

WHAT IS A 'CIL' AND WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH AGRABILITY?

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What is Center for Independent Living?

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that provide an array of independent living services for persons with disabilities of all ages. Consumers have control over decisions regarding their lives, services, and service delivery. All services promote self-determination and self-sufficiency.

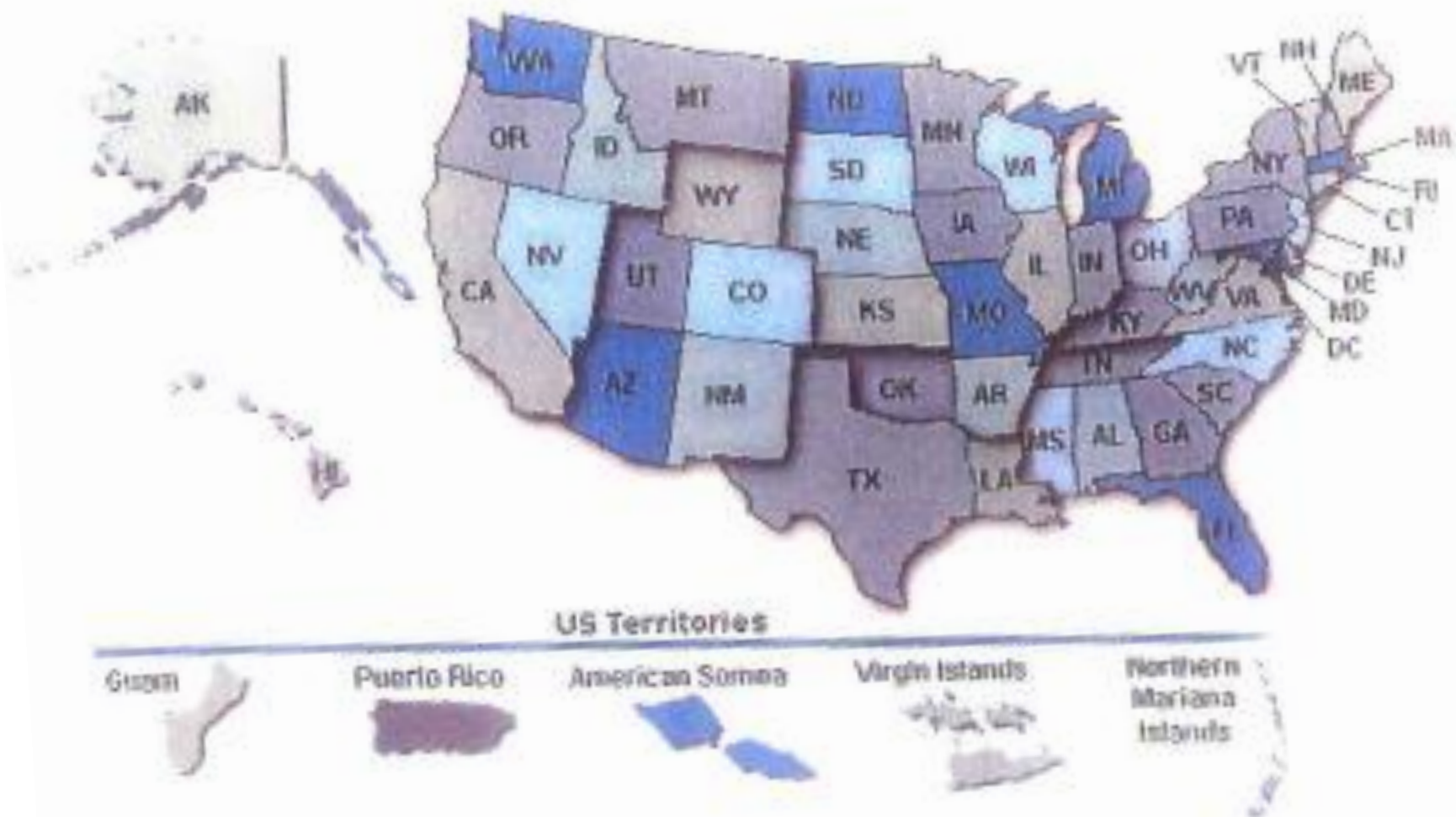
Boards and staff of all CILs must consist of at least 51% of people with disabilities. No means test for qualification for services.

Four Core Services:

- **Advocacy-both individual and systems change**
- **Independent Living Skills**
- **Information and Referral (I&R)**
- **Peer Counseling/Mentoring**

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“Oh, Canada”



- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland
- Nova Scotia
- Ontario
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan

International CIL'S

- Afghanistan
- Austria
- Finland
- Germany
- Scotland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Korea
- Nepal
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Switzerland

Early “Ed”



- ✓ Pre-Polio
Prejudices
- ✓ Post-Polio at
Home
- ✓ High School
Challenges

THE FOUR CORE

ADVOCACY: Teaching people to advocate for themselves effectively at the local, state and national level. Initiate, promote and protect public policies for the benefit of people with disabilities.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS: Formal skills training to teach basic life skills pertaining to their disability.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: Disability related information and resources are provided to consumers and the community at large. I & R does analysis, research and connects individuals to local resources and services.

PEER COUNSELING/MENTORING: Mentoring program that matches people with similar disabilities to offer individual and group support.

Put Yourself in the Driver's Seat

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Else!

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NATIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING ORGANIZATIONS

- **APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) 2001 Pershing Circle, Suite 200, No. Little Rock, AR 72114 501-753-3400 www.april-rural.org**
- **NCIL (National Council of Independent Living) 2013 H. St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 201-207-0334 www.ncil.org**

Thank you

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