



Independent Living

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the state agency that empowers Ohioans with disabilities through employment, disability determinations, and independence. 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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For purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program, including Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), OOD received 78.7% of its funding through the DOE VR grant. In Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019, OOD received \$99,548,657 in federal funds. Funds appropriated by the State covered 21.3 % of the total costs, or \$26,942,648. Of these federal funds, \$14,932,299 is set aside for Pre-ETS.

For purposes of the Supported Employment (SE) Program, the DOE SE grant funded 90% of the costs for the Supported Employment for Youth with a Disability Program up to the grant amount and 100% of the costs of regular Supported Employment program costs up to the grant amount. In FFY 2019, OOD received \$297,857 for SE Youth with a Disability and State appropriated funds paid a small amount more than the remaining 10% or \$33,192 of the total costs. In FFY 2019, OOD received \$297,857 in regular SE grant funds.

For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (OIB) Program, the federal grant received from DOE in FFY 2019 paid 90% of the total costs incurred under the program. In FFY 2019, OOD received \$1,153,208 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% required match or \$130,000 of the total costs incurred under the OIB program.

For purposes of the Independent Living (IL) Program, the federal grant received from HHS paid 90% of the total costs incurred in FFY 2019. In FFY 2019, OOD received funding of \$640,571. Funds appropriated by the State paid 10% or \$71,175 of the total costs incurred under the IL Program.

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