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## Statewide Independent Living Council

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## ABOUT THE MINNESOTA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

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The Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council (MNSILC) is authorized under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Members are appointed by the governor to provide guidance to Minnesota's independent living services. The council's main responsibilities are to develop, monitor, review, and evaluate a State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). For more information on the Council, including how to join, see the MNSILC website at [mn.gov/deed/silc](http://mn.gov/deed/silc).

## VISION OF THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

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By the year 2020 Minnesota will be providing a comprehensive range of independent living services which empowers persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

## MISSION OF THE MINNESOTA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

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The Minnesota SILC shall advance the philosophy of independent living, maximizing the choices, leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of persons with disabilities, and promote the integration and full inclusion of persons with disabilities into American society.

## MINNESOTA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL ROSTER

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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

By Heidi Johnson

**W**e cherish many things in our lives — family, home, freedom, independence, and chocolate, just to name a few. When I first joined the council, I thought I had a good understanding of independent living. But life often leads us down paths that enrich our lives and those around us. In late summer, while on vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota, I broke my right ankle while stepping off our motorcycle. I had no idea what a life changing experience this would be to me and my family. That broken ankle showed what it is like to lose freedom and independence.

While on vacation, I was able to utilize accessible features such as ramps and grab bars — and I'm thankful for those who came before me and literally paved the way to make it easier for me. A broken leg will never compare to a lifelong condition, but it certainly opened my eyes even wider to how precious it is to make our own choices and decisions. Home from vacation, I quickly learned to evaluate the difficulties I would have while my leg was in a cast. The incredible freedom of being able to hop in our cars and go where the road takes us — all gone! Instead, I was forced to depend on family and friends to drive me where I needed to go, largely based on their schedules.

Using crutches was hazardous, so I began using a wheelchair. Whoever drove me around had to lift a wheelchair in and out of the car. Getting around home became more difficult. Although our home is on one level, it is not set up for wheelchair use and presented many challenges, such as fitting through the width of the doorways. Even public restrooms presented challenges. What looks accessible may not actually be accessible. Getting my wheelchair into a stall, closing the door, and maneuvering my chair for an easy transfer can be daunting to impossible.

This past year, MNSILC has worked on many areas related to independent living. We published a Home Accessibility Study and distributed it to community members, organizations, and legislators. Minnesota's population is aging and many will have issues with accessibility in their homes, as I did when I broke my ankle. MNSILC's goal is to educate the public and our lawmakers about home accessibility, Universal Design, and creative solutions; and to support all individuals with varying abilities to live with choices in their communities.

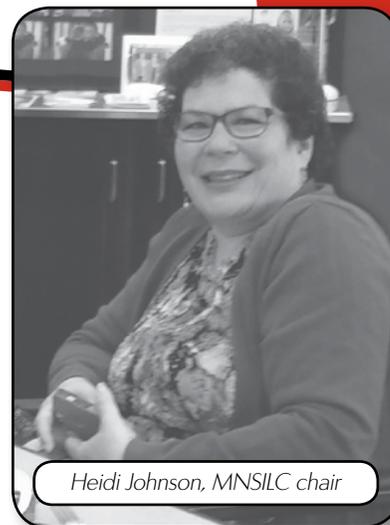
The Minnesota Olmstead plan is critically important to Minnesotans and seeks to move our state forward with independent living. The goal is for Minnesota to be a state where people with disabilities live, learn, work, and enjoy life in the most integrated setting. It is imperative that all people have the opportunity and freedom to make meaningful life choices about living situations, economic involvement, etc., and have the supports necessary to sustain self-sufficiency and employment. Our council has participated in listening sessions, attended meetings, and provided extensive feedback to the Olmstead Subcabinet and

the Olmstead Implementation Office. As we go forward, our Olmstead committee will reflect the commitment of this council, and continue to support the success of the Olmstead Plan so that more Minnesotans are able to live independently with needed supports and services.

I am proud, honored, and privileged to be chair of such a dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic council. And I offer a heartfelt thank you to each and every member for contributing time, energy, and creativity over the past year.

On behalf of MNSILC, I would like to thank Goodwill-Easter Seals and State Services for the Blind for graciously providing space for us to meet and being so helpful in ensuring the success of our meetings.

MNSILC will be working on a Comprehensive Needs Assessment during the next year to help support the development of the 2017-19 State Plan. Check our website for ways to be involved. Also contact us if you are interested in joining this Council or have any questions. The following pages reflect some of our work over the past year.



Heidi Johnson, MNSILC chair

# STRATEGIC GOALS, HIGHLIGHTS

## MNSILC STRATEGIC GOALS

- The Independent Living (IL) program is informed of, and advises on, the needs of people with disabilities in Minnesota.
- Minnesotans have access to IL services statewide.
- The IL program operates effectively and efficiently.

## 2014 MNSILC HIGHLIGHTS

- Informed members of the community, including both state and federal legislators, about the needs and issues concerning home accessibility and modifications.
- Reviewed communication tools and practices to enhance the way in which MNSILC shares information.
- Provided extensive feedback to the Olmstead Subcabinet and the Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO) to support the development and effective implementation of the Olmstead Plan.
- Collaborated in the development of a SPIL Amendment with Center for Independent Living (CIL) directors and Designated State Unit (DSU) Representatives. This amendment was required to comply with Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) requirements to obtain additional funding for the centers.
- Worked collaboratively with the Designated State Units, Centers for Independent Living, the State Rehabilitation Council General (SRC-G), State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind (SRC-B), and the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities (MSCOD) to ensure the success of the Independent Living Program in Minnesota.
- Participated in educational opportunities to support members' work on the council, including: attending the Statewide Independent Living Council Congress (SILC Congress) and learning about Universal Design.
- Developed the 2014 annual report to share with the community.



MNSILC members Sharla Scullen and Mitzi Mellott in Washington DC for NCIL

## UNIVERSAL DESIGN IN-SERVICE

**M**NSILC has been examining home accessibility for several years — looking at current status, upcoming issues, and areas of need to increase options for independent living— and in April Diane Sprague, a Minneapolis-based accessibility consultant presented information about universal design and its relationship to home accessibility.

Universal design and home accessibility are related but not interchangeable. Universal design stretches how we design living spaces to include more than just able-bodied, average-height, and average-strength adults. It makes home components easier to use for a wider range of age, ability, or circumstances. Home accessibility involves components that are needed to accommodate for an individual with a disability. A key home accessibility feature is that it takes into account standards of accessible design *and* adapts them to individuals in their homes.

In Minnesota there are no educational standards for builders and contractors related to universal design and home accessibility. These professionals can learn about universal design and accessibility in a variety of ways. However, the public should always question whether the professional they plan to use has adequate knowledge to do the job.

Many universal design features built during initial construction can be done at little or no additional cost. Changes after initial construction can be



*Diane Sprague*

difficult, costly, and involve large amounts of time and chaos in a person's home.

Diane's presentation covered many areas and great detail. Members of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council benefitted from attending this session and learning more about Universal Design. Information from this session was used by the Home Accessibility Committee to discuss and think about how to move forward with their work in this area.

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND DISABILITY IN THE SOMALI COMMUNITY



*Zainab Jama*

**Z**ainab Jama (fondly known as 'Z') is the executive director of the Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Center (PASILC). She presented at our April 10, 2014 meeting on PASILC's work with youth engagement and disability in the Somali Community.

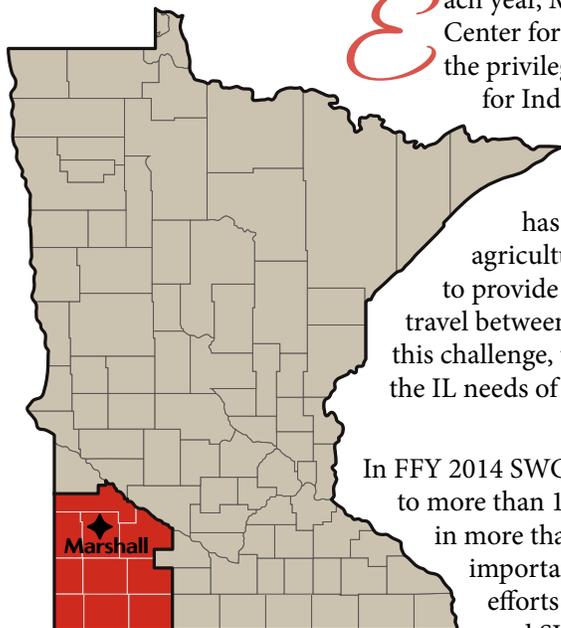
PASILC supports and engages youth by holding a statewide event yearly and co-sponsoring a transition conference. These efforts help to engage youth and support their growth. Transportation is a large barrier for youth and others with disabilities. A lack of transportation prevents them from becoming engaged.

Z is originally from Somalia. She contracted polio when she was two years old. In the village where she grew up, her family and community treated her just the same as they treated her 12 brothers and sisters. There was no special education and no buses. She arrived in the U.S. as an elementary school student. She was sent to a different school

from the one her siblings attended and enrolled in a special education program. Little by little, she started to see the difference in the way she was treated, and eventually she realized the reasons why.

In Somalia, you do not move out of the house until you get married. This can be a big barrier to independent living. PASILC and CILs work very hard to help parents in the Somali community. Culture and varying education levels make clear understanding of independent living a challenge. Minnesota has one of the largest populations of people from Somalia in the U.S., so it is important that MNSILC has more knowledge of Somali culture. Thanks to Z's visit with us, we know and understand more.

## MNSILC VISIT TO THE SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

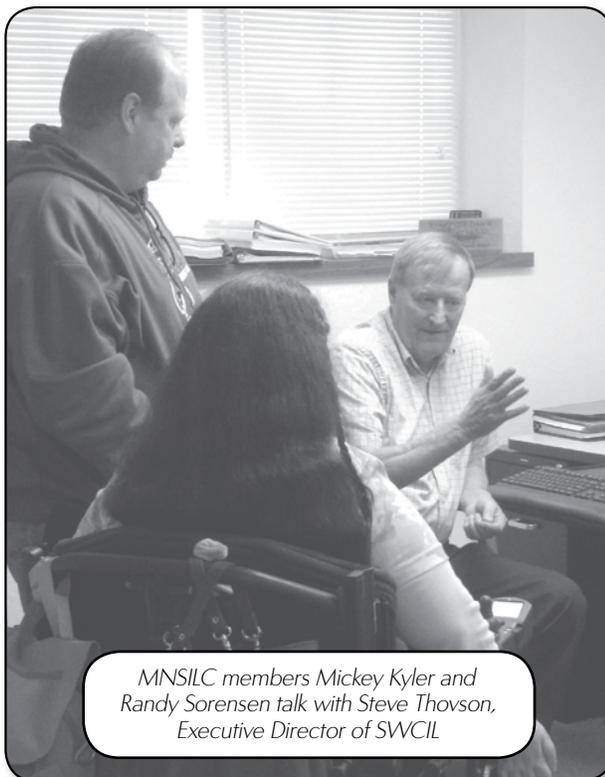


Each year, MNSILC visits at least one Greater Minnesota Center for Independent Living (CIL). In 2014, we had the privilege of learning about the Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL) in Marshall.

Executive Director Steve Thovson and his staff shared an overview of their CIL, which has the challenge of providing services in a rural agricultural area. Often staff travel 60 miles one way to provide services, and full-time direct service staff travel between 10,000 and 14,000 miles each year. Despite this challenge, they try to be as efficient as possible to meet the IL needs of these rural communities.

In FFY 2014 SWCIL provided youth in transition services to more than 180 students and young adults, ages 13-21, in more than 20 Southwest Minnesota schools. An important part of these services is the collaborative efforts of local vocational rehabilitation counselors and SWCIL staff working together to serve these

students. SWCIL responds to individual needs in each of the schools they serve with the goal of helping students be more independent and learn skills that will help them as they transition into adult living or post-secondary education. SWCIL provides IL skills training, support in developing good social skills, understanding of appropriate work behaviors, cooking classes, driver education support, and help in transitioning to college, as well as others.



MNSILC members Mickey Kyler and Randy Sorensen talk with Steve Thovson, Executive Director of SWCIL

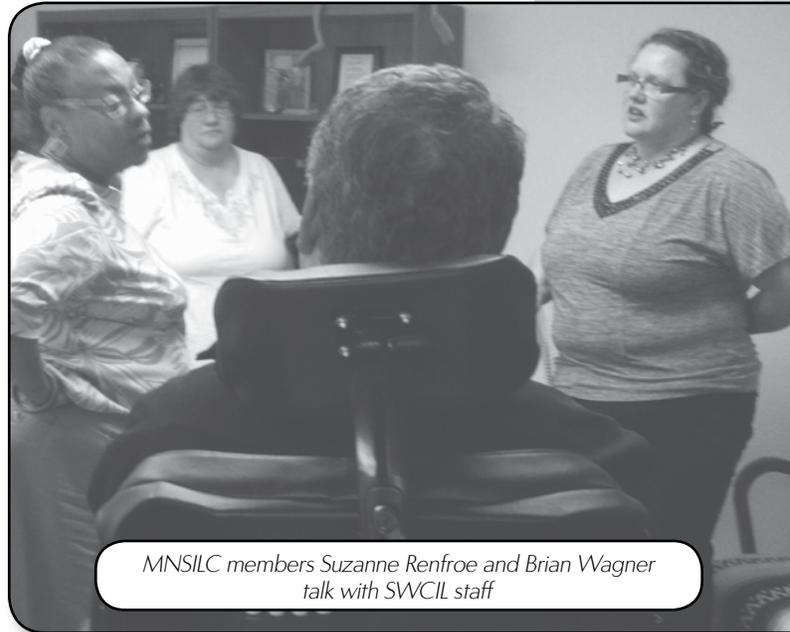
# A VISIT TO MINNESOTA'S SOUTHWEST CORNER

Another of SWCIL's unique services is its work with veterans. In FFY 2014 staff served 29 veterans and their families by providing assessments and case management to meet veterans' needs for additional services or adaptations/products that will allow them to stay living in their home. SWCIL provided information and referral assistance to 681 individuals, 13 percent of whom identified as veterans.

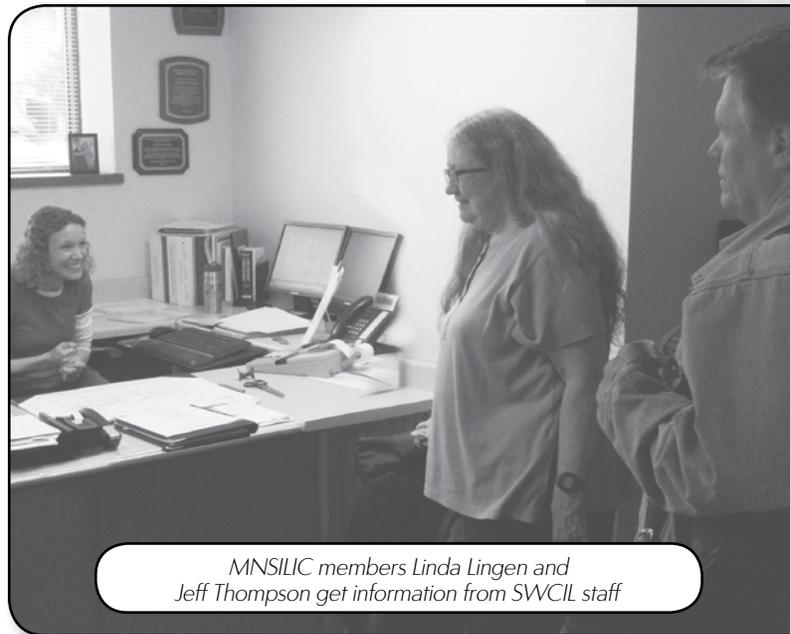
SWCIL is a community-based organization, familiar with the communities they serve and the local resources available. This allows staff to react to a situation quickly. Some veterans are leery of government agencies and are more willing to work with an agency like SWCIL because they are non-governmental. There is definitely a niche the CILs can fill in providing the community based services that our nation's veterans deserve.

Michelle Pflaum, a SWCIL board member and access coordinator for Western Community Action (WCA), discussed the challenges in Southwest Minnesota for people with disabilities who use accessible public transit. WCA in Marshall works with the local public transit system to serve individuals with disabilities, as the general public. WCA also serves four counties with lift accessible buses and operates a volunteer drive program. A SWCIL staff person serves as chair of the Marshall Area Transit Committee.

This visit to SWCIL helped Council members learn more about the services of this Center. The unique ways in which each Center responds to their community's needs provides members with greater understanding of independent living needs, issues, and challenges around the state. It also gives members ideas about the necessity for each Center to respond creatively in order to meet that community need and provide services despite small budgets and increasing legislative mandates.



*MNSILC members Suzanne Renfroe and Brian Wagner talk with SWCIL staff*



*MNSILC members Linda Lingen and Jeff Thompson get information from SWCIL staff*

## TRANSITIONING FROM SCHOOL TO ADULT LIVING

By Alivia Brancamp, LQPV High School



Alivia Brancamp

Last year I learned about Post-Secondary Options in a group setting with staff from the Southwest Center for Independent Living (SWCIL). We learned about tuition and housing costs, student housing options, things we will need in college, and things we might want to have in college. We also talked about other expenses, like entertainment, food, clothes, books, and utilities. SWCIL staff also helped us research different colleges, and compared which ones we would like to go to.

I learned about how to manage a budget, which will be very helpful when I go off to college. We talked about watching what we spend and not living beyond our means. SWCIL staff also talked about issues that can come from having roommates, how to choose roommates wisely, and how to respond in different social situations. We also talked about how to get assistance if we are struggling with classes, or need to have assistance in areas due to our personal needs.

After high school, I plan to go to school at Lake Area Tech in Watertown, SD, to study cosmetology. I have already sent in my application and transcript. I still need to take the Accuplacer test, and plan to take that in the near future. I have not applied for scholarships yet, but I have looked into them.

I have looked into apartments available near the campus, through resources I received from the school. After working with SWCIL staff, I feel much more prepared to go to college and know how and where to look for assistances that I may need while attending school.

I am currently working on driver education. We are getting close to the end of the manual, and I hope to be ready to take my permit test in the near future. I feel that I am able to understand the material in the manual better now while working with SWCIL staff than when I took the driver education class in school. Having my permit will get me one step closer to having my driver's license. This will allow me to get myself back and forth from school to see my family, and also provide mobility in getting to and from a job.

## HARLEY'S STORY: TO IRAQ AND BACK



Harley Capps

After the events of September 11, 2001, Harley Capps enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq. Harley served two back-to-back deployments before his service in the USMC was up. He returned home, glad to have served his country and thinking everything was all right.

He got a position with the Veterans Administration (VA) in St. Paul. It was a fast-paced job, and Harley had a hard time keeping up. Something felt wrong; he was out of sorts all the time and frequently found it necessary to take sick time or leave work early. One day he told his supervisor that he was feeling very depressed, and was advised to seek VA mental health triage. He was referred to a residential treatment program at the St. Cloud VA, where he spent about three months and learned that he had severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression.

After his release from the St. Cloud VA, Harley tried to get this life back on track but found it very difficult to function in daily life. He returned for additional residential treatment and eventually contacted Michelle Gatz, one of the local veteran service officers. She filed a compensation claim with the VA and referred Harley to SWCIL for help in getting an SSDI claim approved under the Wounded Warrior program. Today life for Harley is better. He does some light volunteer work, sees his VA therapist regularly, and is active in a number of veteran support groups in his area.

# MNSILC EXAMINES THE OLMSTEAD PLAN

## MINNESOTA'S OLMSTEAD PLAN

Because independent living lies at the very heart of Minnesota's Olmstead Plan, MNSILC appointed a committee to monitor and provide feedback on the development and implementation of the plan. The committee will develop a report at the end of the current fiscal year, summarizing successes, challenges, and progress on the plan. The report may be viewed in its entirety on MNSILC's website at [mn.gov/deed/silc](http://mn.gov/deed/silc).

## WHAT IS THE OLMSTEAD PLAN?

### FEDERAL LAW

In *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the United State Supreme Court held that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires the placement of persons with mental disabilities in community settings rather than in institutions, except in a few exceptional cases. The Olmstead decision did not require a state plan, but compliance with the court's decision has proved difficult to demonstrate without a formal Olmstead Plan. The Supreme Court made it clear that the establishment and implementation of a "comprehensive, effectively working plan" is a vital criterion for evaluating a state's compliance with the court's decree.

### MINNESOTA'S JENSEN SETTLEMENT

In July 2009, three former residents of the Minnesota Extended Treatment Options program (METO) in Cambridge, MN, and their parents, brought a class action lawsuit against the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in the United States District Court, District of Minnesota. In June 2011, the plaintiffs on behalf of the class, and the state reached a comprehensive settlement agreement, "The Jensen Settlement", which was approved by the court on December 5, 2011.

### MINNESOTA'S PLAN APPROVAL AND STATUS

Minnesota's initial Olmstead Plan was approved by the court in January 2014, with the stipulation that considerable modifications were needed to ensure accountability. Judge Donovan Frank ruled in October 2014 that the latest plan modifications were not acceptable to the Court, and further modifications are under way as this report is written.

### SUMMARY

Olmstead remains a hope and a challenge for Minnesota. There has been progress made, but much work remains before Minnesota is able to fully meet the intent and letter of law. MNSILC supports the work that needs to be done, the efforts of the Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO) to meet the challenges of implementation, and watchful that people with disabilities are able to achieve independent living within their chosen communities. We will continue to provide feedback to the OIO and future reports will be available on our website.

The Olmstead Subcabinet embraces the Olmstead decision as a key component of achieving a Better Minnesota for all Minnesotans, and strives to ensure that Minnesotans with disabilities will have the opportunity, both now and in the future, to live close to their families and friends, to live more independently, to engage in productive employment and to participate in community life.

## CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND PERSON-CENTERED PLANNING

Minnesota Centers for Independent Living (CILs) operate under the independent living philosophy, which holds that individuals with disabilities have the right to live with dignity and with appropriate support in their own homes, to fully participate in their communities, and to control and make decisions about their lives. Both the independent living philosophy and person-centered thinking and planning are foundational to the operation of CILs. When an individual initiates or drives the process of setting goals and choosing service options, it supports positive self-control and self-direction.

### PERSON-CENTERED SERVICES EMPHASIZE:

- The importance of being listened to and the effect of having positive control.
- The role of daily rituals and routines.
- How to discover what is important to people.
- How to respectfully address significant issues of health or safety while supporting choice.
- How to develop goals that help people get more of what is important to them while addressing issues of health and safety.

Independent living program services and supports are instrumental in helping people with disabilities live independently in the least restrictive environment. CILs provide services of advocacy (individual and systems), independent skills training, information and referral, peer counseling, and transition. Each center also determines other services based on local area needs. The following stories illustrate the benefits of independent living programs and services and person-centered planning.



MNSILC members Sharla Scullen and Mitzi Mellott with SWCIL Staff Melissa Doherty and Stacey Knutson and SEMCIL staff Allen Chandler and Krystal Horn gather to march to the Capitol with NCIL. After the rally at the Capitol, the group met with Senators Franken and Klobuchar to talk about Independent Living

# ACCESS NORTH RAMP PROJECT

## SIMPLE FREEDOMS ENRICH QUALITY OF LIFE

Advancing age and disability made it increasingly difficult for Betty and Bruce Fountain to get around in the split level home that they built together many years ago. They wanted to stay independent but didn't know where to turn for assistance. Then, in 2013, Betty contacted Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota and asked, "What can we do? Who can help us?"

Knowing that Betty's husband was a veteran, Sheri, an Independent Living Specialist from Access North, put together veterans' benefit information. Through this referral process, the couple obtained a hospital bed and power scooter for Bruce. Unfortunately, Bruce's health deteriorated and he had to be moved into a hospital setting; he passed away later that spring.

Early in the summer of 2013, Access North staff helped Betty get a consultation to be screened for long-term care funding, which would provide the services and supports to remain living in her home. Access North helped find contractors to remodel a bathroom — with grab bars, a raised toilet, and accessible roll-in shower — and put in a stair-lift to get from the upper level of the split entry home down to the front door.

Early in the summer of 2014, Sheri and Jason, Independent Living Specialists with Access North, installed a temporary ramp on Betty's home and



*Betty and the crew from Access North that built Betty's ramp.*

provided a manual wheelchair from Access North's Assistive Technology Loan Program so she could enhance her mobility. Then in July, ramp coordinator Bob Brown and a dozen Access North office staff, spent a day building a permanent ramp.

On a beautiful summer day, Betty and her daughter, along with son-in-law and granddaughter, gathered to see the finished product. "I can feel the warmth of the sun on my face," Betty said as she held her hands to her face. It was the first time in 14 years that she had been able to get out of the house. With tears in her eyes, Betty noted how big and beautiful the trees had grown that her late husband had planted many years before.

Neighborhood kids from the daycare across the street came running over to greet Betty because they knew that she had loved watching them play from her living room window but was

never able to come outside. It was an emotional experience for everyone. There was not a dry eye to be found.

Betty no longer felt afraid to leave her home, and was excited to be able to get to an eye doctor appointment later that week (Betty's eyeglass prescriptions were 15 years old). She also was excited to tell everyone that she'd be able to go to her neighbor's 90th birthday party — a celebration that in all the past years she was unable to attend because she couldn't leave her home.

Access North's Ramp Project has installed over 1,100 ramps throughout northeastern Minnesota. This is one example of how this program, along with the support of a few caring Independent Living Specialists, has helped people with disabilities continue to live independently in their communities.

## FROM JUST SURVIVING TO COMPLETE CONTROL

It is truly incredible what a difference two years can make in someone's life. From down and out in 2012 to up and moving forward in 2014, Jennifer Blom has transformed her life into one full of drive and determination to live the way she wants: independent and with her family.

"When I first met Jennifer back on that cold February day in 2011, I believed that I would basically be helping her find some resources in the community, assist her in understanding some paperwork, and our relationship would be done," said Joyce Wolter, Freedom Resource Center's Independent Living Advocate in Wahpeton. "That definitely was not the case."

Months of sharing good moments and bad created a strong relationship between the two in Wahpeton-Breckenridge. "It is amazing to remember some of the hurdles that Jennifer has overcome," Joyce continued. "For many people it would have been much easier to say; 'I'm done, I give up, forget it,' but Jennifer never did. She found the strength to carry on."

Nearly three years after finding Freedom Resource Center, Jennifer has gone from just "surviving," as she used to say, to taking control of her life. She has also given back to many others in her community who needed help. A frequent volunteer in Freedom's Wahpeton office, Jennifer has helped invite people to monthly Freedom in Action events along with helping to organize the office.

"Our relationship has evolved from her needing my assistance to me needing her assistance," Joyce said.

"It is just fun to be there, help organize, and ask people to come out and get involved," Jennifer said.

Jennifer has also been a peer mentor to others in the area.

"Mentoring is fun, but it is also challenging," Jennifer said. "You want to help each other succeed and that isn't always easy, I've come to learn. Some have worked out well; others will work out over time if they keep trying."

Deciding to further her education for a potential career, Jennifer is working to earn her degree in social work. "I want to be like Joyce, an advocate for others, and I want to work in an environment like Freedom Resource Center and your model of helping others," Jennifer said.

Joyce smiled: "She often reminds me that she wants to literally fill my chair when I retire and I, for one, have no doubt that she could."



Jennifer is beginning yet another life journey and moving closer to her children. It won't be easy, but both Joyce and Jennifer are confident she'll make it work. "I've already transferred to online classes and look to join St. Cloud State University next fall to continue my degree in social work," she said.

Jennifer survived many hurdles along the way and is using her determination to improve her life. This affected not only her life but her family's life as well. Jennifer is now making her own decisions, finding the supports she needs, and giving back to her community.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT COLLABORATION

## VRS/IL COLLABORATION

The VRS/IL collaboration continues to serve Minnesotans with disabilities who can benefit from both vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to meet their goals for working and living in the community. In FFY 2014 the Department of Employment and Economic Development Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Division dedicated \$1,037,500 in program income to fund locally designed collaboration grants with each of Minnesota's Centers for Independent Living.

In FFY 2014, 1,252 VRS consumers were served by the collaboration, with 8,130 service hours being provided. Employment outcomes continue

to improve, as a result of this collaboration. The employment rate for participants in 2014 was 66 percent. For those VRS consumers who did not receive services under the collaboration, the employment rate was 61.4 percent. Funding for the VRS/IL collaboration has been continued for FFY 2015.

## 2013 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

MNSILC continues to look for opportunities to collaborate with others. This year the council worked with the eight Centers for Independent Living: Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota (CILNM), Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living (FREEDOM), Independent Lifestyles Inc. Center for Independent Living (ILICIL), Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL),

Options Resource Center for Independent Living (OPTIONS), Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living (SEMCIL), Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises and Services (SMILES) and Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL).

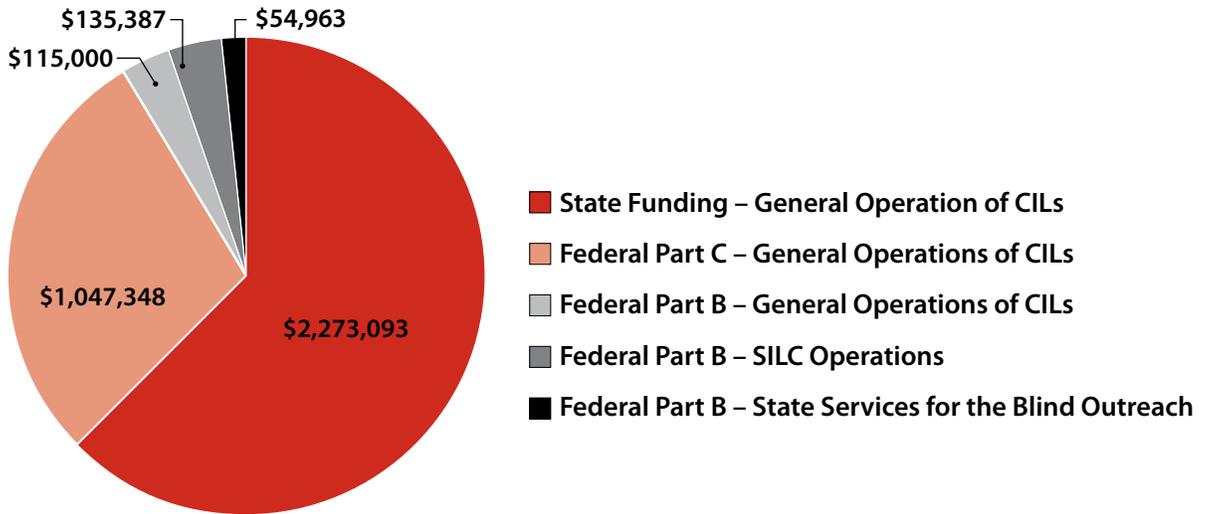
The Council also collaborated with the following agencies and councils: Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD),

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development/Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DEED/VRS), State Rehabilitation Council-Blind (SRC-B), State Rehabilitation Council- General (SRC-G) and State Services for the Blind (SSB).



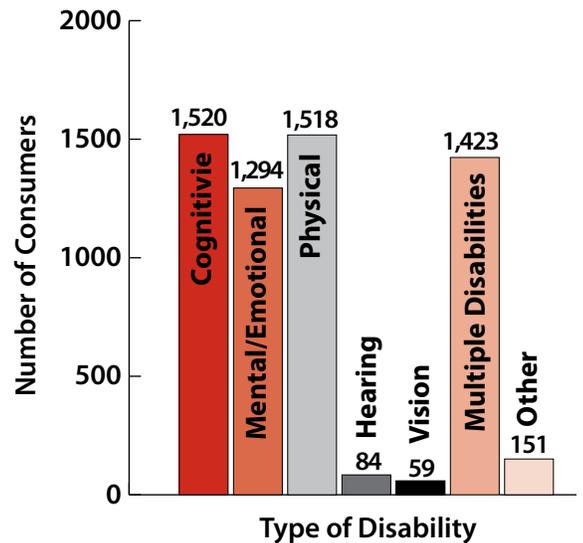
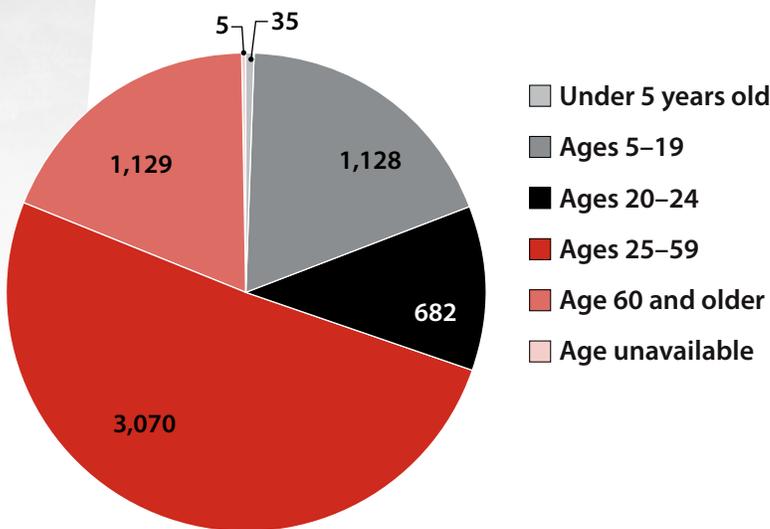
MNSILC members at a meeting. BACK ROW: William Rudolph, William Negaard, Mitze Mellott, Sharla Scullen, Jeff Thompson, Brad Westerlund; MIDDLE ROW: Linda Lingen, Suzanne Renfro, Larry Lura; FRONT ROW: Idelle Longman, Mark Mertens, Mickey Kyle, Brian Wagner.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING FUNDING DISTRIBUTION



## TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

In FFY 2014, 6,049 individuals were served by Minnesota’s eight CILs which provided a total 77,632 received services, including the Independent Living (IL) core services.







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