



Independent Living Centers at a Glance

Connecticut's five Independent Living Centers (ILCs) help people of all ages, with all types of disabilities, live independently in the community. We operate with a mix of state, federal and private funding.

The ILCs are currently receiving \$312,972 in state funding which funds all 5 ILCs (\$62,594 per ILC). This level of funding is the result of many years of funding cuts. The funding cuts have already forced layoffs and limits on services, including waiting lists up to 12 months. In 2020, due to COVID-19, the ILCs experienced a 51% increase in requests for services, and we anticipate further increases in 2021. Without access to services, individuals with disabilities, who rely on the Centers to find and keep housing, jobs, benefits and to navigate other daily living challenges, could be forced into far more expensive nursing facilities.

Connecticut provides the lowest amount of state funding compared to our adjacent states.

New York - \$13,360,999

Massachusetts - \$7,146,117

Rhode Island - \$302,560 (has only one ILC)

In 2016, the State Independent Living Council, a Governor appointed body, commissioned a US Census data-driven funding formula developed by the Indiana Business Research Center. The report concludes that \$5.5 million is the true cost to fully fund CT's ILCs, permitting them to meet the needs in the state, with a base level of state funding of \$550K per center. To access the report:

cacil.net/il-funding-formula

Services provided by Connecticut's five Independent Living Centers help individuals live the lives they desire and deliver a substantial return on public investment.

In FY 19-20, when we couldn't even enter a nursing facility, the ILCs transitioned 93 people out of nursing facilities into the community, saving the state more than \$8M and saving lives and improving the quality of life for those individuals. Additionally, the ILCs helped hundred avoid costly institutions. By helping individuals across the state to get and keep jobs, the ILCs are contributing to the economy by supporting employees who earn and spend money and pay

What are the Independent Living Centers?

ILCs are non-residential organizations that empower people with disabilities through information, counseling and support services:

- Develop lifelong independent living skills;
- Find and maintain housing in their community;
- Develop job readiness skills and accessing employment;
- Transition out of nursing facilities through Money Follows the Person (MFP) and other ILC programs;
- Gain access to services that prevent the need for placement in a nursing facility;
- Connect to appropriate technology to support independent living;
- Access health care & community supports, recreation, transportation and other resources, and services that promote independence;
- Get benefits counseling;
- Advocate for themselves and others.

Access Independence
80 Ferry Blvd; Stratford

Center for Disability Rights
369 Highland Street; West Haven

Disabilities Network of Eastern CT
19 Ohio Avenue; Norwich

Independence Northwest
1183 New Haven Road; Naugatuck

Independence Unlimited
151 New Park Avenue; Hartford

Fund the ILCs at \$550K each

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