**FY22 State Plan on Independent Living (SPIL) Progress on Goals and Objectives**

The following is an overview of the Texas Independent Living Network’s progress on State Plan for Independent Living’s (SPIL) goals and objectives for FY22. Approximately 88.89% (24 out of 27) of the Centers for Independent Living participated in reporting SPIL-related activities for this annual report with a reporting period of October 1, 2021 to September 30 , 2022.

Including the Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC), the following 25 entities participated in reporting:

ABLE Center for Independent Living;

Austin Resource Center for Independent Living, Austin;

Austin Resource Center for Independent Living, Round Rock;

Austin Resource Center for Independent Living, San Marcos;

Coalition for Barrier Free Living/ Fort Bend Center for Independent Living;

Coalition for Barrier Free Living/Brazoria County Center for Independent Living, Angleton;

Coalition for Barrier Free Living/Houston Center for Independent Living;

Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living;

Crockett Resource Center;

Disability in Action;

East Texas Center for Independent Living;

Heart of Central Texas Independent Living;

LIFE, Inc. - Disability Connections;

LIFE, Inc. - LIFE/RUN;

Palestine Center for Independent Living;

Panhandle Independent Living Center;

REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps (Disabilities), Dallas;

REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps (Disabilities), Denton;

REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps (Disabilities), Ft. Worth;

REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps (Disabilities), Plano;

RISE Center for Independent Living;

San Antonio Center for Independent Living;

Valley Association for Independent Living- South Texas;

Valley Association for Independent Living- Rio Grande Valley; and the

Texas State Independent Living Council.

Not reporting for this period were three Centers:

Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living;

Mounting Horizons Center for Independent Living; and

Volar Center for Independent Living.

**Performance Targets**

The Texas SILC collected data for 32 performance targets for Fiscal Year 2022.

The Independent Living Network is on track to exceed its performance targets in 29 out of the 31, and all targets appear within reach for the remaining of the performance cycle, according to the data shared.

**PERFORMANCE TARGETS MET**

Centers and the Texas SILC reported at or above the Independent Living Network FY22 targets for the following objectives:

* Objective 1.1—Systems Change,
* Objective 1.3—Emergency Preparedness,
* Objective 1.4—Transportation,
* Objective 1.5—Housing,
* Objective 2.1—Youth Transition,
* Objective 2.2—Relocation,
* Objective 2.3—Diversion, and
* Objective 3.1—Independent Living Transition.

**PERFORMANCE TARGETS PARTIALLY MET**

Centers and the Texas SILC reported partial progress toward the following objectives for the Independent Living Network:

* Objective 1.2—Personal Care Attendants,
* Objective 3.2—Coordinating Funding for the Network, and
* Objective 3.3—Reporting Consistency/Information Shared to Policymakers.

Partial targets not met include:

* Objective 1.2 - Activities did not reach the Target Progress for 2022 in advocacy activities for Personal Care Attendants (68 instead of the targeted 75);
* Objective 3.2 - The target for advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to secure more state funding, completing 7 out of the targeted 15 activities for FY22;
* 88.89% of Centers provided an annual Program Performance Report/704 Report (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council, while the target was 100%.

**PERFORMANCE TARGETS NOT MET**

There were no objectives the Centers for Independent Living and the Texas SILC failed to meet completely.

**Impacts on Service Delivery**

The Centers for Independent Living reported that COVID-19 has had a significant impact on service delivery. In reference to the performance targets not met, some traditional consumer outreach activities were conducted virtually but with less consumer participation than live events.

**Mission and Goals**

The mission of the Texas Independent Living Network is to empower Texans with disabilities to live as independently as they choose. The three goals of the Independent Living Network for the four-year period are:

* + **Goal 1—Advocacy: Texans with disabilities receive necessary supports and services to become more independent.**
	+ **Goal 2—Community Integration: Individuals with disabilities receive the community integration and community-based living supports needed to be more independent.**
	+ **Goal 3—Network Capacity and Sustainability: The Independent Living Network operates effectively, is adequately funded, and has the capacity to expand.**

Performance targets not reached are indicated with an asterisk\*.

Performance targets exceeded are indicated with a +.

**Goal 1—Advocacy**

Texans with Disabilities receive the necessary supports and services to become more independent.

**Objective 1.1—Systems Change**

Individuals with disabilities are represented on boards, commissions, advisory committees, and other planning bodies with jurisdiction over services that impact individuals with disabilities.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of presentations given on an annual basis;

Number of outreach toolkits/trainings provided to boards/commissions; and

Number of outreach toolkits/trainings for advocates.

**Target Performance Levels for FY22:** Boards and commissions that have disabilities represented are identified; Boards and commissions targeted for outreach are identified; Texans with disabilities are encouraged to apply for boards and commissions and technical assistance is provided.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

Centers for Independent Living demonstrated they valued the current representation of people with disabilities on boards/commissions and the need to encourage people with disabilities to participate on boards/commissions. 21 Centers for Independent Living participated in activities to identify boards and commissions in which disabilities are represented. 20 Centers for Independent Living participated in activities to identify which boards/commissions should be targeted for outreach.

**Objective 1.2—Personal Care Attendants**

Individuals with disabilities have access to a strong network of quality Personal Care Attendants to assist them in gaining and retaining as much independence as they choose.

**Measurable Indicators:**

Number of advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues;

Number of toolkits distributed for consumer support for personal care attendant issues; and

Number of activities to increase awareness of consumer-directed services to consumers.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 300 advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues over four years; 600 consumer support toolkits distributed; 225 activities on increasing awareness of consumer directed services for consumers.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 75 advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues; distribute 150 consumer support toolkits; 50 activities to increase awareness of consumer-directed services for consumers.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

There were 68 advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues\*; and there were 132 activities to increase awareness of consumer- directed services for consumers +.

Center activities almost reached the Target Progress for 2022 in advocacy activities for Personal Care Attendants (68 instead of the targeted 75) and exceeded the target for awareness about consumer-directed services (Target: 50; Actual: 132).

**Objective 1.3—Emergency Preparedness**

State and local emergency officials include individuals with disabilities and their unique needs in their emergency planning processes.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of advocacy activities at the state level;

Number of advocacy activities at the local level;

Number of activities to increase awareness in the disability community;

Develop one comprehensive, statewide emergency management plan with Memorandum of Agreement template for SILC and CIL use to manage resources in an emergency.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 20 advocacy activities at the state level; 80 advocacy activities at the local level; 80 advocacy activities to increase awareness in the disability community; develop one, comprehensive, statewide emergency management plan with Memorandum of agreement template for SILC and CIL use to manage resources in an emergency.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 5 advocacy activities at the state level; 20 advocacy activities at the local level; 20 advocacy activities to increase awareness in the disability community; develop the statewide emergency plan.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

There were 8 advocacy activities at the state level + and 89 at the local level +. Results show that there were 154 activities to increase awareness in the disability community + and 6 activities devoted towards a statewide emergency management plan.

Center local-level advocacy activities and awareness activities exceeded targets for the entire four-year period. Centers exceeded the annual Target for advocacy activities at the state level.

**Objective 1.4—Transportation**

Individuals with disabilities advocate for and utilize accessible public and private transportation.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature on policy changes;

Number of people trained as advocates for accessible transportation;

Number of advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation;

Number of transportation summits or trainings held.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 15 advocacy activities with Texas Legislature on policy changes; 40 advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation; 50 people trained as advocates for accessible transportation; one transportation summit held.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 5 advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature on policy changes; 10 advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

Respondents indicated that they had 10 advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature on policy changes +; and had 96 advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation +.

Centers exceeded all targets for the FY22 period for activities with double the target for advocacy with the Texas Legislature on policy changes, and almost ten times the amount of targeted advocacy activities (Target: 10; Actual: 96).

**Objective 1.5—Housing**

Individuals with disabilities have access to integrated, affordable, and accessible housing within the community of their choice.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of advocacy activities for accessible housing;

Number of universal design and universal communication access awareness activities provided to businesses, housing providers, and developers;

Number of housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 200 advocacy activities for accessible housing; 60 universal design and universal communication access awareness and visitability activities provided to businesses, housing providers, developers, associations, and local governments; 20 housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 50 advocacy activities for accessible housing; 15 universal design and universal communication access awareness and visitability activities provided to businesses, housing providers, developers, associations, and local governments; 5 housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

There were 365 advocacy activities in accessible housing +, 236 universal design and universal communication access awareness and visitability activities provided to businesses, housing providers, developers, associations, and local governments +; and 92 housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities +.

Centers not only exceeded the FY22 Targets, they also exceeded the state plan’s four-year period target progress in all areas toward supporting housing access for Texans with disabilities in FY22. With accessible housing advocacy activities, Centers exceeded the Annual Performance Target 315 activities; and their outreach target toward universal design and communication awareness activities exceeded by 221 activities, while also creating more housing opportunities and partnerships by exceeding target by 87 coalitions/partnerships. This indicates that Centers have taken a strong lead in accessible housing for Texans with disabilities.

**Goal 2—Community Integration**

Individuals with Disabilities receive the community integration and community-based living supports needed to be more independent.

**Objective 2.1—Youth Transition**

Youth with disabilities access and utilize transition services provided by Centers for Independent Living and other providers.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of outreach contacts to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review, and Dismissal meetings or outreach to education service centers;

Number of outreach activities to youth, populations, or races; and

Increase in youth consumers served by Centers for Independent Living.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 100 outreach activities to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review and Dismissal meetings, or outreach to education service centers; 200 outreach activities to youth in underserved counties, populations, or races.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 25 outreach activities to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review and Dismissal meetings or outreach to education service centers; 50 outreach activities to youth in underserved counties, populations, or races.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

Centers completed 94 outreach activities to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review and Dismissal meetings +; 145 outreach points to education service centers; and conducted 177 outreach activities to youth in underserved counties, populations, or races +.

Centers exceeded all targets for FY22 and are projected to exceed the state plan’s four-year period target progress toward supporting transition for Texas youth with disabilities.

**Objective 2.2—Relocation**

Individuals with disabilities residing in institutions or nursing homes are aware of and access relocation services provided by Centers for Independent Living.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of outreach and/or resources to nursing facilities, institutions (jails, rehabilitation facilities);

Number of individuals provided with resources regarding relocation services;

Number of advocacy activities for Centers for Independent Living to obtain contracts or subcontracts to provide relocation services as mandated by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

Number of coordination efforts with outside entities such as the Ombudsman, managed care organization, etc.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 200 outreach activities to nursing facilities, institutions; 40 advocacy activities to increase number of Centers for Independent Living obtaining contracts or subcontract to provide relocation services; 120 coordination efforts with outside entities on relocation issues.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 50 outreach activities to nursing facilities, institutions; 10 advocacy activities to increase number of Centers for Independent Living obtaining contracts or subcontract to provide relocation services; 30 coordination efforts with outside entities on relocation issues.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

There were 667 outreach activities nursing facilities and institutions +, 111 outreach activities to provide relocation services +, and 592 coordination efforts with outside entities +.

Centers continue to increase their engagement with relocation activities since FY21 and have exceeded all relocation targets for the four-year reporting period. This is one of their most prevalent areas of outreach, advocacy, and coordination.

**Objective 2.3—Diversion**

Individuals with disabilities who are at risk for entering institutions or nursing homes access to diversion services provided by Centers for Independent Living.

Measurable Indicators:

Percent of Centers for Independent Living use an assessment process/tool for determining risk;

Number of outreach activities to those typically underserved;

Number of education opportunities for parents and consumers on accessing Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services;

Number of advocacy activities to increase the number of community-based services.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 50 percent of Centers for Independent Living use an assessment process/tool for determining risk; 200 outreach activities to those typically underserved such as those with age-related disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and youth; 200 education opportunities for parents or consumers on accessing waiting lists for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 50 percent of Centers for Independent Living use an assessment process/tool for determining risk; 50 outreach activities to those typically underserved such as those with age-related disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, and youth; 50 education opportunities for parents or consumers on accessing waiting lists for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

Centers conducted 199 outreach activities to those typically underserved such as those with age-related disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, and youth +; and completed 82 education opportunities for parents or consumers on accessing waiting lists for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services +. Additionally, 18 of the 27 Centers indicated that they have an assessment tool for determining if individuals are at risk of entering institutions or nursing homes +.

In diversion, Centers demonstrated considerable progress and excelled in outreach and education opportunities for Texans with disabilities. 66.67% of Centers have assessment tools for determining if individuals are at risk of entering institutions or nursing homes.

**Goal 3—Network Capacity and Sustainability**

The Independent Living Network operates effectively, is adequately funded, and has the capacity to expand.

**Objective 3.1—Independent Living Transition**

The Network of Centers for Independent Living have adequate resources and capacity to provide Independent Living Services for Texans with disabilities.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of funding sources secured to assist in providing Independent Living Services in the community;

Technical assistance requested and provided to appropriate parties;

Number of community awareness activities by Centers for Independent Living.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 20 new funding sources secured to help provide Independent Living Services in the community; technical assistance provided to appropriate parties; 120 community awareness activities by Centers for Independent Living.

**Target Progress for FY22:** Five new funding sources secured to help provide Independent Living Services in the community; technical assistance provided to appropriate parties; 30 community awareness activities by Centers for Independent Living.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

There were 25 new funding sources secured to provide Independent Living Services in the community + and 640 community awareness activities hosted by Centers for Independent Living +.

Centers garnered 5 times the target funding sources for Independent Living services and conducted more than 20 times the target for community awareness activities, demonstrating that Centers have a high level of engagement with awareness activities across the state.

**Objective 3.2—Coordinating Funding for the Network**

The Network of Centers for Independent Living receives funding to provide current, additional, and expanded services to underserved and unserved areas of Texas.

Measurable Indicators:

Number of mobile/virtual services provided by Centers for Independent Living;

Number of community partners/funders assisting the Center for Independent Living to provide mobile or virtual services to consumers;

Number of requests/contacts to utilize community space or partner with other entity to use space to provide services;

Number of activities to obtain feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** 60 advocacy activities targeted to the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to include secure state-funded Center for Independent Living funding in statute or biennial appropriations bills; 40 activities conducted in an effort to increase mobile/remote/virtual service options for Centers; 40 outreach contacts to community partners to use office space or locations on a regular basis; 12 activities in obtaining feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc.

**Target Progress for FY22:** 15 advocacy activities targeted to the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to include secure state-funded Center for Independent Living funding in statute or biennial appropriations bills; 10 activities conducted in an effort to increase mobile/remote/virtual service options for Centers; 10 outreach contacts to community partners to use office space or locations on a regular basis; 4 activities in obtaining feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

Centers completed 7 advocacy activities targeted to the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to include secure state-funded Center for Independent Living funding in statute or biennial appropriations bills\*; 122 activities conducted in an effort to increase mobile/remote/virtual service options for Centers +; 32 outreach contacts to community partners to use office space or locations on a regular basis +; 18 activities in obtaining feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc. +

In 75% of the areas of coordinating funding for their network, Centers exceeded targets. Only one Performance Level did not meet its target: Centers did not meet the target of 15 for advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to secure more state funding.

**Objective 3.3—Reporting Consistency/Information Shared to Policymakers**

The Independent Living Network reports accurate and consistent outcomes-based information to policymakers, grantors, and decision-makers.

Measurable Indicators:

Annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary posted;

Number of success stories/impact of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes publicly shared;

Percent of Centers for Independent Living adhering to federal reporting guidelines.

**Target Performance Levels for FY21-24:** Provide annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary on website; 120 highlights of success stories and impacts of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes by Centers for Independent Living and the Texas State Independent Living Council; 40 outreach activities to the Texas Legislature or state and federal agencies on the success of Center for Independent Living and Independent Living Services; 100 percent providing annual Program Performance Reports/704 Reports (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council.

**Target Progress for FY22:** Provide annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary on website; 30 highlights of success stories and impacts of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes by Centers for Independent Living and the Texas State Independent Living Council; 10 outreach activities to the Texas Legislature or state and federal agencies on the success of Center for Independent Living and Independent Living Services; and 100 percent of Centers providing an annual Program Performance Report/704 Report (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council.

**FY22 Annual Actual Performance**

The Texas SILC provided an annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary on its website +. Centers secured 148 highlights of success stories and impacts of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes + and conducted 21 outreach activities to the Texas Legislature or state and federal agencies on the success of Center for Independent Living and Independent Living Services; and 88.89 percent of Centers provided an annual Program Performance Report/704 Report (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council. \*

Centers demonstrated the impact of the State Plan for Independent Living in consumers’ lives by highlighting almost 5 times the target of success stories to the public. They conducted twice the target goal for outreach activities to the Texas Legislative or state and federal agencies on the success of Centers for Independent Living and Independent Living services.