

Independent Living

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the state agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment, independence and Social Security disability determination outcomes. It is accomplished through its Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) and Division of Disability Determination (DDD). A fourth area is the Division of Employer and Innovation Services (EIS), which is responsible for establishing and maintaining partnerships with employers.

The Independent Living (IL) program includes the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (OSILC) and Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council

OSILC is committed to promoting a philosophy of independent living, which includes a consumer control, self-determination, equal access and individual and systems advocacy, in order to maximize leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities. OSILC promotes choice, community-based living opportunities and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.

Centers for Independent Living

Every CIL provides services to live within the community independently via the following four core areas:

- Information and referral services,
- Independent living skills training,
- Peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling, and
- Individual and systems advocacy.

Centers for Independent Living in Ohio

Listed below are the CILs in Ohio with their addresses and contact information:

- The Ability Center of Greater Toledo, 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, OH 43560; 419-885-5733; 419-882-4813 fax; 866-885-5733 toll-free; www.abilitycenter.org
- Access Center for Independent Living, 1329 Stanley Ave, Dayton, OH 45404; 937-341-5202; 937-341-5217 fax; www.acils.com
- Center for Independent Living Options, 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219; 513-241-2600; 513-241-1707 fax; www.cilo.net
- Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio, 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 2, Mansfield, OH 44906; 419-526-6770; 419-526-6870 fax; www.ilcnco.org
- Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP), 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113; 216-696-2716; 216-687-1453 fax; www.leapinfo.org
- Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (MOBILE), 690 South High St., Columbus, OH 43206; 614-443-5936; 614-443-5954 fax; www.mobileonline.org

- Services for Independent Living, Inc., 26250 Euclid Ave., Suite 801; Euclid, OH 44132; 216-731-1529; 216-731-3083 fax; www.sil-oh.org
- Society for Equal Access, 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663; 330-343-9292; 330-602-7425 fax; 888-213-4452 toll-free; <http://seailc.org>
- Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, 418 South Broad St., Lancaster, OH 43130; 740-689-1455 fax; 888-957-6245 toll-free **or** 1369 East Front St., Logan, OH 43138; 740-380-1475; www.socil.org
- Tri-County Independent Living Center, Inc., 680 East Market St., Suite 205, Akron, OH 44304; 330-762-0007; 330-762-7416 fax; www.tcilc.org
- Western Reserve Independent Living Center, 4076 Youngstown Rd. SE, Suite 203, Warren, OH 44484; 330-372-3325; 330-373-1826 fax; www.wriloc.org

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