



Aging, Policy, Fair Housing and Tenant Rights Special Populations

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Healthy Beginnings
At Home



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Centers for Independent Living

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What is a Center for Independent Living (CIL)?

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are:

Consumer-controlled

Community-based

Cross-disability

Nonresidential

Private non-profit agencies

Designed and operated by individuals with disabilities

Provide an array of independent living services

Are not places to live rather they are agencies which provide information, support and advocacy to support people with disabilities to live in the communities of their choice

<https://acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/centers-independent-living>

What is a Center for Independent Living (CIL)?

CILs are based on the belief that:

“All people can live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society”

CILs work to support community living and independence for people with disabilities

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Who oversees the Center for Independent Living (CIL) program?



- ✓ Formerly housed at the US Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
- ✓ In July 2014, the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) was signed into law, transferring the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) Program to the Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- ✓ The ACL is an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- ✓ CILs are authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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America is home to:

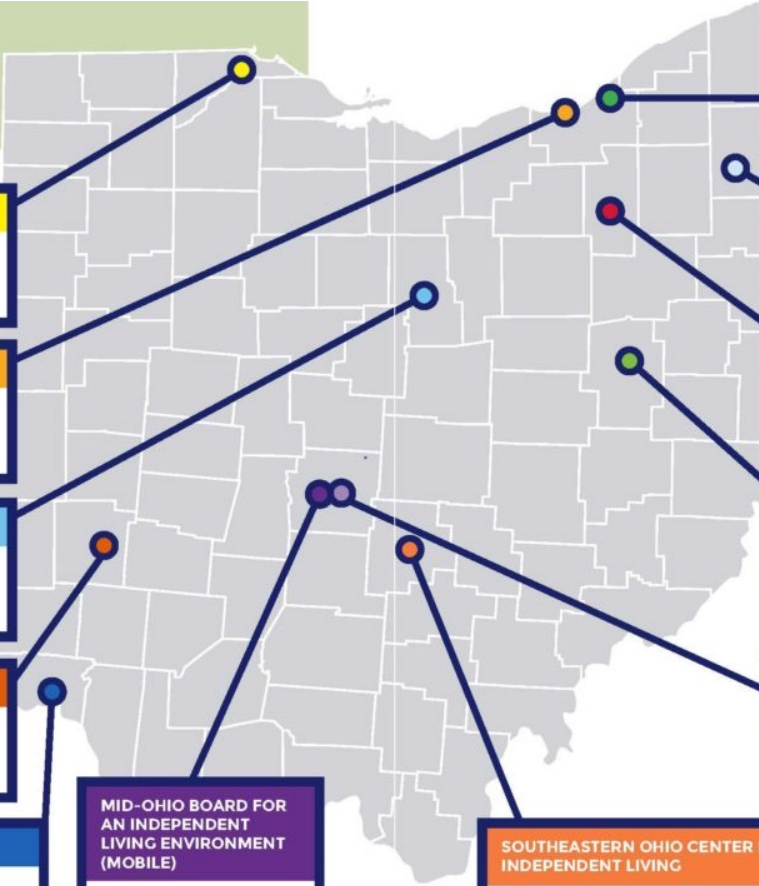
- 403 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- 56 Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs)
 - SPIL – State plan for independent living
- 1 National Centers for Independent Living (NCIL)
 - Founded in 1982
 - <https://ncil.org/>
 - Locate a CIL in your state:
<https://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory>

At least 51% of staff are persons with disabilities and 51% of Board of Directors are persons with significant disabilities



NCIL's mission is to a
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Ohio has 12 Centers for Independent Living that provide services to individuals with disabilities. Centers can be contacted directly for more information on their respective services.



THE ABILITY CENTER OF GREATER TOLEDO
419-885-5733 | abilitycenter.org
Counties served:
Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams, Woods

LINKING EMPLOYMENT ABILITIES AND POTENTIAL (LEAP)
216-696-2716 | leapinfo.org
Counties served:
Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Medina

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO
419-526-6770 | ilcnco.org
Counties served:
Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, Richland

ACCESS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
937-341-5202 | acils.com
Counties served:
Clark, Greene, Montgomery, Preble

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS
513-241-2600 | cilo.net
Counties served:
Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland, Warren

MID-OHIO BOARD FOR AN INDEPENDENT LIVING ENVIRONMENT (MOBILE)
614-443-5936 | mobileonline.com
Counties served:
Franklin

SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
740-689-1494 | socil.org
Counties served:
Fairfield, Hocking

216-731-1529 | sil-oh.org
Counties served:
Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Wayne, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana, Lucas, Hardin, Mercer, Clark, Seneca, Williams, Fulton, Putnam

WESTERN RESERVE ILC
330-372-3325 | wrilc.org
Counties served:
Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull

TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER
330-762-0007 | tcilc.org
Counties served:
Portage, Stark, Summit, Wayne

SOCIETY FOR EQUAL ACCESS
330-343-9292 | seailc.org
Counties served:
Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Tuscarawas

CENTER FOR DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT
614-575-8055 | disabilityempowerment.net
Counties served:
Delaware, Franklin, Licking, Union

For additional information or questions, call 1-800-566-7788.

<http://www.ohiosilc.org/centers-for-independent-living/>

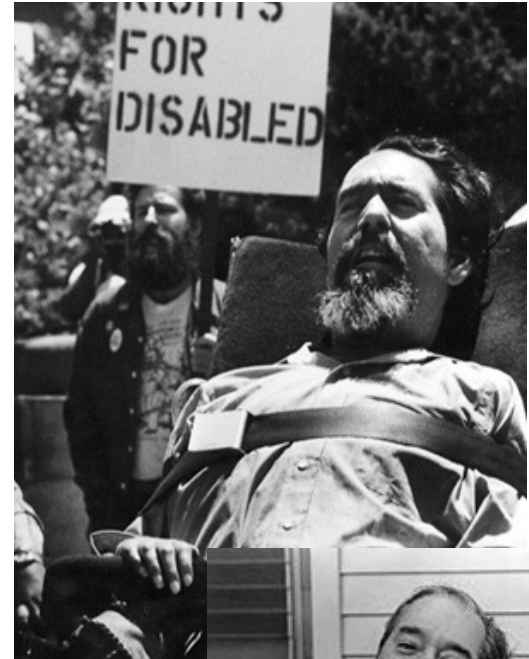
What services does each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provide?

Each CIL must at least provide the 5 following IL core services:

- Information and referral (I&R)
- Independent living skills training
- Peer counseling
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Transition services that include:
 - services that facilitate transition from nursing homes and other institutions back into the community
 - aid those at risk of entering institutions
 - <https://acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-independence/transition-services> facilitate transition of youth to postsecondary life

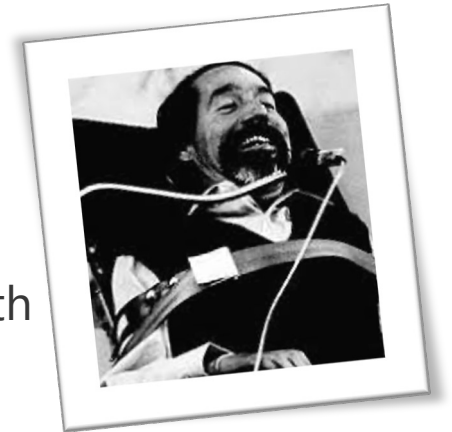
Ed Roberts (1935-1999)

- Ed Roberts was an international leader and educator in the independent living and disability rights movements
- Severely disabled from polio, which he contracted as a teenager
- He had virtually no functional movement and used a respirator to breathe
- Ed was a true pioneer
- Father of the Independent Living Movement
- Established the first Center for Independent Living



Ed Roberts Continued

- ❑ Fought throughout his life to enable all persons with disabilities to fully participate in society
- ❑ Ed was the first student with significant disabilities to attend UC Berkeley in 1962
- ❑ Founder of UC's Physically Disabled Students Program, which became the model for Berkeley's Center for Independent Living (CIL) and over 400 other independent living centers across the country



<https://www.nilp.org/history-of-independent-living-movement/>

Ed Roberts Continued

- ❑ In the late 60's and early '70's Berkeley students with severe disabilities were organized into a group known as The Rolling Quads, led by Ed
- ❑ Rolling Quads began exerting pressure on the university to become more accessible and began seeking funding to develop a student organization to work for barrier removal and support services, including Personal Attendant services, for students with disabilities to live independently while attending school
- ❑ 1972, with minimal funding, the Berkeley Center for Independent Living (CIL) was started



<https://www.accessliving.org/newsroom/blog/independent-living-history/>

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The Center for Disability Empowerment

*Providing Resources and
Advocacy for Community
Living in Central Ohio*



Details of CDE's Core Services?

Serves the following 4 counties:

- Franklin
- Licking
- Union
- Delaware

Information and Referral

- CDE provides information, resources and referrals for disability-related matters such as housing, transportation, employment, benefits and social services

Independent Living Skills

- Connecting to agencies, vendors and to local, Trainers/Community Connectors
- Assist consumers achieve goals
- Learn new skills
- Provides support and awareness to local communities to enhance their ability and capacity to include people with disabilities

Peer Support

- Matches new consumers with experienced peers, with disabilities for support reaching specific goals

Advocacy

- In support of individual needs or toward system change
- **Areas of advocacy:**
 - civil rights
 - denial of services
 - disability-related public policy
 - self-advocacy skills

Transition Services

- Move from nursing facilities into the community with the necessary support and services
- Assist students ages 14-24 as they transition from High School to pursue further education, employment, interests and more independence in the community

Questions?

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The Ability Center

MISSION

The Ability Center works to make our community the most disability friendly in the nation by increasing independence for people with disabilities, discovering true passions, and changing the community's perception of disability.



How do we support the homeless community?

- Housing Advocate
- Disability Rights Advocates
- Information Navigators and Referral



Our Programs

- Advocacy;
- Assistance Dogs;
- Assistive Tech/Medical Equipment;
- Community Living/ Home Modifications;
- Youth and Family Services Independent Living;
- Information Navigators and Referral.



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