About the National Council on Independent Living

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

Mission + Vision

NCIL advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities. NCIL envisions a world in which people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully.

Our Unified Voice at the National Level

As a grassroots advocacy organization, the National Council on Independent Living thrives on membership. We believe that people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs. That’s why, after 35 years, we still rely on the founding principles of Independent Living to achieve our advocacy goals.

NCIL members set our policy priorities, elect our leaders, and directly lead advocacy efforts that effect powerful change in the daily lives of people with disabilities. We are people with every type of disability from every state and territory in the US. Our faces and our stories differ, but we speak with one voice, and Independent Living is a right we will fight for.

NCIL provides our members with an excellent benefits package, including Director’s & Officer’s liability insurance, sharp discounts on NCIL’s annual conference and trainings, the Weekly Advocacy Monitor, Action Alerts, not to mention unlimited access to a top-notch staff and Board that is grateful for the opportunity to serve as your voice in Washington. So please join today!

Your Partner in Disability Rights,

Kelly Buckland
Executive Director
**Get Involved!**

Be an active part of the national Independent Living Movement:

**Become a NCIL member**

Members of NCIL have all the resources needed to integrate Independent Living philosophy and culture into their personal and professional environment. NCIL Members also enjoy the exclusive opportunity to help direct the Movement at the national level.

My long time membership has proved an exceptional opportunity to network, present a united front in national initiatives, and advocate as a coalition for system change!

- Charlotte Stewart, REACH Resource CILs–Dallas, TX

**Lead On**

You can help advance Independent Living by supporting specific legislation and policy proposals. Review NCIL’s Legislative & Advocacy Priorities, and then act to create change in real people’s lives by sponsoring legislation, meeting with elected officials, or mobilizing your community for change.

It’s just wonderful to be with folks who have fought so long and so hard and passionately for civil rights and justice for people with disabilities. My friends, the fight goes on!

- Senator Tom Harkin

**Support the Cause**

Contact NCIL for more information on how your business or organization can partner with us to help advance independent living for Americans with disabilities nationwide.

The collective power of NCIL is charging communities, states, the country and the world. May the voices of people with disabilities continue to unite!

- Judy Heumann, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, US Department of State
Benefits at a Glance

**Membership Activities**

- Grants: NCIL’s Member Organizations enjoy the exclusive opportunity to compete for NCIL grants.
- NCIL Annual Conference: Conference workshops focus on the latest disability policy issues and topics valuable to NCIL members.
- NCIL Rally and March to the US Capitol: For this annual tradition, participants carrying signs march to the front of the Capitol Building for an empowering rally featuring speakers from the disability rights movement and members of Congress.
- Voting Rights: Members elect the Board of Directors and control the policies that govern our day-to-day and long-term objectives, ensuring our focus remains on the priorities of the advocates we serve.
- Committee Membership: Individual members have the exclusive opportunity to join our legislative committees, which focus and take direct action on Civil Rights, Education, Employment, Healthcare, Housing, Transportation, Veterans and other important issues.
- Caucuses: NCIL’s Caucus structure provides our members the opportunity to organize on issues that promote intersectionality. The Women’s Caucus and Youth Caucus are leading the charge to ensure that NCIL represents and supports the beautiful diversity of the Independent Living Movement.

**Membership Services**

- Action Alerts: Members receive the timely information they need to act quickly on critical issues.
- *Weekly Advocacy Monitor*: Straight from DC, the *WAM* is your source for up-to-date news on legislative and policy priorities, with specific information on how to make the most of your advocacy efforts.
- Flexible Spending Accounts: tax-deferred plans that allow employees to redirect a portion of their income to cover out-of-pocket medical care.
- Technical Assistance by NCIL members to CILs and SILCs

**Member Discounts**

- Reduced registration fees to the NCIL Annual Conference
- With our exclusive insurance plans, members can access affordable comprehensive coverage. Through National Financial Partners, NCIL offers Directors and Officers Liability, Property and Casualty, and Group Life and Long-Term Disability insurance plans
Legislative & Advocacy Priorities

- Fully Funding America’s Independent Living Program
- Accessible, Affordable, Integrated Housing
- A Full Range of Accessible Transportation Options
- Gainful Employment & Effective Social Security Reform
- Healthcare & Personal Assistant Services
- Civil Rights & the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Access to Technology that Facilitates Independence
- Protecting the Rights of Veterans with Disabilities
- Disability-Inclusive Emergency Preparedness
- Mental Health Civil Rights
- Preventing Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities
- International Disability Rights Development
- Safe & Equal Education
- Voting Accessibility
- Bringing Independent Living Philosophy to Aging & Disability Resource Centers

Accomplishments

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act · Independent Living Administration · Rehabilitation Act · Executive Order raising the minimum wage for federal contractors · CLASS Act · Community First Choice Option · Increased funding for America’s Independent Living Program · Hate Crimes Prevention Act · ADA Amendments Act · Mental Health Parity

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NCIL membership goes by the calendar year, lasting from January 1 - December 31 annually. You may use this form to join as both an organization and an individual if the contact information is the same.

Membership Type
- Individual: $35
- Youth (26 and under): $10
- Center for Independent Living
- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Other Organization

Prefix  Name

Organization (if applicable)

Title (if applicable)  Email

Address  Apartment / Suite #
City  State  Zip Code

Phone or TTY  Fax

For organizations: your net annual operating budget (minus pass-through funds)

Organizational Dues (see chart below)  Individual Dues

Additional Donation  Total

Please charge my:
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Discover
- Check
- Invoice

Name on Card  Expiration  CID / CIV

Organizational Dues Chart

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