

Individual & System Conditions

Major Advocacy Efforts

Advocacy Activities

Expected Outcomes

1.1 Target population: People with disabilities - Washtenaw, Livingston, and Monroe counties

1.2 Need Statement: "To empower the lives of people with disabilities and advocate for a more inclusive community for all."

1.3 Gap In System: The current and ongoing advocacy efforts of CIL are not accurately tracked or presented. There is a desire on the part of staff to promote advocacy activities with consumers.

1.4 Staffing: Executive Director, Director of Planning & Program Development, SSW policy student.

1.5 Funding: Government funding combination of state and federal funding as mandated by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

1.6 Key Community Partners: Other CILs in Michigan network, various sub-committees

2.1 Housing, Transportation, and Long-term Employment

2.2 Individual and specialized advocacy

2.3 Business Consultation

2.4 Presence on subcommittees

3.1 Ongoing active efforts in these three main categories. Includes individual case management, business consultation, and legislative advocacy.

3.2a Frequent communication with the City of Ann Arbor and A2 Development Authority RE curb ramp safety & compliance
3.2b Increase the availability of accessible regional public transportation.
3.2c Advocate and oversee implementation of accessible voting machines
3.2d Improve the accessibility of public schools.
3.2e Ensure that parks and recreation areas are safer and more accessible.
3.2f Provide disability etiquette and awareness presentations at schools, businesses, colleges and universities.

3.3a Train businesses and organizations maintain compliance with ADA with both employees and customers, with an overall goal to go beyond compliance and expand the "spirit" of the ADA.

3.4 Participation by staff members at ACIL in subcommittees in which they see as issues relevant to their community and for who they are advocating for.

Throughout the year, CIL staff and/or consumers will achieve the following advocacy outcomes:
4.1 Consumers Influence local policy to promote accessibility and quality of life for people with disabilities in the area.

4.2a-f There is an increased, measurable awareness about the issues that people with disabilities face.

4.3 Businesses and organizations are able to better serve and employ people with disabilities long-term.

4.4a Policies and procedures throughout the geographic area will be created and implemented with the needs of CIL consumers present.

4.4b Consumers are motivated to join CIL advocacy depending on their specific interests.