

New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council

The New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council (NM SILC) is a federally mandated board comprised of voting members and ex-officio members, all appointed by the Governor. A majority of the voting members and total board members must be individuals with disabilities who do not work for a center for independent living or any state agency.

The Council functions as a partner with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the five Centers for Independent Living to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and cross disability basis, the independent living needs of New Mexicans with disabilities. The development, monitoring and evaluation of the State Plan for Independent Living is a primary responsibility of the SILC.

The mission of the NM SILC includes a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of society.

What Was Accomplished (Oct.1, 2022 thru Sept. 30, 2023)

A total of 3818 people with disabilities served

Provided services in 28 of the 33 counties

22 New Mexicans with disabilities moved from nursing homes/institutions to their own home

2954 people with disabilities learned personal care, coping, financial management, social skills and household management

67 people with disabilities gain access to transportation

959 New Mexicans with disabilities gained access to housing or home modification

62 youth with disabilities received assistance towards transition goals

953 people with disabilities have reached or in the process of reaching Personal Resource Management goals

112 New Mexicans with disabilities received Assistive Technology

**Federal Fiscal Year 2024 info is being put together now and will be available in February 2025.

IMPORTANT

Additional funding is needed for Centers for Independent Living to cover all counties.

These five counties in New Mexico still need Independent Living Services Coverage:

Hidalgo, Catron, Curry, Quay and Roosevelt

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