



Fund the 5 ILCs at \$550K each

Connecticut's 5 Independent Living Centers (ILCs) help people of all ages, with all types of disabilities, live independently in the community.

A 2016 report conducted by the Indiana Business Research Center concluded that \$5.5M is the true cost to fully fund CT's ILCs - permitting them to meet the needs in the state & identified a minimum base level of state funding of \$550K per ILC. To access the report:

cacil.net/il-funding-formula

The ILCs are currently receiving \$312,972 in state funding which funds all 5 ILCs. This level of funding is the result of many years of funding cuts.

CT provides the lowest amount of state funding to its ILCs compared to our adjacent states.

Funding Per ILC/Year:

Massachusetts - \$714,612
 New York - \$334,025
 Rhode Island - \$302,560
 Connecticut - \$62,594

In 2020, due to COVID-19, the ILCs had a 51% increase in requests for services & we anticipate further increases in 2021.

ILCs Save the State Money

In FY 19-20, the ILCs transitioned 93 people out of nursing facilities, **saving the state more than \$6M** & saving lives.

The ILCs helped hundreds avoid costly institutions.

Employment services help people get and keep jobs.

What are the Independent Living Centers?

ILCs are non-residential organizations that empower people with disabilities through information, counseling and support services:

- Develop lifelong independent living skills;
- Find and maintain housing in their community;
- Develop job readiness skills and accessing employment;
- Transition out of nursing facilities through Money Follows the Person (MFP) and other ILC programs;
- Gain access to services that prevent the need for placement in a nursing facility;
- Connect to appropriate technology to support independent living;
- Access health care & community supports, recreation, transportation and other resources, and services that promote independence;
- Get benefits counseling;
- Advocate for themselves and others.

Access Independence
 80 Ferry Blvd; Stratford

Center for Disability Rights
 369 Highland Street; West Haven

Disabilities Network of Eastern CT
 19 Ohio Avenue; Norwich

Independence Northwest
 1183 New Haven Road; Naugatuck

Independence Unlimited
 151 New Park Avenue; Hartford