

## Independent Living Research Utilization

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Peer Support Group for SILC Chairpersons**

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# Why Are We Here Today?

- To provide peer support to SILC Chairs
- To share our successes
- To share our struggles
- To use our collective knowledge to brainstorm possibilities and solutions

# Introductions

- Who are you?
- What state are you from?
- How long have you been on the SILC?
- How long in your current position?

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with...

## SILC Membership Basics:

- Recruiting new members
- Preparing members for their job
- Getting SILC members to become more than meeting attendees

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd.

- Managing personalities and agenda items at SILC meetings
  - What makes a smooth running meeting?

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd. 2

## – Executing the SPIL:

- Determining SILC role in implementing the SPIL
- Monitoring and Evaluating the SPIL

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd. 3

- Getting Committee work done
- Getting members involved in the IL movement on local, state, and national levels



## What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd. 4

Accomplishing real work that makes a difference to the lives of individuals in your state:

- Understanding the possibilities for what SILCs can do
- Getting the training and support you need as a SILC
- “Red tape” barriers and delays by the Designated State Entity or state regulations, etc.

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd. 5

## SILC Staff Basics:

- Follow through from Staff
- Staff's public persona
  - Relationships with CILs, other partner agencies, DSE, and outreach to community
- Understanding staff supporting role vs. controlling role
- Role as SILC staff vs. a SILC member

# What are some Struggles and Successes you have had with, cont'd. 6

## Centers for Independent Living Basics:

- Understanding the role of the SILC vs. the role of the CILs
- Balancing CIL involvement with the SILC and SILC conducting business
- Reciprocal relationships versus combative
- SILC supporting and building a statewide network of CILs

# Other Peer Support Opportunities

- SILCSpeak: a one hour teleconference call on the first Thursday of the month at 3:00 Eastern with SILC Staff, Chairs, and other council members around a specific chosen topic for the month. For info contact [sfinney@ilru.org](mailto:sfinney@ilru.org).
- IL-NET TA Blog <http://ilnet-ta.org>
- SILC Connection Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/SILCConnection>
- APRIL and IL-NET's Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program. Set goals for your SILC and work through them with one of our experienced SILC staff from across the country. IL-NET scholarships cover costs for a two-day site visit for the SILC mentor to travel to your SILC to work through your goals or for you to travel to another SILC to work through goals.

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