Goal 1: The Independent Living Network of NC provides quality services as needed by people with disabilities.

Objective 1.1 IL Network staff members are well trained.

Activities:

* Annually, a minimum of 8 IL Network staff members receive training by attending conferences such as, but not limited to, National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Southeastern Center Directors Association (SECDA), National ADA Symposium, Disability Rights NC, GREAT Conference, etc.
* Annually, the IL Network conducts 2 retreats to focus on network building, and development and dissemination of a uniform service delivery manual.
* Annually, the IL Network meets in person at the SILC quarterly meetings to focus on network building and development of a uniform service delivery manual.
* Upon request, the IL Network provides information on “how to start a center for independent living” to a Grassroots Advocacy Organization in an unserved area of NC.

Goal 2: People with disabilities in NC have increased leadership and empowerment.

Objective 2.1 Youth with disabilities are prepared for leadership roles.

Activities

* Annually, the IL Network recruits 20 youth with disabilities and coordinates a Youth Leadership Forum.
* Annually, the IL Network provides training on Independent Living, including transitions to post-secondary education and/or employment, for a minimum of 50 youth with disabilities.
* Annually, the IL Network provides a minimum of 8 outreach events to youth with disabilities in rural areas.
* Annually, the SILC assists 2 youth with disabilities to attend the APRIL conference which focuses on rural independent living; SILC funding for each youth supplements other funding resources, such as the Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund for Participant Involvement.

Goal 3: Independent Living services in NC are improved.

Objective 3.1: Current service areas do not become unserved or underserved to a greater degree, and previously unserved consumers in NC are served. At a minimum, the current level of funding for CILs is maintained, and funding increases are the optimum outcome.

Activities

* Annually, the SILC and the IL Network facilitate a minimum of 8 meetings to educate legislators about CILs, and to advocate for state funding of the IL Network of NC.
* Annually, the SILC maintains Title VII Part B funding levels annually for Part B and Part C Centers.
* Annually, the SILC and the IL Network provide a minimum of 1,000 Information and Referrals.
* Annually, the SILC coordinates a mental health training for IL Network staff and SILC members with key partners from mental health organizations.

Objective 3.2: People with disabilities have greater access to transportation in their communities.

Activities

* In year 1, the SILC forms a committee of not less than five members to research representation by people with disabilities on transit boards and to report findings quarterly.
* In years 2 and 3, the SILC uses findings from year 1 to advocate for maintaining consistent representation by people with disabilities on transit boards, and for adding of people with disabilities on transit boards with no representation.

Goal 4: People with disabilities in NC live in the community of their choice.

Objective 4.1 Residents in institutions transition to community-based living.

* Annually, the IL Network assist a minimum of 16 transitions or diversions from institutions with potential partners including but not limited to, Money Follows the Person, NC Housing Finance Agency, Local Council on Governments, Housing Authorities and Department of VR Independent Living Rehabilitation Program, etc.
* Annually, the IL Network refers a minimum of 16 people with disabilities for affordable and/or accessible housing through the Key Program Targeted Housing.