Statewide Independent Living Council of Tennessee

Prospective Council Member Orientation Checklist

Prior to appointment, prospective Council members come to SILC with varying levels of familiarity with the Independent Living (IL) philosophy, disability issues, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), and IL services. The activities below help SILC gauge a prospective member's initial understanding, engagement, and readiness to serve.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Filling out the gubernatorial application
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Bio
- ☐ Headshot

Orientation Activities

- ☐ Attend at least one quarterly SILC meeting (in person or via Zoom) or recording
- ☐ Watch the PBS documentary *Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act* — watch on PBS.org
- ☐ Visit your closest Center for Independent Living (CIL), in person or virtually:
  - ☐ Tri-State Resource and Advocacy Corp. – Chattanooga area
  - ☐ Disability Connection Midsouth – Memphis
  - ☐ Empower Tennessee – Nashville
  - ☐ Jackson Center for Independent Living – Jackson
  - ☐ TARP Center for Independent Living – Paris
  - ☐ disABILITY Resource Center – Knoxville
- ☐ Participate in national webinars hosted by:
  - ☐ NCIL – National Council on Independent Living
  - ☐ NASILC – National Assoc. of Statewide IL Councils
  - ☐ APRIL – Assoc. of Programs for Rural Independent Living
  - ☐ ILTTA Center – IL Training & Technical Assistance Center

About the Council

SILC's mission is to promote and support the Independent Living philosophy through implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The Council provides statewide representation, and the majority of its members are individuals with disabilities appointed by the Governor to serve a three-year term.

Council Member Expectations

- ☐ Four quarterly meetings are held each year
- ☐ Every meeting offers a hybrid Zoom option for members who cannot attend in person
- ☐ Joining and actively participating on a committee is part of Council service
- ☐ Ongoing training outside of Council meetings is required, including keeping current on your individual training plan

By signing below, I confirm that I have completed the orientation activities checked above and am ready to be considered for appointment to the Statewide Independent Living Council of Tennessee.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

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