

Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 311
Waterbury, Vermont 05676

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

The Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires that people with disabilities (or their parents or guardians or other interested parties) be recruited for the Statewide Independent Living Council. If you have experience with a disability, the information you present will be confidential and used solely for considering your application.

Why are you interested in appointment to the Statewide Independent Living Council?

What is your experience with a disability?

What does “independent living” mean to you? What is your philosophy of living independently?

How would your strengths contribute to the SILC?

What do you know about centers for independent living and other independent living services in Vermont? What changes or improvements would you like to see?

Please attach a brief narrative introducing yourself to the persons reviewing your application.

Return this application form, including your narrative, to:

Lynne Goodson, Executive Director
Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 311
Waterbury, VT 05676

If you would like further information, please call
Lynne Goodson at 244-5895 or e-mail VTSILC@aol.com.

Thank you for your interest in the
Statewide Independent Living Council.

The Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council

Statement of Mission

The Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council exists to advance the equality with which people with disabilities enjoy, participate in and contribute to the lives of their communities, families, and friends.

Role of the SILC

The federal Rehabilitation Act requires each state to maintain a Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) to monitor programs that help disabled people live with independence and dignity in their own homes (as opposed to nursing homes or other institutions). In Vermont, as in other states, the 17 voting members of the SILC are appointed by the governor and the majority of them must be persons with significant disabilities. Collectively, they must represent all regions of the state as well as a broad spectrum of disabilities. The executive director of the Vermont Center for Independent Living is a voting member of the SILC; the directors of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired are non-voting (“ex-officio”) members.

The SILC develops and monitors the State Plan for Independent Living, awards grants for direct services, and advocates for programs and services that enable people to participate as full and equal members of their communities.