



**WASHINGTON**  
State Independent Living Council

**Governor's Council for Independent Living  
Accepting Applications**

**WHO WE ARE**

The Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC) is an eleven member Council appointed by the Governor. The WASILC was established under the authority of Title VII Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, (P.L. 102-569), and Washington State Executive Order 93-04 as superseded by Executive Order 04-05.

**OUR PURPOSE**

We promote the Independent Living Philosophy (IL) by empowering communities through advocacy, education and collaboration. This philosophy emphasizes the idea people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, deserving of equal opportunity to decide how they live, work, and take part in their communities.

**CORE VALUES:**

*Independent Living Skills*      *Peer Counseling & Support*  
*Information & Referral*      *Advocacy*      *Transition Services*

**SCOPE OF WORK**

We collaborate activities with five independent living centers, and partner with dedicated organizations across the state who serve Washingtonians with disabilities.

- We coordinate to develop a 3-year State Plan for Independent Living.
- We educate to ensure people with disabilities are valued equally and able to participate fully.
- We advocate for the human and civil rights for all Washingtonians with disabilities.

**HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE**

WASILC strives to ensure statewide representation of members who represent a broad range of individuals with geographic, disability, business, ethnic, service provider, advocacy and agency diversity. If you are committed and passionate about the values and mission of Independent Living or are interested and want more information, please contact Kim Conner, Executive Director, at [Kimberly.Conner@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Conner@dshs.wa.gov) or 360.725.3695.

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<http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.aspx>