ABOUT NCIL

NCIL is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands, including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living, Statewide Independent Living Councils, and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities.

Mission: NCIL advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities.

Vision: NCIL envisions a world in which people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully.

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Advocates and Friends,

In spite of significant challenges posed by the pandemic, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and individuals with disabilities continued to demonstrate how creative we can be. CILs and SILCs developed new ways to deliver services. They continued partnering with consumers to lead the systems advocacy that is so essential to transforming our communities.

And NCIL continued to support the Independent Living network through some of the most challenging times ever experienced by people with disabilities in this country.

In 2022 and beyond, NCIL needs your participation to help win full equality for people with disabilities. Please join us or renew your membership at ncil.org.

In Solidarity,
Darrell Lynn Jones
Interim Executive Director

Members from Maryland pose for a group photo at NCIL's Annual Conference
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NCIL’s 2021 Annual Conference on Independent Living

NCIL’s 2021 Annual Conference on Independent Living was a world-class, accessible, virtual conference that brought together 874 participants from all across the country. The conference theme was Liberty, Independence, Freedom, and Equity. These four concepts represent the pillars of the work we do.

We missed being together in person, but NCIL was still able to accomplish all we gathered to do. We hosted an outstanding virtual Rally and Day on Capitol Hill, elected board members, adopted an important resolution opposing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), and hosted over 25 workshops to provide education and peer support.

Awards

Each year, NCIL recognizes and thanks advocates for their outstanding work. We offer our deepest appreciation for this year’s winners.

National Advocacy Awards:

› Max Starkloff Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Stanley Holbrook
› President’s Award: NCIL Staff
› Corey Rowley National Advocacy Award: Carol Tyson
› Diana Viets Award: Grace Trumpower
› Frank Harkin Memorial Award: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley

Regional Advocacy Awards:

› Region 1: Lenny Somerville
› Region 2: Kathryn Carroll
› Region 3: The Endependence Center of Northern Virginia and the Sterling Ruritan Club
› Region 4: Gaylon Tootle
› Region 5: Michael ‘Spud’ Egbert
› Region 6: Brenda Stinebuck
› Region 7: Sarah Martinez
› Region 8: Candie Burnham
› Region 9: Kaelea Lucas
› Region 10: Kimberly Meck

**Centene Barrier Removal Fund**

NCIL and the Centene Corporation are committed to providing equal access to quality healthcare and services that are physically and programmatically accessible for our members with disabilities and their companions by increasing the percentage of Centene providers that meet minimum federal and state disability access standards. Since 2018, the Barrier Removal Fund has provided over $1 million in grants to fund accessibility improvements at healthcare providers in twelve states (Hawaii, Louisiana, Iowa, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Texas).

In 2021, the Barrier Removal fund provided over $380,000 in grants to remove access barriers in healthcare provider offices in Hawaii, Iowa, and Louisiana. We also worked with the CILs in these three states to complete accessibility site reviews at 28 provider offices.

**NCIL and the KU RTC/PICL Home Mods Fact Sheet**

NCIL produced the Home Mods Fact Sheet in partnership with the University of Kansas Research and Training Center on Promoting Interventions for Community Living (RTC/PICL) to share home mods data and resources with CILs, along with promising practices and real world examples from several CILs with successful home modification programs: accessABILITY in Indianapolis, Indiana; The Ability Center of Greater Toledo in Ohio; and Placer Independent Living Resource Services (PIRS) in Auburn, California.

**In Memoriam**

In 2021, the disability community mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of Adonis Brown, Marilyn Golden, and the thousands lost to the pandemic.
Elevate Webinar Series

NCIL hosted the Elevate: Campaign Training for People with Disabilities. Elevate is a nonpartisan campaign training program to promote running for office and campaign work for people with disabilities. The series covered a broad range of skills and resources on core campaign skills such as fundraising, voter outreach, and building a brand as a candidate.

› In 2021, Elevate trained over 50 people with disabilities to run for office or work on a campaign.
› Elevate is the only campaign training with CART captioning, ASL, and screen reader accessible materials for all content. The webinar recordings and materials are available online, free of charge to anyone who wants to use them.
› Elevate 2021 featured speakers including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Pennsylvania State Representative Jessica Benham.
› Our sponsors included ActBlue and Run for Something.

Thank you!

I'm a disabled woman with ADHD who has been preparing to run for office for many years now. I've been through several candidate schools but I've got to say that Elevate had me in tears of joy and radical self-love several different times. It was the most inspiring program. I loved the guest speakers and it was so exciting to be part of the first and only candidate school designed to encourage disabled folks to run and represent our interests in elected office.

Solidarity forever,
Jillian
NCIL Trainings

› 15th Annual Policy Briefing
› NCIL and the Department of Justice Present a Special Session: What You Need to Know about the Justice Department Settlement Agreement with Amtrak
› Challenging the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Benefits Determinations: A Center for Democracy and Technology Report
› Using Technology to Advance Intersectionality: A Fireside Chat with the National Council on Independent Living
› Disability Community Stakeholder Call: Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion (REAAID) for Disasters Act and the Disaster Relief Medicaid Act (DRMA)

IL-NET

NCIL coordinated numerous activities for the National Training & Technical Assistance Center for CILs and SILCs, also known as the IL-NET. The IL-NET provides training and technical assistance to CILs and SILCs around the country through a variety of formats, including learning collaboratives, webinars, one-on-one assistance, and more.

Through IL-NET, NCIL presented 8 webinars in 2021, reaching over 1300 people.

› Coordinating Accessible & Engaging Virtual Events for CILs and SILCs: A Panel Discussion of Promising Practices
› How CILs Can (and Should!) Support Consumers Experiencing Homelessness
› Know Your Resources — Orientation to the IL-NET National Training & Technical Assistance Center for CILs and SILCs
› SILCs and the Importance of Autonomy: Power Struggles and Relationships with the DSE and the IL Network
› SILC Roles and Responsibilities Within the IL Network
› CIL Pandemic Response: CARES Act Funds and Other Opportunities for Innovative CIL Actions
› CIL Pandemic Response: How CILs Can Initiate Emergency Relocations and Transitions During the COVID-19 Pandemic
› How CILs Can (and Should!) Support Consumers in the Criminal Legal System
FINANCIALS

The financial report below shows where our financial resources come from and how we spend that money to achieve our goals.

Revenues

Total 2021 Income: $2,112,096.10
- Grants & Programs: $1,288,244.27 (61%)
- Annual Conference: $297,429.05 (14%)
- Membership Dues: $268,269.14 (13%)
- Donations: $41,096.44 (2%)
- Other Income: $217,037.20 (10%)

Expenses

Total 2021 Expenses: $1,844,698.00
- Administration & Finance: $486,675.27 (26%)
- Annual Conference: $130,747.99 (7%)
- Training & Assistance: $641,705.59 (35%)
- Advocacy & Programs: $585,569.15 (32%)

*All figures represented in this statement of financial position are unaudited. Final numbers may vary slightly. Please contact NCIL for an updated report.
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