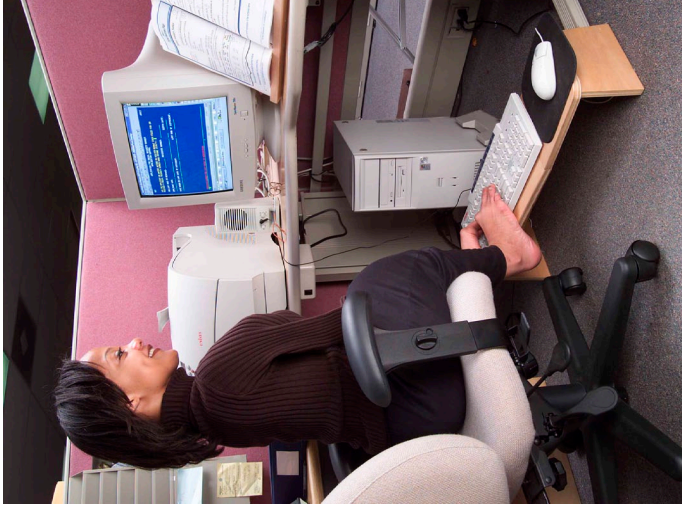


## Come Join Us...

We are seeking members who:

- Provide statewide representation
- Represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds
- Are knowledgeable about Centers for Independent Living and independent living services



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# Be the change you wish to see in the world.

*-Mahatma Gandhi*



## Who are we?

An independent planning body working with the Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

Council members are appointed by the Governor and represent people with significant disabilities from across the Commonwealth, as well as the interests of other independent living programs and services.

## How do we work for change?

The State qualifies for federal funds because of the existence of the SILC and the SILC's federal mandate to develop a three year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). This plan outlines independent living priorities and identifies needs for the Commonwealth's citizens with disabilities.

## SILC Mission Statement

The Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council's Mission is to promote effective policies, programs, and activities that maximize independence for Virginians with disabilities by:

- Developing , monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating the State Plan for Independent Living
- Supporting and expanding the state network of Centers for Independent Living
- Creating a culture for full integration and independence
- Advocating systems change for full community access and equality in community life
- Educating policy makers and stakeholders about the importance of independent living
- Developing strategies for collaboration among stakeholders in the disability community, leading to full inclusion and independence

***"We have three top priorities: advocacy, advocacy, advocacy."***

*-Ed Roberts  
Father of the Independent  
Living Movement*

## What do we do?

We work to increase the impact of independent living services in Virginia.