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Dear State Office of Education Board Members,

For the purpose of understanding the mission of Independent Living in the state of Utah, USOR has compiled a brief summary of the proposed Utah State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). Included in this document is the purpose of the State Plan, a description of the core services, authority, and key requirements from the Workforce Innovations Opportunity Act (WIOA).

### 1. Utah State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

To be eligible for federal grants, States are required to establish and maintain a Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and to submit an approvable State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). A SPIL has already been approved in each state through fiscal year 2016. A new SPIL for the next three year cycle is in development. The first draft will be released in March of 2016. The provisions of IL services in the state are governed by the SPIL. This will continue for the next three year cycle since the law has remained unchanged on the matter.

### 2. Five Core Services for Independent Living

*At a minimum, Centers funded by the program are required to provide the following five IL core services, they include:*

- Information and Referral
- IL Skills Training
- Peer Counseling
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- Services that facilitate transition from nursing homes and other institutions to home and/or community based residences with the necessary supports and services. Provide assistance to those at risk of entering institutions and facilitate transition of youth to postsecondary life.

### 3. Authority for System Advocacy

- Title VII – Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living, Section 701 Purpose states, *“The purpose of this chapter is to promote a philosophy of Independent living including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.”*



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#### 4. WIOA Section 704 SPIL key points:

All of the following are required for funding eligibility:

- The SILC and CILs develops the State Plan and ensure it includes:
- Designation of Designated State Entity (DSE) – *see responsibilities below*
- Strategies for providing IL services statewide
- Objectives and timelines
- Establishment of SILC – Shall not be established as an entity within a state agency
- Design for network of CILs
- Steps to maximize working relationships
- Coordination of services and resources
- Outreach plan
- Evaluation
- Promote full access to community life
- Reviewed/revised every three years
- Public input must be gathered from: (1) individuals with disabilities and (2) prior to the development of the SPIL
- Signed by the following: (1) Chair of the SILC (2) DSE Director and (3) At least 51% of CILs' directors
- Submitted to Administration for Community Living - ACL 90 days prior to end of previous plan

By signing the SPIL, the director of the designated state agency (DSE) agrees to execute the following responsibilities identified in the law:

- Receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State based on the SPIL
- Provide administrative support services for a program under part B, and a program under part C in which the program is administered by the State under section 723
- Maintain and provide access to records as the Administrator (Administration for Community Living - ACL) finds necessary with respect to the programs
- Submit additional information and provide assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs
- Retain no more than five percent of funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for the performance of the services outlined above