



## **8 GOOD REASONS TO JOIN APRIL**

1. Connection to over 260 CILs, SILCs, other organizations and individuals who share your rural independent living concerns.
2. Significantly reduced rates to attend the annual National Conference on Rural Independent Living (held at different locations each year).
3. Access to information and resources (free or at discounted rates) from our partners at the top research and training centers on independent living and rural issues:
  - University of Montana's RTC Rural: Rural Institute on Disabilities
  - University of Kansas: RTC on Full Participation in Independent Living
  - Independent Living Research Utilization's: IL Net
  - World Institute on Disability, RRTC on Independent Living Management
4. Representation on APRIL Boards and Councils to ensure you have a voice at the table when it comes to research, training, and dissemination of APRIL priority information.
5. Ability to participation in APRIL's Transportation Committee. Be a part of a national campaign as part of APRIL's initiative to expand transportation options to rural Americans with disabilities.
6. Receive complimentary copies of APRIL's Newsletter, Topic Papers, Annual Reports and Membership Directory (upon request). Visit the APRIL website and subscribe to our newsletter on rural transportation and/or rural IL Leadership.
7. Access to mentoring opportunities; training & technical assistance; Peer Support Calls; IL Conversations and special topic workshops through APRIL's various training activities such as the IL Net CIL to CIL and SILC to SILC Mentoring Programs as well as various Calls to Rural America.
8. Participate in APRIL's growing Youth Movement. APRIL was one of the first national organizations to priority youth seats on our Board of Directors. Join the APRIL Youth Steering Committee as they plan for the Youth Conference (that takes place during the annual APRIL Conference) or take part in Youth Coordinator calls.

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