

# CIL Certification in Colorado

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# Introductions

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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

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## Process & Timeline

### Schedules Review Dates

CIL Executive Director and Office of Independent Living Services

1

### Documents Request

Office requests documentation from CIL to review in preparation of visit

3

### Report & Certification

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

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2

### Identify Peer Evaluator

Based on schedule review dates & preferences

4

### 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



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## CIL Perspective



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# 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



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**Thank  
You!**

**Until We  
Meet Again!**



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