services:
* Transition from nursing homes & other institutions to home & community-based residences
* Diversion from nursing home & other institutions
* Transition of youth (who were eligible for IEPs) to employment or postsecondary education

**Other Independent Living Services**

* Home Modifications, Equipment & Technology (CLSP Program)
* Personal Assistant Services
* Employment
* ADA Compliance Surveys
* Housing (CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing & CILs are not places for people with disabilities to live)
* Transportation
* Recreation Services
* Other services as determined by the CIL Board of Directors
* Veterans Community Access Program

**20 Counties directly served by a CIL:**

**Appalachian CIL** – serving Kanawha, Clay, Boone, and Putnam

**Mountain State CIL** – serving Cabell, Wayne, and Raleigh

**LiveAbility** – Monongalia, Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Upshur (many of these counties are underserved)

**As additional funding becomes available, new CIL’s will be established according to the design for**

**a statewide network of partners (shown on the reverse side) to expand the WV Independence**

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