PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Independent Living Centers (ILC) Program is found in the following core budget(s): Centers for Independent Living

HB Section(s): 2.200

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Efficiency and Effectiveness

1b. What does this program do?

Independent Living Centers (ILC) provide an array of services to assist Missourians with disabilities to remain independent in their communities rather than in an institutional setting.

- The Missouri 22 Independent Living Centers located throughout the state provide the federally required five (5) core services of Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Counseling, Transition from Nursing Homes, Youth Transition Services to Work, and Independent Living Skills Training within their communities.
- Centers assist individuals with disabilities of all ages by providing *unique* services to improve social, physical, and psychological functioning. Through regional and statewide consumer need assessments, Centers implement effective programming not provided by other agencies. Without duplicating existing services, Centers fill gaps within regions, resulting in no un-served communities statewide.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, adjusting service delivery models is critical in changing times. Centers quickly adapted to provide essential services to support Missourians with disabilities, increasing vital education and most current information about living safely, providing PPE, and becoming the essential community contact for consumers.
- Missouri individuals with disabilities utilize their Centers' instructive and supportive programs, gaining better access to other agency services through developed partnerships and collaborations, such as rehabilitation technology agencies and employment services agencies. This allows them to further utilize community resources in managing their personal needs.
- Centers seek community business partners in developing and improving community councils, supporting growth in industry to include increased awareness about accessibility and inclusion to help improve the quality of life for all community members.
- Centers leverage state resources to assist consumers with accessing additional and alternative services to develop the independent living skills necessary to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Additionally, families reduce reliance on public assistance by more individuals with disabilities living independently.

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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



Note: IL Statistics are measured on a FFY.

2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

2020 Independent Living Consumer Satisfaction Outcome Survey Results:

- 98.7% of consumers reported satisfaction with Nursing Home Transition to home & Institution Diversion services
- 98.2% of consumers stated benefit from Center Emergency Assistance services.
- 97.7% of consumers gained positive skills from Independent Living Skills Training.
- 97.7% of consumers report benefit from Information & Referral, Peer Support and Advocacy services.
- 96.0% of consumers reported benefit from Assistive Tech or adaptive equipment in home.
- 95.9% of consumers stated satisfaction with Patient Assistant Services, maintaining living in own home.
- 95.3% of consumers live more independently due to Home Modifications services.
- 94.9% of Transition Youth gained benefit from Transition/Pre-Employment services.



2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Fund 0284 - Independent Living Center Fund (0284)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Sections 178.651-658, RSMo provides the statutory authority for the Independent Living Services within Vocational Rehabilitation.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes. 10% GR Match requirement.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

Yes, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, establishes Independent Living Services program.