

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF VACANCY/CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Date Nominations are Due: September 4, 2016

Name of organization: **Utah Statewide Independent Living Council - (USILC)**

Brief background of what the organization does and the reference in statute or rule establishing the organization:

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Rehabilitation Act) establish Statewide Independent Living Council's – SILC's, under Section 705.

The Council is a partner in Utah's Independent Living program network, coordinating with the Centers for Independent Living, the Designated State Unit and the general public. The purpose of the council is to work with the IL network to enhance IL services and opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Utah and to help facilitate the planning process of the growth and effectiveness of the Utah IL Network.

The mission of the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council is to promote the full inclusion, independence and empowerment of people with disabilities through statewide advocacy, systems change, coordination, education, networking, resource development and enhancement of independent living services.

Who the group advises: The State IL program though the creation, evaluation and monitoring of the State Plan for Independent Living.

Number vacancies: 7

Specific representation needed for each vacancy and terms of appointment:

4 - Person with a disability (not employed by a Center of State Agency)

1 - Person with or without a disability

Association of Independent Living Utah Representative

Representative Division of Services for People with Disabilities DSPD (Ex-Officio member)

Terms of appointment: 3 years; no longer than two consecutive full terms

Person(s) in positions open for vacancy:

Lester Ruesch, Person with a disability - Partial term remains

Susan Hardinger, Person with a disability - Partial term remains

Isabel Gardett, Person with a disability - Term expiring

Person with a disability

Association of Independent Living Utah (AILU) Representative

Rolf Halbfell, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (Ex-Officio member)

Meetings (how often, where, and for how long): Meetings are held bi-monthly, typically along the Wasatch front from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Nomination and Bio Submission: If you are interested in serving on the organization please submit application found attached to Brooke Wilson at brooke@usilc.org by September 4, 2016.

Contact for questions: Brooke Wilson, brooke@usilc.org



Utah Statewide Independent Living Council Recruitment Information

The following information has been prepared to assist you in identifying individuals and soliciting applications for membership on the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council (USILC).

1. When you have identified someone that you feel is qualified to serve on the Council, provide them with the cover letter, application and nomination form.
 - a. This will give the applicant information concerning the Council, as well as an understanding of what serving on the Council means.
2. If the applicant is interested in being nominated to serve on the Council they will need to complete the Application and Nomination form.
3. You should then complete the nominated by section of the form and submit the completed form, with supporting information to the USILC Coordinator.

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Thank you for helping us recruit excellent members for the Council!

The Utah Statewide Independent Living Council is currently seeking outstanding individuals who are interested in serving a minimum of one – three year term on this important, state-level Council.

The mission of USILC is: *To serve as the public voice in the development, implementation and monitoring of Utah's three year Statewide Plan for Independent Living.*

We accomplish this mission through partnership with the six Utah Centers of Independent Living, the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and other agencies and organizations in providing independent living services throughout the State.

In order to assure the view point of Utahns with disabilities, the USILC membership must consist of at least 51% people with disabilities and attempts to maintain a diverse membership.

The Council meets six times a year. However, you would be expected to serve on at least one of the sub-committees. These sub-committees have regular meetings via the USILC conference phone system.

The full Council meetings are generally four hours long and include lunch. Assistance with transportation and other reasonable accommodations are available on an individual need basis.

A typical agenda includes Council business, such as minutes, fiscal review, nominations and amendments to Bylaws and Policies. There is always a report from our advocacy program detailing current legislation and funding issues as well as Council strategies to address these issues. The four committees report on the progress they are making on specific Council goals. In addition, the CIL representative provides an update of Center activities and issues. There is often a guest speaker updating the Council on disability issues and programs in the general community.

If you are interested, please complete the application portion of the attached Application and Nomination form. This information will help us identify your unique experience, expertise and interest in The Independent Living Program. Please send this information to the USILC Coordinator:

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Utah Statewide Independent Living Council (USILC)

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM

Applicant information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ **(Work):** _____ **(Cell):** _____

County in which you live: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Race: (Optional) American Indian ____ Asian ____ Black or African American ____ Pacific Islander ____ White ____ Hispanic/Latino ____ Other ____

Represents: Check one or all that apply and complete explanation, if applicable.

_____ Person with a disability

_____ Family member of a person with a disability

_____ Advocate for people with disabilities

_____ Consumer of Center for Independent Living Services –
Where did you receive services? _____

_____ Former consumer of Center for Independent Living Services –
When did you receive services? _____

_____ Person who is 30 years old or younger

_____ Currently an employee of the State of Utah

_____ Currently an employee of a Center for Independent Living

_____ Business, Labor, Industry (explain) _____

_____ Other (explain) _____

Additional information requested on the back

Please provide a statement as to why you would like to be nominated to the USILC.*

Please provide individual back ground information that demonstrates why you are qualified to serve on the USILC. *

***Use additional paper if needed.**

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

This section to be filled out by the individual who is nominating you.

Nominated by: _____

State why you are nominating this individual for Council membership:

This individual has been contacted and provided an explanation of the nomination process.

___ Yes ___ No

The applicant has agreed to serve, if approved.

___ Yes ___ No

Selected nominees may be interviewed.