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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM
(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)**

Part I

INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
and Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: October 1, 2006- September 30, 2007

State: South Carolina

SUBPART I – ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A – Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.35 and 364.36

Indicate amount received by the DSU as per each funding source. Enter “0” for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$301,477.00
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C – For 723 states Only	\$0
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	\$0
(D) Other Federal Funds	\$0

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	\$33,062.00
(F) Local Government Funds	\$0

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	\$3,000.00
(H) Other resources	\$0

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$337,539.00
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Item 5 – Pass-Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$0
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$337,539.00
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Section B – Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22, 365.1, 365.20, and 365.21

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$0	\$291,428.00
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$43,111.00	\$0
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$0	\$15,000
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	\$0	\$87,000
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$0	\$15,000
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$0	\$1,000
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$0	\$5,500
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$0	\$26,000

Section C – Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.43, and 34 CFR 365 Subpart C

Enter the requested information for all DSU grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter “N/A.” If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter “\$0” in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider	CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider
DISABILITY SOLUTIONS	SUPPORT THE GENERAL OPERATION OF CILS, PROVIDE IL SERVICES	\$87,000.00	\$0	18	21
COMMISSION OF THE BLIND	Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities.	\$39,192.00	\$3,919.00	11	53
SC INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL	Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions.	\$175,285	\$29,143.00	N/A	N/A
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$301,477.00	\$33,062.00		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or for the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 365.1 and 34 CFR 365.20

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

None other than IL services.

Section E – Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

34 CFR 80.40(a)

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

The Planning Committee along with the Council received quarterly reports regarding programmatic and financial activities from the Part B Center, Disability Solution. The Commission for the Blind also shared quarterly reports. The Committee found the Center to be on track with meeting the goals and objectives and for staying within the timeline that was presented. The commission made a huge improvement in serving individuals and expending the Part B funds.

Section F – Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act; CFR 364.22(a)(2) and 34 CFR 364.31

Item 1 – Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSU to the Part B Program.

The SCILC receives administrative support from SCVRD’s budget and finance department. The COB provides its own staffing for the Independent Living program.

Item 2 – Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSU and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs):

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	12	3
Other Staff	1	0

Section G – For Section 723 States ONLY

Section 723 of the Act, 34 CFR Part 366, Subpart D

THE SCILC is not a 723 state

Item 1 – Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers

In the chart below, please provide the following information:

N/A

- A) name of each center within your state that received Part C funding during the reporting year;
- B) amount of Part C funding each center received;
- C) whether the Part C funding included a cost-of-living increase;
- D) whether the Part C funding included any excess funds remaining after cost-of-living increases were provided;
- E) whether any of the centers received its Part C funding pursuant to a competition for a new center in the state; and
- F) whether the center was the subject of an onsite compliance review conducted by the DSU during the reporting year.

Name of CIL	Amount of Part C Funding Received	Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	New Center? (Yes/No)	Onsite Compliance Review of Center? (Yes/No)

Add additional rows as necessary.

Item 2 – Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22(a)(2)

Describe the administrative support services used by the DSU to administer the Part C program.

N/A

Item 3 – Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i); 34 CFR 366.38, 366.40 – 46

Provide a summary of the monitoring activities involving Part C centers conducted by the state during the current reporting year, including the onsite reviews of at least 15% of centers receiving Part C funds under section 723. The summary should include, at least, the following:

N/A

- A) centers’ level of compliance with the standards and assurances in Section 725 of the Act;
- B) any adverse actions taken against centers;
- C) any corrective action plans entered into with centers; and
- D) exemplary, replicable or model practices for centers.

Item 4 – Updates or Issues

Provide any updates to the administration of the Part C program by the DSU, if any, including any significant changes in the amount of earmarked funds or any changes in the order of

priorities in the distribution of Part C funds. Provide a description of any issues of concern addressed by the DSU in its administration of the Part C program.

N/A

SUBPART II – NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.53

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSU, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual 704 Reports, Part II.

Section A – Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year. **These numbers are for the Commission for the Blind and Disability Solutions**

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	39
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	35
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	74

Section B – Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has:

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	6
(2) Withdrawn	1
(3) Died	3
(4) Completed all goals set	26
(5) Other	3
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	39

Section C – Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30 of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	35

Section D – IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	12
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	59
(3) <i>Total number of consumers</i> served during the reporting year	74

Section E – Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	0
(2) Ages 5 – 19	0
(3) Ages 20 – 24	2
(4) Ages 25 – 59	69
(5) Age 60 and Older	3
(6) Age unavailable	0

Section F – Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	40
(2) Number of Males served	34

Section G – Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. *Individuals MUST select only one category.*

	# of Consumers
(1) Hispanic or Latino	2
(2) Not Hispanic or Latino	72

Section H - Race

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. *Individuals may select more than one category.*

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	0
(2) Asian	0
(3) Black or African American	36
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
(5) White	38

Section I – Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	0
(2) Mental/Emotional	0
(3) Physical	0
(4) Hearing	0
(5) Vision	13
(6) Multiple Disabilities	61
(7) Other	0

SUBPART III – INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 34 CFR 364.53; Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)
Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A – Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSU staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services		4
(B) Assistive Technology		6
(C) Children’s Services		0
(D) Communication Services		3
(E) Counseling and Related Services		50
(F) Family Services		2
(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services		11
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training		54
(I) Information and Referral Services		7
(J) Mental Restoration Services		2
(K) Mobility Training		17
(L) Peer Counseling Services		8
(M) Personal Assistance Services		4
(N) Physical Restoration Services		29
(O) Preventive Services		4

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances		0
(Q) Recreational Services		0
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services		0
(S) Therapeutic Treatment		0
(T) Transportation Services		14
(U) Youth/Transition Services		0
(V) Vocational Services		0
(W) Other Services	0	39

Section B – Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 – Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	16	14	2
(B) Communication			
(C) Mobility/Transportation	4	4	0
(D) Community-Based Living			
(E) Educational			
(F) Vocational			
(G) Self-care	57	25	32
(H) Information Access/Technology			
(I) Personal Resource Management			
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living			

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(K) Community/Social Participation	0	0	
(L) Other	0	0	

Item 2 – Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	16	0	16
(B) Health Care Services	5	3	2
(C) Assistive Technology	4	2	2

Note: For most IL services, a consumer’s access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform RSA how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider **did** engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology. **There were follow-up contacts, though not all calls were documented.**

Section C – Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

The Commission of the Blind provided more than 38 individuals with direct IL skills training. 50 individuals learned how to adjust and cope with blindness and/or hearing loss. 50 consumers set goals related to self-care. The South Carolina Commission for the Blind (SCCB) has provided adjustment to blindness services and/or independent living skills training to its consumers via the agency's Independent Living Program (IDLB) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and Rehabilitation Instructors.

In Subpart II Section D: Plans and Waivers:

Two (2) cases were closed without a plan (One closed because consumer was unable to benefit and one was closed because we could not locate.)

One case was certified but a plan was not developed by September 30, 2007.

Disability Solutions reports:

Disability Solutions serves Darlington County. According to the 2000 Census, the population is made up of 43% non white individuals, 57% white. (this compares to 33% non-white statewide). The total population of Darlington County is 67,000. 45% of the total population is concentrated in 20% of the total square acreage of the area.

Being an extremely rural area presents challenges such as outreach, and distribution of information. Most potential consumers live at or below 200% of the poverty level. The biggest obstacle encountered is the simple fact that most persons with disabilities don't have phones, transportation or internet access and the literacy rate for persons over 50 is 6th grade or less.

Disability Solutions assisted 11 people to find housing or acquire home modifications, 16 people received Independent Living skills training, and 8 people received peer support.

SUBPART IV – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.26, 364.27, and 364.32

Section A – Community Activities – Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
Access to voting/voting rights	Meetings, workshops	SCILC, CILs, P&A	40 (approx)	To educate consumers regarding rights and access.	The SC Disability Voting Coalition developed a brochure, provided training to 40 poll workers. Worked cooperatively with the SC Election Commission to develop a training video.
Technical Assistance to Centers	Teleconferences and Workshops	CIL, SCILC	10(aprox)	Educate CIL boards and staff about core services of a Center.	25 Staff and Board members learned about board responsibilities and the 4 core services, (Thanks to ILRU)
Pathways to Independence	Conference Workshops	SCILC, CIL, DSU's	300(aprox)	Educate consumers, families and service providers about IL history, philosophy, benefits, housing, advocacy.	330 individuals learned about the resources, systems change, and connected with CILs and the SCILC.
Access to Transportation	Meetings	ADRC, SCILC, CIL	10(aprox)	System transformation grant to improve access to transportation in rural areas.	Many individuals in rural areas now have innovative transportation options.
Brain Injury Alliance Golf Tournament/Conference	Meetings, activities	BIASC, SCILC, CIL	20(aprox)	Prevention and awareness regarding Brain Injury	More than 100 people learned about the Alliance, brain Injury and related services.

Employment	Meetings and workshops	Mayors Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, SCILC, DSU	25(aprox)	Share resources, create opportunities for networking. Staffed a job and Resource fair	Individuals learned about job opportunities and the ADA
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Item 2 – Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSU, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation provided printing and photography services for the *Pathways to Independence* conference. The SCILC was very involved in the 3rd annual Brain Injury Alliance of SC’s Golf Tournament. This met one of the SPIL’s goals of outreach to an underserved community. Council staff was very active on the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) that focuses on systems change regarding transportation. Staff took part in an all day retreat including several ½ day workshops. Council staff was also an active participant regarding the new Money Follows the Person grant received by the SC Department of Health and Human Services. The Council strengthened its role and activities with the Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as well as the ARC of SC. Council staff had leadership positions on subcommittees of the SC Emergency Management disaster preparedness task force for people with special needs. Staff was actively involved with creating a training power point as well as a two day workshop on emergency preparedness. Staff has also been actively involved with the Council on Consumer Affairs (COCA) through the Disability Resource Center’s Centers on Excellence program. As a result of staff’s participation, individuals with developmental disabilities were surveyed regarding community integration when they moved out of group homes.

Section B – Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

The SCILC members and staff are very involved in community activities. Our SCILC includes a member from the Client Assistance Program as well as our two

DSU's. The board members are involved on the boards and /or take part in meetings with the following organizations:

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), The Assistive Technology Advisory Council, the Council on Consumer Affairs (COCA), The Brain Injury Alliance of SC,(BIASC) the Brain Injury Leadership Council,(BILC) The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC), The SC Disability Voting Coalition, the Department of Mental Health, SC SHARE, The Association of Retired People (AARP), SC Autism Society, the Epilepsy Foundation, Partners in Policy making, Pro-parents, Family Connections, People on the Go, SC Association of the Deaf, SC Commission of the Blind, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (SCVRD), SC Emergency Management Department, SC Assistive Technology Project, Spinal Cord Injury Association, The Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Protection and Advocacy, the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Department of Health and Human Services, SC Progressive Network and many more.

By being active participants at meetings as well as on Boards, it is our hope that people with disabilities will be able to have a direct effect on their communities and be able to make policy changes when those are needed. By being present when decisions are being made we can take information back to the community as well as act as a conduit and give needed information to our legislative and community representatives at local, state and federal levels.

As a result of being present at meetings for the SC Progressive Network, people with disabilities were included in local anti-hate crime legislation. Council's presence at Money Follows the Person and transportation meetings ensured that the disability perspective was kept in the forefront.

SUBPART V – STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 – Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Vacant		Mental health			
Regina Evans	Neither	Visually Impaired	Voting	6/30/03	Resigned due to moving out of state Aug. '07
William Fore	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	01/15/97	06/30/07
Vacant		Sensory			
Kirk Garrett, Jr.	Neither	Developmental Disability	Voting	6/30/05	6/30/08
Vacant	CIL representative	Mental health	Voting	6/30/04	Resigned Dec '07 replacement not yet appointed.
Steve Hardee	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	6/30/06	6/30/09

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Charles Lambert Sr.	Neither	Mental Health	Voting	6/30/04	6/30/07 reappointed
Vacant	Neither	Parent of a child	Voting	10/05/07	
Cherie Mabrey	Neither	Advocate	Voting	05/16/05	06/30/07
Doug Maurer	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	06/30/04	06/30/07 reappointed
Scottie O'Neal	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	06/30/04	06/30/08
Ron Rutledge	Neither	Cognitive	Voting	06/30/02	06/30/08
Clay Sperry	Neither	Mental Health	Voting	06/30/05	06/30/08
Vacant	Neither	Developmental Disability	Voting	06/30/07	
RJ Ussery	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	06/30/03	06/30/09
Monroe White	Neither	Parent of adult child	Voting	06/30/04	06/30/07
Almarie Wright	Neither	Physical Disability	Voting	06/30/03	Reappointed 06/30/09
Dr. Larry Barker	Neither(Gov's office)	Ex-Officio	Non-Voting	10/30/94	Replaced by Marge Butler April '07 Ongoing
Freda King	State Agency	Ex-Officio	Non-Voting	10/1/02	Ongoing
Dr. Joseph Ray	State Agency	Ex-Officio	Non-Voting	03/30/06	Replaced by Loretta Clayton/Don Bradly July '07 Ongoing

Item 2 – SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	15
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	12
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	12
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	12

Section B – SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21(c)

Item 1 – Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The SCILC has a Membership Committee. The Committee has worked hard to recruit members from all around South Carolina especially the areas that are not served by a CIL. Members represent the major areas of SC; the Pee-Dee, Midlands, Upstate Coastal and the low Country. The Committee and all the Council members actively look for potential Council members. By attending support group meetings, community events, and resource fairs, the Council recruits members from around the state. The Council has a membership application and information packet that is distributed to potential members.

Item 2 – Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a board range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

The Council has representation from several minority groups, differing socio-economic groups, and different disability groups. The membership is ethnically representative of the population of South Carolina. Five disability categories are represented by Council membership.

The Membership Committee, the Council and our partner agencies suggest individuals who may be appropriate to serve on the Council. The Committee tries to find individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and a variety of disabilities and experiences.

Item 3 – Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

In response to the SILC Congress several years ago the SCILC implemented a twice a year orientation for new and potential SCILC members. When potential members are identified by the Membership Committee, they are invited to attend a quarterly meeting and then a training session. The agenda regularly includes the History and Philosophy of IL, What are Centers for Independent Living, SILC roles and responsibilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act, what is contained in the SPIL and any new legislation that is pending. In this way they become familiar with the SPIL and what the SCILC is trying to achieve, as well as their responsibilities.

Section C – SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 – SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

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None of the SCILC staff is an employee of a State agency.

Item 2 – SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSU, if any.

The SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (SCVRD) acts as the Fiscal agent for the SCILC. The SCILC has been a non-profit organization since 2003. The SCILC maintains its own accountant and payroll system. It has a Memorandum of agreement/contract with VR. VR draws down the funds after there has been an invoice submitted for the amount that has been spent.

Section D – SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 34 CFR 364.21(g)

Item 1 – SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

The DSU's were involved in the development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) 2008-2010. The SPIL was developed with input from the Network of Centers which created objective 4. The Council had an all day training to review and discuss the draft objectives. The draft plan was then shared with stakeholders at different meetings around the state. It was posted for comment on the SCILC website. It was approved by the Council. The SPIL was submitted on time. The DSU representatives were present at the Council meetings. In August the Council was contacted by RSA. There were several teleconferences with RSA, the DSUs, the Executive Committee of the Council and Council staff. The Council members and the DSU made the suggested changes to the SPIL which was resubmitted and approved.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

The SCILC executive committee as well as the Council as a whole is responsible for monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating the SPIL. At each Executive Committee meeting and the quarterly Council meetings the SPIL is reviewed and progress towards goals are noted. This way the implementation and evaluation of the SPIL are ongoing.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

SCVRD has an independent commission .The SCILC is involved with a number of other boards and commissions around the state. The SCILC works closely with all the major disability advocacy and service organizations. Some of those organizations include:

Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), The Assistive Technology Advisory Council, the Council on Consumer affairs (COCA), The Brain Injury Alliance of SC, the Brain Injury leadership Council, the SC Disability The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC), The Department of Voting Coalition, the Department of Mental Health, SC SHARE, SC Autism Foundation, the Epilepsy Foundation, Partners in Policy making, Pro-parents, Family Connections, People on the Go, SC Association of the Deaf, SC Commission of the Blind, SCVRD, Emergency Management, Spinal Cord Injury Association, The Mayors Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Protection and Advocacy and many more.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

The SCILC regularly posts notices through email regarding regularly scheduled meetings and public hearings. The SCILC also makes use of other organizations list serves, newsletters and word of mouth. Notices are sent out a minimum of two weeks ahead of time.

Item 2 – Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.+

N/A

Section E – Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC’s training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by RSA for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development	
General Overview	
Community/Grassroots Organizing	
Individual Empowerment	
Systems Advocacy	
Legislative Process	
Applicable Laws	
General overview and promulgation of various disability laws	
Americans with Disabilities Act	
Air-Carrier’s Access Act	
Fair Housing Act	
Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	
Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care	
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	
Social Security Act	
Workforce Investment Act of 1998	
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999	
Government Performance Results Act of 1993	
Assistive Technologies	
General Overview	
Data Collecting and Reporting	
General Overview	
704 Reports	
Performance Measures contained in 704 Report	
Dual Reporting Requirements	
Case Service Record Documentation	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Disability Awareness and Information	
Specific Issues	
Evaluation	
General Overview	
CIL Standards and Indicators	
Community Needs Assessment	
Consumer Satisfaction Surveys	
Focus Groups	
Outcome Measures	
Financial: Grant Management	
General Overview	1
Federal Regulations	
Budgeting	2
Fund Accounting	3
Financial: Resource Development	
General Overview	
Diversification of Funding Base	4
Fee-for-Service Approaches	
For Profit Subsidiaries	
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	5
Grant Writing	
Independent Living Philosophy	
General Overview	
Innovative Programs	
Best Practices	10
Specific Examples	
Management Information Systems	
Computer Skills	
Software	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Marketing and Public Relations	
General Overview	
Presentation/Workshop Skills	
Community Awareness	9
Networking Strategies	
General Overview	
Electronic	
Among CILs & SILCs	
Community Partners	
Program Planning	
General Overview of Program Management and Staff Development	
CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building	
Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution	
First-Line CIL Supervisor Skills Building	
IL Skills Modules	
Peer Mentoring	
Program Design	
Time Management	
Team Building	
Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations	
General Overview	
Disability	
Minority	
Institutionalized Potential Consumers	
Rural	
Urban	

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs	
General Overview	
Development of State Plan for Independent Living	6
Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL	
Public Meetings	
Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board	7
Role and Responsibilities of General Members	8
Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders	
CIL Board of Directors	
General Overview	
Roles and Responsibilities	
Policy Development	
Recruiting/Increasing Involvement	
Volunteer Programs	
General Overview	
Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in)	

SUBPART VI – SPIL COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 76.140

Section A – Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 – Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

The SCILC developed 11 objectives in the SPIL that covers FY 2004-2007. The one objective that was not completed was developing a “talking points” flyer to be used by Council members. The Council chose not to focus on this objective since there is a two sided information sheet that explains the Council’s purpose, as well as what a CIL is.

The SCILC’s newest part B Center just completed its second year. This was Objective 6, the Expansion of Centers and IL services. The Disability Solutions Center is becoming well known in Darlington County.

The SCILC continues its relationship with the Network of Centers and works cooperatively on statewide projects. One project is Objective 2 which is The *Pathways to Independence* Conference. It continues to grow and attract people from outside of South Carolina. Some of the attendees were from, Georgia, and North Carolina. More than 300 people attended and were able to learn about systems change advocacy, IL philosophy, and voting rights. Through Objective 3, providing technical assistance to the CILs, the SCILC was able to assist in providing a teleconference training, web casts, and workbooks to the Centers. Objective 4- Legislative information, The SCILC’s Legislative Committee keeps the Council informed regarding state and federal legislation. As a result of information presented at a Council meeting, letters were written to protest Medicaid cuts and to encourage the state to apply for Money Follows the Person (MFP) grants. SC did receive an MFP grant and Council members are active participants on the advisory board. Objective 5- Conducting IL trainings. The SCILC receives many requests to present trainings about IL, the history, philosophy and advocacy. During the past year the Director presented to masters level classes at the State Universities, the Department of Mental health and numerous support groups. Objective 10- involves Development of Grassroots Advocacy Organizations. This goal is shared by our local Developmental Disabilities Council. The SCILC works with the other groups to promote advocacy, and to train groups that might wish to become Centers. Objective 8 is the loan closet. This year the organization, Easter Seals, that received and implemented the loan program, wanted to spend those funds on children’s services. This was not in keeping with the Council’s mission.

The funding was redirected to the funding of an Independent Living Conference and technical assistance to the CILs. Due to a change in leadership at one of the CILs, the IL conference has been postponed. Objective 9 is the Commission of the Blind's program to assist individuals that are blind to become more independent through training, services or assistive devices. The SCILC Director provide an intensive training class regarding uses of Part B funds to the rehabilitation and vocational counselors at the Commission so the funds would be more widely used. This training was very successful and resulted in a staff person being assigned specifically to assist with helping consumers achieve their IL goals. The staff person, attends all the Council meetings, trainings and the *Pathways to Independence conference*.

Item 2 – SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSU administration of the SILS program.

No changes noted

Section B – Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSU and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

The SCILC has an orientation for new and existing SCILC members. The Membership Committee works hard to recruit willing and enthusiastic members who are ready for the challenge of being a Council member and a leader in their community. The orientation training helps them to learn what is expected of them.

Section C – Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

A challenge this year was the rewording of the SPIL to clarify the role of the SILC and the DSU. After several meetings the SPIL was resubmitted and approved.

The SCILC has a very good relationship with the Governor's office. There were some delays in having appointments approved. The Council was able to work with the Governor's office to speed up the process.

Section D – Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

No other information.

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

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