# CIL Certification in Colorado

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### **Introductions**



### **Colorado Presenters**



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### **Colorado State Laws**





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#### **CIL Advocacy**

#### SB 15-240

- Defines eligible agency under Title VII, Section 725 of the federal "Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- Provides each CIL \$600,000 in state general funds as base minimum.

#### SB 16-093

- Establishes the Office of Independent Living Services to oversee contracts with CILs
- Authorizes Office to certify CILs based on standards and indicators in the Rehab Act
- Required the establishment of a funding formula for how to distribute state general funds about the base minimum





### **CIL Certification Process**



#### **Schedules Review Dates**

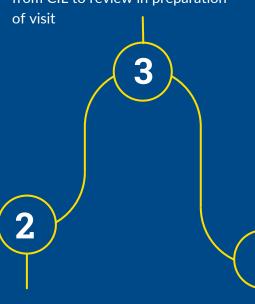
CIL Executive Director and Office of Independent Living Services

### CIL Certification

**Process & Timeline** 

#### **Documents Request**

Office requests documentation from CIL to review in preparation of visit



#### **Identify Peer Evaluator**

Based on schedule review dates & preferences

#### **Report & Certification**

Certification instrument & report completed and provided to CIL results in certification or provisional certification



#### **Conduct Site Review**

Office and Peer Evaluator interview CIL ED, Staff, BOD, and consumers, review documentation, review CSRs



### **Certification Instrument & Report**

- Based off of standards and indicators of Rehab Act
  - Collaboration with CIL ED's when revamped
- Modeled in line with ACL's COMP Tool
- Review of finances any financial policies is completed annually by Colorado Department of Labor and Employment



### **CIL Certification Process Highlights**

- 1. Process concludes in the certification of a CIL
- 2. Peer Reviewer





# **CIL Perspective**











### **Center for Independent Living Perspective**

- Genesis
- Evolution of Value to Peer monitoring
- Including more team members
- Better Together evolution
- Succession



## **Association of Colorado Centers for Independent** Living (ACCIL)

### **Better Together**

#### Initiative

- Collaboration over competition
- Community over toxic individualism
- Connection over networking
- Horizontal power sharing over hierarchies











### **CIL** perspective

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