

THE DESIGNATED STATE ENTITY

The Department of Public Health and Human Services' Disability Employment and Transitions Division is the state office assigned to serve as the fiscal agent or Designated State Entity (DSE), for the SILC funds. This division also houses the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program. The DSE is responsible for ensuring that IL Services are provided as written in Independent Living contracts. The DSE houses the SILC Program Manager, which provides staff services to the SILC. The SILC and the DSE jointly develop and submit the SPIL required by the Rehabilitation Act; and monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL. The Program Manager ensures that all regularly scheduled meetings of the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided via the SILC webpage and other public notices. The SILC and DSE submit to the Commissioner of ACL periodic reports as the Commissioner may request, and keep records, and afford access to records, as the Commissioner finds necessary.

The DSE and SILC hold hearings and forums as the SILC may determine to be necessary to carry out the duties of the SILC including a public hearing of the SPIL.

The SILC and DSE prepare a plan for the provision of resources, including such staff and personnel, as may be needed to carry out the functions of the SILC with funds made available under Chapter 1 of Title VII and Section 101 of Title I of the Rehabilitation Act and from other public and private sources. The SILC will provide input regarding the supervision and evaluation of the Program Manager.