



# National Policy Update

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# Transition of the Independent Living Program

- ▶ Changes to the IL program in amendments to the Rehabilitation Act in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
  - Transfer from RSA to ACL
    - Creation of ILA
  - Addition of 5<sup>th</sup> Core Service
- ▶ 2015 NPRM on Independent Living program revisions in WIOA
- ▶ Ongoing efforts and collaboration

# Numbers from the IL Network

- ▶ 2012–2014
  - Core services– nearly 5 million
  - Transition– 13,030
    - Over \$500 million in savings to states and the Federal government
  - Additional services: personal assistance, housing, assistive technology, vocational services, transportation, youth–focused services

# Outcome Measures

- ▶ Collaborative effort of NCIL, RSA, and the independent living community
- ▶ Findings:
  - 85% of at-risk consumers kept out of institutions
  - 30% of institutionalized consumers transitioned
  - 72% of callers received the information requested
  - 70% of consumers have new skills, knowledge, or resources because they contacted their CIL

# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- ▶ **Diversity Committee**
  - Queer Caucus
  - Women's Caucus
  - Youth Caucus
- ▶ **International Committee**
- ▶ **Executive Committee**
- ▶ **Finance Committee**
  - Resource Development
- ▶ **Human Resources Committee**
  - Annual Conference
  - Membership & Nominating
- ▶ **Regional Representatives Committee**
- ▶ **President's Task Forces Not Listed Under**
  - Outcome Measures Task Force
- ▶ **Legislative & Advocacy Committee**
  - ADA / Civil Rights Subcommittee
  - ADRC
  - Education & IDEA
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Employment– Social Security
  - Healthcare
  - Housing
  - Mental Health
  - PAS
  - Rehab Act & IL Funding
  - Technology
  - Transportation
  - Veterans
  - Violence & Abuse
  - Voting Rights

# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- ▶ Independent Living funding
  - Requesting increased appropriations to:
    - Restore cuts, account for inflation, and address increased demand
    - Addition of a fifth core service requirement
    - Currently receiving \$2.5 million less than in 2010

# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- ▶ Community Integration
  - Disability Integration Act (S. 2427)
    - Introduced this year by Senator Schumer
    - Aims to end institutional bias
  - Home Care Rule

# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

## ▶ Housing

- Focus on accessible, affordable, health/nontoxic, decent, safe, and integrated housing.
- Funding
- Eleanor Smith Inclusive Home Design Act (H.R. 3260)
  - Introduced in 2015 by Representative Jan Schakowsky
  - Requires new construction to conform to visitability standards



# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

## ▶ Transportation

- Ongoing areas of concentration:
  - Universal and accessible design of rural passenger transportation systems
  - Livable communities: safe and accessible rights-of-way
  - Accessibility of private transportation services

# Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

## ▶ ADA / Civil Rights

- Laws impacting the ADA
  - ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores & Services (ACCESS) Act (H.R. 241)
  - ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015 (H.R. 3765)
  - Correcting Obstructions to Mediate, Prevent, and Limit Inaccessibility (COMPLI) Act (H.R. 4719)
- Bills restricting or denying rights based on diagnosis or disability
- Rights of parents with disabilities

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