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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM
(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)**

Part I INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
and Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: FFY 2008

State: Nevada

SUBPART I – ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A – Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.35 and 364.36

Indicate amount received by the DSU as per each funding source. Enter “0” for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$245,939
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C – For 723 states Only	\$ N/A
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	\$ 0
(D) Other Federal Funds- Assistive Technology	\$13,986

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	\$1,367,213
(F) Local Government Funds	\$0

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	\$0
(H) Other resources (Neilsen Foundation, Tobacco Settlement)	\$250,000

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$1,877,138
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Item 5 – Pass-Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$0
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$1,877,138
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Section B – Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22, 365.1, 365.20, and 365.21

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$	\$65,335
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$	\$166,617
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$	\$
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	\$	\$
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$	\$13,986
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$	\$
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$	\$
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$	\$

Section C – Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.43, and 34 CFR 365 Subpart C

Enter the requested information for all DSU grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter “N/A.” If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter “\$0” in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider	CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider
RAGE	B(2), B(5)	\$13,986	\$171,144	Provider	Provider
Northern Nevada CIL	B(2)	\$0	\$52,900	Provider	Provider
Care Chest	B(2)	\$0	\$22,850	Provider	Provider
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$13,986	\$246,894		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or for the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 365.1 and 34 CFR 365.20

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

N/A

Section E – Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

34 CFR 80.40(a)

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

As described further in this report, all grantees undergo a fiscal review by an independent Certified Public Accountant, as well as a monitor, individual case evaluations conducted through case file reviews, and in-person client interviews conducted by an independent entity contracted by the DSU.

Section F – Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act; CFR 364.22(a)(2) and 34 CFR 364.31

Item 1 – Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSU to the Part B Program.

Through an inter-local contract with the Office of Disability Services, the DSU funds staff to oversee the provision of IL services and to monitor and report on outcomes. The DSU also provides fiscal processing and financial oversight for all Part B funds expended in Nevada.

Item 2 – Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSU and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs):

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	3	2
Other Staff	3.25	1.75

Section G – For Section 723 States ONLY
(Not Applicable in Nevada)

Section 723 of the Act, 34 CFR Part 366, Subpart D

Item 1 – Distribution of Part C Funds to Centers

N/A

In the chart below, please provide the following information:

- A) name of each center within your state that received Part C funding during the reporting year;
- B) amount of Part C funding each center received;
- C) whether the Part C funding included a cost-of-living increase;
- D) whether the Part C funding included any excess funds remaining after cost-of-living increases were provided;
- E) whether any of the centers received its Part C funding pursuant to a competition for a new center in the state; and
- F) whether the center was the subject of an onsite compliance review conducted by the DSU during the reporting year.

Name of CIL	Amount of Part C Funding Received	Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	Excess Funds After Cost of Living Increase? (Yes/No)	New Center? (Yes/No)	Onsite Compliance Review of Center? (Yes/No)
N/A					

Add additional rows as necessary.

Item 2 – Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22(a)(2)

Describe the administrative support services used by the DSU to administer the Part C program.

N/A

Item 3 – Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i); 34 CFR 366.38, 366.40 – 46

Provide a summary of the monitoring activities involving Part C centers conducted by the state during the current reporting year, including the onsite reviews of at least 15% of centers receiving Part C funds under section 723. The summary should include, at least, the following:

N/A

- A) centers' level of compliance with the standards and assurances in Section 725 of the Act;
- B) any adverse actions taken against centers;
- C) any corrective action plans entered into with centers; and
- D) exemplary, replicable or model practices for centers.

Item 4 – Updates or Issues

Provide any updates to the administration of the Part C program by the DSU, if any, including any significant changes in the amount of earmarked funds or any changes in the order of priorities in the distribution of Part C funds. Provide a description of any issues of concern addressed by the DSU in its administration of the Part C program.

N/A

SUBPART II – NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.53

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSU, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual 704 Reports, Part II.

Section A – Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	135
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	301
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	436

Section B – Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has:

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	10
(2) Withdrawn	20
(3) Died	18
(4) Completed all goals set	159
(5) Other	32
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	239

Section C – Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30 of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	197

Section D – IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	0
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	301
(3) <i>Total number of consumers</i> served during the reporting year	301

Section E – Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	3
(2) Ages 5 – 19	28
(3) Ages 20 – 24	9
(4) Ages 25 – 59	89
(5) Age 60 and Older	109
(6) Age unavailable	1

Section F – Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	139
(2) Number of Males served	100

Section G – Race And Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers served in each category below. *Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the 704 Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).*

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	5
(2) Asian	1
(3) Black or African American	27
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
(5) White	178
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/ Latino only	24
(7) Two or more races	0
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	0

Section H – Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	12
(2) Mental/Emotional	0
(3) Physical	160
(4) Hearing	5
(5) Vision	1
(6) Multiple Disabilities	59
(7) Other	2

SUBPART III – INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 34 CFR 364.53; Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A – Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSU staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	0	0
(B) Assistive Technology	210	224
(C) Children’s Services	144	12
(D) Communication Services	4	14
(E) Counseling and Related Services	0	0
(F) Family Services	0	0
(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	342	89
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	3	0
(I) Information and Referral Services	513	239
(J) Mental Restoration Services	86	5
(K) Mobility Training	0	0
(L) Peer Counseling Services	0	0
(M) Personal Assistance Services	0	0
(N) Physical Restoration Services	0	0
(O) Preventive Services	0	0

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	0	1
(Q) Recreational Services	3	0
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	212	239
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	86	5
(T) Transportation Services	162	103
(U) Youth/Transition Services	36	19
(V) Vocational Services	0	0
(W) Other Services	1	8

Section B – Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 – Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	*In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	1	2	1
(B) Communication	24	15	32
(C) Mobility/Transportation	231	115	167
(D) Community-Based Living	188	108	129
(E) Educational	0	0	0
(F) Vocational	1	0	1
(G) Self-care	193	114	157
(H) Information Access/Technology	1	0	1
(I) Personal Resource Management	0	0	0
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	0	0	0

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	*In Progress
(K) Community/Social Participation	0	1	0
(L) Other	139	50	137

**“Goals Set” represent the goals in only the new applications received during the year. “Goals Achieved” are only from the cases closed this year. “In Progress” are goals from the cases remaining open at the end of the year. The difference between the numbers is from those cases that were open before the year began, and remained open when the year ended, thus, they did not have a goal set or a goal achieved during the year.*

Item 2 – Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	162	103	112
(B) Health Care Services	0	0	0
(C) Assistive Technology	210	224	220

Note: For most IL services, a consumer’s access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform RSA how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider **did X** / did not ____ engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C – Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

Last year's report described the State budget crunch, which was eroding some of the hard-fought resources garnered for Independent Living services. In the intervening 12 months, Nevada's budget deficit has grown more than ten-fold and many services are imperiled by this challenge. Discussions have been held concerning the total elimination of every optional service and special income category in Nevada Medicaid. This would be disastrous and would leave thousands of severely disabled individuals without vital services like personal care and medical assistance.

This report shows that many of the most important historical inroads for Independent Living in Nevada have come through changes in programs outside the DSU and the Office of Disability Services. The Independent Living philosophy has significantly impacted Medicaid, mental health services, Early Intervention Services and others. This is mostly due to the strong collaborative relationships the DSU and SILC have nurtured. The current budget struggle notwithstanding, Nevada has made many improvements to Independent Living services.

SUBPART IV – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.26, 364.27, and 364.32

Section A – Community Activities

Item 1 – Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcomes(s)
Health Care	Systems Advocacy	DSU, CILs	7800	Expand the availability of independent living services to children with Autism.	Over \$1 million in Applied Behavioral Analysis services were delivered to children with Autism.
Assistive Technology	Technical Assistance	DSU	50	Develop regulations to encourage skills improvement in, and appropriate use of, sign language interpreters and captioning providers.	Regulations were drafted, presented to the public through hearings, and adopted by the legislature.
Health Care	Technical Assistance	DSU	75	Strengthen Personal Assistance Services by regulating agencies providing them	Regulations were drafted, presented to the public through hearings, and adopted by the legislature.

Item 2 – Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSU, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The activities outlined in the table above were all undertaken as collaborative efforts, and the great success that Nevada has seen in improving disability policy and services is due primarily to the cooperative relationships that have been built. Much of this collaboration has happened through Nevada’s comprehensive Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities. The DSU, SILC, CILs and Office of Disability Services are all represented on the Strategic Plan oversight body and are involved in substantive discussions and debates to move disability issues forward. This collaborative process also serves as the springboard into Nevada’s legislative session every two years. See the following question for further details on the many bodies that have worked closely to bring important changes in Nevada.

Section B – Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

The Office of Disability Services is home to the state councils for Developmental Disabilities, Assistive Technology, Traumatic Brain Injury, Personal Assistance Services, Interagency Transition Advisory Board, Deaf and Relay services, the Autism Task Force and the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee. Members of the SILC serve on many of these other bodies and their meetings are regularly attended by SILC staff or members of the SILC. The DSU has contracted with the state Office of Disability Services to provide support to the SILC and to oversee the provision of IL services. This partnership has been a valuable asset in enabling collaboration between the SILC/DSU and a variety of other advisory bodies.

SUBPART V – STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 – Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC Member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Baker	No	PWD	Voting	8/31/06	8/30/09
Cozad	No	PWD	Voting	7/1/04	6/30/10
Lamoureaux	No	PWD	Voting	7/15/05	6/30/10
Martin	No	PWD	Voting	8/31/06	8/30/09
Mayes	No	PWD	Voting	8/31/06	8/30/09
Jambor	No	PWD	Voting	7/1/08	6/30/11
Rehkop	No	PWD	Voting	8/31/06	8/30/09
Braun	State	Ex-Officio	Non	7/15/05	6/30/11
Feldman	No	Sec 121	Voting	12/12/05	3/22/10
Evilsizer	CIL	CIL	Voting	8/30/06	8/31/09
Erquiaga	CIL	CIL	Voting	8/31/06	8/30/09
McCabe	State	Ex-Officio	Non	Pending	Pending

Item 2 – SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	12
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	7
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	10
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	7

Section B – SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21(c)

Item 1 – Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The three main geographic areas of the state, and the representation on the SILC, breakdown as follows:

Area	% of State Population	% of SILC Membership
Las Vegas metro	65%	33%
Reno metro	25%	25%
Balance of State	10%	17%
Statewide Representatives	N/A	25%

Item 2 – Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a board range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

Our members have disabilities including, blindness, deafness, spinal cord injury, amputation and neurological disease. Their education and employment backgrounds range from PhD to high school graduate, from retired business owner to paid ADA advocate. Although the SILC is not as culturally diverse as it has been historically, the current makeup is reflective of the limited diversity in Nevada’s general population. The SILC includes individuals representing Hispanic, African-American, and Native American populations.

Item 3 – Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

In addition to the two CIL representatives on the SILC, there is a founder of Nevada's first CIL and a former CIL employee also serving on the Council. Furthermore, northern Nevada's IL services are managed by a CIL, which gives the SILC ample opportunity to interact with and support frontline staff that is providing IL services on a day-to-day basis.

The ILRU regularly offers training related to IL philosophy, SILC operations, and other relevant topics; these training opportunities are usually offered to members of the SILC with any expenses covered by the Council.

Section C – SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 – SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

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Through a contract with the DSU, the state Office of Disability Services provides staff support for the SILC.

Item 2 – SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSU, if any.

As described above, the DSU has executed an inter-local contract with the Office of Disability Services to administer the IL services program and to support the SILC. This contract mandates that an annual report to be provided to the DSU (in addition to this 704 report) outlining the activities of the Office of Disability Services. In turn, the DSU manages the receipt of funds from RSA and the necessary financial reporting. The inter-local contract also provides for a DSU audit of the IL program's files and records; such an audit was conducted in 2008.

Section D – SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 34 CFR 364.21(g)

Item 1 – SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

In anticipation of submitting the State Plan, the SILC and DSU were closely involved in the setting of Nevada's legislative agenda for disability issues and in the implementation of the State's Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities. This process included several public forums to discuss a variety of IL issues including Money Follows the Person,

transition, Medicaid buy-in, and Early Intervention. Additionally, a statewide public hearing was held on the SPIL to enable the general public to comment.

The submission deadline for the State Plan closely coincided with the conclusion of Nevada's biennial legislative session. Thus, IL stakeholders were able to identify key issues and opportunities that exist for people with disabilities in Nevada.

When RSA suggested strategies for strengthening the Nevada SPIL, the DSU, SILC and Office of Disability Services worked collaboratively to amend the plan.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

Nevada's State Plan contains very specific and measurable objectives. Most of these objectives were established with built-in measurement and evaluation components, making the review process more efficient and objective. In addition, all consumer service records are maintained in an electronic environment, allowing for real-time access to program performance and client outcomes data.

Service quality was monitored in August 2007 when the Office of Disability Services hired an independent consultant to conduct in-home interviews with many of the consumers served by the program. These interviews were almost universally positive and reflected the high level of service provided to Nevadans with disabilities. The DSU is currently drafting a request for proposals to secure an independent evaluator for the IL program. It is anticipated that this evaluation will be completed in the first quarter of calendar 2009.

(C) Coordination with Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

The SILC's chair serves as the vice-chair of Nevada's SRC. Additionally, the Administrator of Nevada's Rehabilitation Division serves as an ex officio member of the SILC. Members of the SILC also serve on the following boards and councils: Assistive Technology Council, Developmental Disabilities Council, Personal Assistance Services Council, Deaf and Relay Services Council, Strategic Plan Accountability Committee, Interagency Transition Advisory Board, and others.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

Nevada has a very strong public meeting law which requires that every agenda be reviewed by the Attorney General’s office before posting, and that sufficient notice be given prior to the meeting. All meeting notices are widely posted and interested parties (non-SILC members) are notified by e-mail of upcoming meetings. Every meeting includes an opportunity for open public comment.

Item 2 – Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

None. Non-Part B funds are used almost exclusively to provide direct services to people in need.

Section E – Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC’s training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by RSA for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development	
General Overview	
Community/Grassroots Organizing	
Individual Empowerment	
Systems Advocacy	
Legislative Process	
Applicable Laws	
General overview and promulgation of various disability laws	
Americans with Disabilities Act	10
Air-Carrier’s Access Act	
Fair Housing Act	2

Training and Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs — Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	9
Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care	1
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	
Social Security Act	
Workforce Investment Act of 1998	
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999	
Government Performance Results Act of 1993	
Assistive Technologies	
General Overview	
Data Collecting and Reporting	
General Overview	
704 Reports	
Performance Measures contained in 704 Report	
Dual Reporting Requirements	
Case Service Record Documentation	
Disability Awareness and Information	
Specific Issues- Money Follows the Person/ Olmstead	6
Evaluation	
General Overview	
CIL Standards and Indicators	
Community Needs Assessment	
Consumer Satisfaction Surveys	
Focus Groups	
Outcome Measures	5
Financial: Grant Management	
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SUBPART VI – SPIL COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 76.140

Section A – Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 – Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

Goal 1

Promote a philosophy of independent living, by: prioritizing consumer control through the use of independent living service plans among at least 90% of those applying for services; ensuring community integration through the cooperative implementation of Nevada’s Olmstead Plan; achieving diversity among those served through demographic tracking and targeted outreach; and improving personal security through the integration of disability issues in disaster preparedness plans.

Goal 2

Expand and improve the provision of IL services throughout Nevada by: providing comprehensive IL services to at least 175 people annually; supplementing, by at least 10% annually, the state and federal appropriations earmarked for direct IL services; coordinating services to older individuals who are blind; expanding the availability of Positive Behavioral Supports in southern Nevada; expanding the provision of community-based supports available to individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and behavioral services for children with Autism; and by including nursing home transition costs among the expenses covered by Nevada’s Independent Living services program.

Goal 3

Support a statewide network of centers for independent living (CILs), operated by consumer-controlled, cross-disability, nonprofit agencies that are operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and that provide an array of IL services, and strengthen this network by: diversifying its grant funding base; exploring options for offering fee services; and negotiating with Nevada Medicaid to potentially manage the State’s physical disability waiver.

Goal 4

Support the improvement, expansion and coordination of disability services throughout Nevada and work in concert with the efforts under Nevada’s Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities, by: better coordinating the transitions of children and youth with disabilities from early intervention to school, and from school to adult life; making all disability services more easily and universally accessible; and by expanding the resources available to blind adults in Nevada’s largest population center.

OBJECTIVE 1.1

Ensure that services are provided in accordance with an independent living plan mutually developed between the consumer, service provider staff and, if appropriate, with input from an independent expert, by at least 90% of those applying for services.

Plan: 90% of individuals seeking services under the Independent Living Services Program will develop an IL Plan. The waiver of plan option will be made available to those desiring a waiver.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least 90% of those individuals applying between 10/1/07 and 9/30/08 will have developed an IL plan. 9/30/09- at least 90% of those individuals applying between 10/1/08 and 9/30/09 will have developed an IL plan. 9/30/10- at least 90% of those individuals applying between 10/1/09 and 9/30/10 will have developed an IL plan.

Outcomes: 9/30/08- 100% of those individuals applying between 10/1/07 and 9/30/08 will have developed an IL plan.

OBJECTIVE 1.2

Ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, services for people with disabilities are provided in the most integrated setting, by implementing the objectives outlined in Nevada's Olmstead Plan.

Plan: The Council will work cooperatively with Medicaid, the Office of Disability Services, the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee and other relevant entities to spearhead initiatives in the spirit of the Olmstead decision. This work may include Money Follows the Person, self-directed services in Medicaid, the expansion and improvement of community-based personal assistance and Early Intervention services, and the promotion of competitive employment.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least 3 Olmstead Plan Objectives will have been implemented in the previous federal fiscal year. 9/30/09- at least 3 additional Olmstead Plan Objectives will have been implemented in the previous federal fiscal year. 9/30/10- at least 3 additional Olmstead Plan Objectives will have been implemented in the previous federal fiscal year. A total of nine additional objectives will be completed during the term of the SPIL

Outcomes: 9/30/08- Six Olmstead Plan objectives-- #38, 40, 44, 49, 50, and 102-- were implemented in the previous federal fiscal year.

OBJECTIVE 1.3

Ensure that services to underserved populations are provided at least in proportion to their population in the latest census data.

Plan: Grants to community-based entities will include provisions for targeted outreach to underserved consumers. Grants will be monitored for the proportion of underserved consumers assisted and those outcomes will be reported on an annual basis, as follows: At least 24% of those served will be age 16 or under; at least 11% of those served will be age 65 or older; at least 7% of those served will be African Americans; at least 20% of those served will be Hispanic Americans; and at least 12% of those served will be below poverty.

Time Frame: These demographics will be measured at the conclusion of each year and, if a target population is not being adequately reached, an outreach plan will be developed to specifically target that population.

Outcomes:

<i>Demographic (239)</i>	<i>Target Percentage</i>	<i>9/30/08 Actual</i>	<i>9/30/09 Actual</i>	<i>9/30/10 Actual</i>
Under age 16	24%	11%		
Over age 64	11	38		
Hispanic/Latino	20	10		
African-American	7	11		
Below Poverty	12	53		

Children and Hispanics have historically been the most difficult populations for the program to reach. We are confident that the children target will be met in the next fiscal year, due to the numbers reached through the new Autism services offered by the program. Reaching the Hispanic population remains difficult for a variety of reasons, but the southern Nevada program office has recently hired staff who can communicate in Spanish, in an effort to better meet the needs of this sub-demographic.

OBJECTIVE 1.4

Improve disaster preparedness for people with disabilities.

Plan: The SILC and CILs will work to ensure that people with disabilities are included in state and local disaster preparedness plans; that Nevadans with disabilities receive specific information on how they can prepare themselves for a disaster; and, that people who are deaf or have communication disabilities have better access to information during a disaster.

Time Frame: By 9/30/10, the needs and issues of people with disabilities will be included in the State’s disaster preparedness plan.

Outcomes: Staff has met with disaster planners at the State level and with those in Clark and Washoe Counties to give input on the needs of people with disabilities. Plans are still being drafted but are expected to be complete during the term of the SPIL.

OBJECTIVE 2.1

Provide an appropriate, accessible, and affordable network of independent living rehabilitation services throughout Nevada, to at least 175 new individuals annually.

Plan: Provide full-time case managers in Reno and Las Vegas to assist people with disabilities throughout the State to obtain the services, devices, equipment and modifications they need to maintain their community independence. Their duties will include:

Finding individuals in need of services; assisting them to file an application, assess needs and plan services; assisting them to locate other resources and gather bids; following the provision of services and evaluating services to assure quality; providing assistive technology assessments via outside expertise; advocating on behalf of individuals with disabilities to gain access to services from sources in addition to the Independent Living program; participating in community activities, events, and decision-making bodies; and advocating on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least 175 people will have received services in the previous federal fiscal year. 9/30/09- at least 175 additional people will have received services in the previous federal fiscal year. 9/30/10- at least 175 additional people will have received services in the previous federal fiscal year.

Outcomes: 9/30/08- 239 people received services in the previous federal fiscal year.

Objective 2.2

Supplement the state and federal appropriations earmarked for direct IL services by at least \$100,000 annually.

Plan: The SILC and the DSU will monitor opportunities for additional funding wherever it may be available and those opportunities will be shared and pursued with partner agencies.

When their advice is sought, the SILC will advise the Nevada Legislature and executive branch departments on issues related to independent living, including the expansion and improvement of service programs.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least \$100,000 will have been secured to supplement state and federal IL services funding during the previous year. 9/30/09- at least \$100,000 will have been secured to supplement state and federal IL services funding during the previous

year. 9/30/10- at least \$100,000 will have been secured to supplement state and federal IL services funding during the previous year.

Outcomes: 9/30/08- \$125,000 in tobacco-settlement funding, and \$125,000 in private foundation funding, was secured to supplement state and federal IL services funding during the previous year. In addition, a one-shot State appropriation of \$1.774 million was received to provide Autism services.

Objective 2.3

Coordinate services to older individuals who are blind through the execution of a cooperative agreement between the DSU's Older-Blind Independent Living Program and the Independent Living Services Program.

Plan: Nevada's Older-Blind program has shown strength and expertise in assessing needs and providing mobility training. The Independent Living program has demonstrated an ability to garner financial resources to fund the assistive technology needs of individuals who are blind. A cooperative agreement will be executed, whereby the two programs will cooperatively serve older-blind individuals during the term of the SPIL.

Time Frame: By 12/31/07 a cooperative agreement will be fully in place.

Outcomes: The cooperative agreement was signed and approved by the State Board of Examiners in July 2007

OBJECTIVE 2.4

Increase funding for Positive Behavioral Supports and similar services so that individuals with difficult behaviors will be better able to receive services in their local community, particularly in southern Nevada which has been historically underserved.

Plan: Working with service provider agencies, the SILC will educate policymakers and funding bodies on the value and importance of positive behavioral interventions as a first step in successful service provision and will propose the provision of at least \$100,000 in annual funding to support those services, especially in the underserved Las Vegas area.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least \$100,000 will have been added to SFY 07 funding for expanded PBS services in southern Nevada during the previous year. 9/30/09- at least \$100,000 will have been added to SFY 07 funding for expanded PBS services in southern Nevada during the previous year. 9/30/10- at least \$100,000 will have been added to SFY 07 funding for expanded PBS services in southern Nevada during the previous year.

Outcomes: 9/30/08- Even with the severe State budget cuts, \$100,000 was added to, and maintained in, SFY 07 funding.

Objective 2.5

Expand the availability of community-based supports, especially Personal Assistance Services, for individuals with cognitive disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Plan: The SILC will partner with the Personal Assistance Services Council and the Traumatic Brain Injury Council to create a web-based training program to educate caregivers in the general nuances of serving people with Traumatic Brain Injury, and to begin the provision of Personal Assistance Services to individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury through the state-funded Personal Assistance Services program.

Time Frame: The provision of Personal Assistance Services will begin no later than 12/31/07 and will increase the number of people served by at least 10% annually. The web-based training program will be fully implemented by 6/30/08.

Outcomes: The provision of Personal Assistance Services to people with Traumatic Brain Injury began in October 2007. Four people received this service in FFY 2008. Due to delays with the private sector contractor building the TBI training module, it has yet to be launched for public use.

OBJECTIVE 2.6

Expand the availability of behavioral intervention services for children with Autism.

Plan: The SILC and CILs will work cooperatively with the Office of Disability Services, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services and the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee to secure at least \$500,000 in additional annual funding for behavioral services.

Time Frame: 9/30/08- at least \$500,000 will have been added to SFY 07 funding for additional behavioral intervention services during the previous year. 9/30/09- at least \$500,000 will continue to be available for additional behavioral intervention services in the previous year. 9/30/10- at least \$500,000 will continue to be available for additional behavioral intervention services in the previous year.

Outcomes: 9/30/08- \$887,000 was added to SFY 07 funding for behavioral intervention services. This funding level was maintained despite the deep cuts in Nevada's State budget.

OBJECTIVE 2.7

Expand the array of IL services offered to include the costs of transition from a nursing facility to community based-living.

Plan: The SILC and CILs will work cooperatively to draft a policy to expand state-funded IL services to include rental deposits, basic household items and other one-time costs. Partnerships will be sought with merchants and others to minimize the cost of offering these supports.

Time Frame: A new policy will be approved and implemented in the IL program by 9/30/08.

Outcomes: A policy has been drafted, but has yet to be formally adopted by the program.

OBJECTIVE 3.1

Diversify the funding base of Nevada's Centers for Independent Living to lessen their dependence of federal Independent Living funding and to broaden the array of services and supports they offer

Plan: The SILC and/or CILs will pursue at least two federal grants, partnerships with state agencies, or private foundation grants that will mutually benefit the CILs, the partner agencies and people with disabilities.

Time Frame: By 9/30/10, Nevada's IL partners will formally apply for or pursue at least two partnership opportunities to diversify the funding base of our CILs.

Outcomes: Given the extreme tightening in the economy and the lack of funding opportunities, no work was done on this objective in the current fiscal year.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

Explore options to add fee-for-service operations to the menu of CIL services

Plan: CILs in other states have successfully added fee services to their menu of services to supplement their grant and donation funding. The SILC and the CILs will research the strategies used in other states to determine if they can be adapted in Nevada.

Time Frame: By 9/30/09, Nevada's CILs will research and report on the options and opportunities that exist for offering fee services.

Outcomes: No formal work was done on this objective in the current fiscal year.

OBJECTIVE 3.3

Explore the feasibility of having Nevada's CILs assume management responsibility for Nevada Medicaid's physical disability waiver

Plan: Nevada Medicaid has expressed a desire to transfer responsibility for their physical disability waiver to an outside agency. They have already taken this course with their three other waiver programs. The SILC believes that Nevada's CILs might be a good fit for the program, if a transfer can be made without diminishing other CIL programs. Thus, the CIL will seek consultation from other states and national organizations in the operation of waivers by CILs, and will enter discussions with Medicaid about the possible terms of a transfer.

Time Frame: By 9/30/08, Nevada's CILs will research and report on the options and opportunities that exist for managing the state's physical disability waiver.

Outcomes: This year, there was actually a discussion of eliminating the physical disability waiver, in order to help balance the State budget. Thus, it is premature to explore this objective until after the 2009 State Legislature meets.

OBJECTIVE 4.1

Improve the transition of students from Early Intervention to school, and from school to work or college.

Plan: The SILC and DSU will work with the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee, the legislature and relevant stakeholders to improve the continuum of services for children with disabilities. This will include improving the cooperation of agencies during the transition processes, and ensuring that service agencies are looking at all the needs a child has and are making referrals to other resources.

Time Frame: By 12/31/07 Nevada will develop and submit a federal Real Choice Systems Change grant application to strengthen transition services. By 12/31/08, a report outlining specific recommendations for improving transition services will be drafted and presented to the Nevada Legislature and relevant state agencies.

Outcomes: A federal Real Choice Systems Change grant application was submitted, but funding was not appropriated for the project. During the 2008 fiscal year, a report outlining specific recommendations for improving transition services was drafted and will be presented to the Nevada Legislature when they meet in 2009.

OBJECTIVE 4.2

Promote universal access to disability services through the leveraging of telephone and Internet technologies.

Plan: Work in collaboration with the State of Nevada, advocacy groups and the United Way to replicate systems developed in other states including the development and funding of web-based resources, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, shared data and streamlined application processes.

Time Frame: By 9/30/08 there will be at least four ADRCs operating in Nevada and by 9/30/10 the state's CILs will have electronic access to link individuals needing services with the ADRCs. By 9/30/09 Nevada's 211 system will be available on a statewide basis.

Outcomes: By 9/30/08 there were three ADRCs operating in Nevada.

OBJECTIVE 4.3

Establish one or more community-based training and support centers for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Plan: Working with leaders from the blind community, the SILC and DSU will offer resources to improve community-based capacities to serve the independent living needs of people with visual disabilities.

Time Frame: By 9/30/09 a strategic plan will be drafted for the establishment of a training and support center. By 9/30/10 services will begin through the center.

Outcomes: A workgroup has been formed and has affiliated with an existing blind services agency in southern Nevada.

Item 2 – SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSU administration of the SILS program.

No substantive changes were made in these areas.

Section B – Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSU and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

See the balance of this report for significant activities and accomplishments.

Section C – Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

As outlined throughout this report, State funding has been a tremendous challenge. Although Nevada is still well over its matching requirement for Independent Living, during the fiscal year over \$240,000 was cut from the Independent Living services program budget. As a result, the program waiting list has grown and applicants are waiting far too long for services.

Section D – Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

N/A

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

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