



**28th Annual SILC Congress
Pre-Conference March 16, 2026
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Welcome to the 28th Annual SILC Congress

The National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils Board of Directors, SILC Congress Planning Committee, the Florida Statewide Independent Living Council and Rosen Centre welcome you to the 2026 SILC Congress. This year marks our 28th conference. We thank you for your attendance and continued support.

As we think about this year's theme: "*RISE Together for a Stronger Independent Living Future – Resilience, Independence, Sustainability, Empowerment*" – I reflect on the last few years and am reminded of the many times we have come together and through collaboration we continue to RISE, we are stronger together.

NASILC has really rallied our members, our partners and peers within our networks. And you all have shown up, time and time again!

2025 NASILC Highlights –

- Held 37 Peer Support calls between April-December
- Increased membership - 39 SILC Voting Members & 6 Affiliate Members
- Participated in collaboration efforts with the other National IL organizations (APRIL & NCIL) including joint presentations, co-sponsoring the 35th Anniversary of the ADA - NCIL Hill March & Rally, co-developing several joint statements, and co-facilitating multiple calls to action.
- Planned and facilitated in collaboration with the IL T&TA Center and project partners 8 SILC Connection calls, encouraging engagement and peer learning and sharing.
- Successfully obtained, executed and renewed 2 contracts – HSRI – Grassroots Project and IL T&TA Center.

All of these highlights point to one thing – connections and relationships.

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As your current chair and an active member of the independent living movement, I feel it is essential that we work in partnership with CILs, DSEs and other organizations both nationally and in our respective states to protect and secure funding, programs, and initiatives that are essential to people who have disabilities.

I strongly believe the future of IL is about coming together, developing and fostering sustainable relationships, proactively planning for the future, empowering one another and making room for the next generation while welcoming that generation to the table.

Through our communications and collaborative efforts, we fulfill our purpose and further our opportunities for partnership and collaboration. NASILC offers the peer support to strengthen SILCs autonomy and value while supporting one another.

The Conference Planning Committee has worked hard to ensure that this conference will provide you with presentations, workshops, opportunities for dialogue and networking that will support your work. I thank you for the investment you have made in this conference and trust that you will benefit from what you have learned, and the relationships created.

SILC Congress could not happen without the help of many dedicated people who volunteer a significant amount of time to plan and organize this conference. I want to take a moment to thank the committee members for all their hard work and the support of their respective SILCs to make SILC Congress a success, Thank YOU.

I would also like to thank the 2026 SILC Congress sponsors:
Community Catalyst Sponsors – Q90 & United Healthcare

With warmest regards,
Brooke Wilson, Chair – NASILC

Conference Schedule of Events

All General Sessions will be held in Salon 9/10

Full session descriptions begin on page 9

Pre-Conference - Monday, March 16, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: - Check-in and Registration

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm: - SILC 101 with IL T&TA Center
(Facilitators: Sandra Breitengross Bitter and Paula McElwee, IL
T&TA Center Presenters: Jeremy Morris, Carrie England, and
Gloria Garton)

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: – Networking Reception
Spend time visiting with other attendees and start making those
connections. Light appetizers and a cash bar available.

Day 1 – Tuesday, March 17, 2026

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Check-in & Registration

9:00 am – 10:30 am: General Session

- Welcome, Announcements and Housekeeping
- ACL Updates
- All About the Money... - (Brooke Wilson and Jeremy Morris)

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm: General Session

- Building the IL Community - A SILC Centered Approach -
(Jessica Podesva, NCIL)

12:00 pm– 1:00 pm: Lunch (Provided in Salon 7/8)

1:15 pm -2:15 pm: General Session

- Regional Breakouts

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Break

2:45 pm– 4:00 pm: General Session

- Needs Assessment Roundtable – (Carrie England, Jeremy Morris, Edward Mitchell, Mel Leviton)
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Day 2 - Wednesday, March 18, 2026

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Check-in & Registration

9:00 am – 10:30 am: General Session

- State Sharing

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm: General Session

- Annual Meeting – NASILC general updates
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch (Provided in Salon 7/8)

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Breakout Sessions

Salon 9: Easier Said Than Done - The IL Philosophy - (Mel Leviton)

Salon 10: Compelling Storytelling in SILCs Social Media Campaigns – (Gabriela Joglar Burrowes)

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Break

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm: Breakout Sessions

Salon 9: Let's Connect About Post-COVID – (Mellie Adu)

Salon 10: Navigating Compliance in Chaos – (Beth Meyer)

Day 3 - Thursday, March 19, 2026

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Check-in & Registration

9:00 am – 10:30 am: General Session

- SILC Autonomy - IL T&TA Center – (Sandra Breitengross Bitter and Paula McElwee)

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm: General Session

- Gratitude in Action: Making Appreciation a Strategic Leadership Decision – (Carrie England)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch (Provided in Salon 7/8)

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Breakout Sessions

Salon 9: Building a Prepared Independent Living Network: The Delaware Way – (Kathryn Burritt and Delaney Schilling)

Salon 10: AI Tools for Transition Planning – (Mica Stewart)

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Break

Session Descriptions

AI Tools for Transition Planning

This presentation will explore innovative uses of AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) in transition planning. Learn about use cases, potential roadblocks, success stories, and areas where it can assist individuals and professionals alike.

All About the Money...

Exploring the details of the SILC Resource Plan, the SPIL financial tables, and understanding the types and sources of funding for IL.

Building a Prepared Independent Living Network: The Delaware Way

This workshop focuses on creating a robust disaster preparedness strategy for the Independent Living Network and the Access & Functional Needs community.

Building the Independent Living Community - A SILC Centered Approach

Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs) are charged with ensuring that the State Plan on Independent Living (SPIL) reflects the priorities of people with disabilities across the state. Building strong community connections is essential for gathering meaningful input and creating a plan that drives real change. This session will provide SILCs with practical strategies to engage communities and collaborate effectively with Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to support shared goals.

Compelling Storytelling in SILCs Social Media Campaigns

Storytelling is a powerful tool to help your organization reach all audiences, including people with disabilities, and engage this

audience emotionally. This workshop provides a high-level overview of how SILCs can apply compelling storytelling to their social media campaigns. Using real life examples from our Puerto Rico Campaign *Aquí se Vive Independiente* (Here We Live Independently), attendees will learn practical strategies on how to define their voice and create stories that cut through the noise and leave a lasting impression. Learn how to effectively communicate the services independent living centers provide and expand the independent living philosophy by creating strategic partnerships and community connections, and how this is possible even with a nonexistent or very small community outreach budget. The goal is to create stories that don't just tell, they show the independent living philosophy in action.

Easier Said Than Done - The Independent Living Philosophy

The Independent Living (IL) philosophy says that people with disabilities should have the same rights as everyone else—to live where they want, make their own choices, and be part of the community. Sounds easy enough. Yet we all have different backgrounds and experiences, and our values can change from day to day. Philosophy is often vague and personal and it can feel uncomfortable when others question it. IL challenges old ideas about what it means to be independent or valuable, which can make people, especially those in power, feel uneasy or resistant to change. Participants will examine how their experiences, beliefs and values impact their interpretation of the independent living philosophy and how it impacts their interactions with others. We'll explore how our beliefs and ideas connect, and how we can find a better way forward together.

Future in Focus: Using Future Vision to Drive Strategic Planning

Discover a practical, inclusive approach to strategic planning that turns big ideas into achievable results. In this hands-on session, you'll experience an affinity exercise - a collaborative method that ensures every voice is heard in shaping an organization's future. You'll learn how to use this process to create a shared long-term vision, define clear objectives, and set short-term goals that move your organization forward. We'll also explore how to develop metrics to track progress, giving you a framework you can immediately apply to strengthen your own strategic plan.

Gratitude in Action: Making Appreciation a Strategic Leadership Decision

This session reframes gratitude as a strategic leadership tool within State Independent Living Councils, not a soft skill. Participants will explore how intentional, low-cost gratitude practices strengthen engagement, retention, and council effectiveness, while unplanned appreciation creates risks such as burnout, disengagement, and leadership gaps. Through real-world SILC examples and guided reflection, attendees will identify one concrete, immediately implementable practice to take back to their council.

Inclusion Includes Us: How Kentucky is Centering Youth Voices

Youth voice matters in Independent Living. In this session, the Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council (KY SILC) will share how working with state partners helped us start the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). We'll talk about the early steps, what we learned, and how youth are now helping guide our work. You'll also hear from a YAC member about what being involved has

meant to them and why making space for youth leadership is important.

- 1) The importance of centering youth voice.
- 2) How to collaborate with statewide agencies.
- 3) Recognizing how to include and prepare for youth voice.

Let's Connect About Post-COVID

There are over 200 symptoms linked to the chronic health developments experienced by millions of people for months and sometimes years after having COVID-19. There is no universal definition or standard name for these lingering illnesses. Common terms used to refer to these experiences are long COVID, post-COVID-19 condition or syndrome, or long-haul COVID. Almost any organ or bodily system can be impacted by post-COVID, and while considerable efforts are underway to help alleviate these complex manifestations, effective strategies which truly help people through these persistent and challenging circumstances have been elusive. These are our people. So, what are we doing about it?

Come gain some current information about post-COVID, learn from the lived expertise of a colleague who has been navigating post-COVID for 2.5 years, and share your thoughts, experiences, and recommendations, as we harness the power of peer support with a brainstorming exercise designed to develop some beneficial strategies related to post-COVID for SILCs.

Navigating Compliance in Chaos

How to navigate compliance and document barriers while following the SILC Assurances in your state.

Needs Assessment Roundtable

This 90-minute roundtable provides a space to share experiences and learn from one another about conducting statewide needs assessments. Participants will discuss approaches to gathering meaningful consumer and community input, increasing participation, and navigating common challenges, including outreach, accessibility, and timelines. The session emphasizes peer exchange over presentation and is designed to surface practical strategies, lessons learned, and ideas participants can adapt to their own needs assessment processes.

Learning Objectives:

- Share experiences and lessons learned from conducting needs assessments
- Identify strategies to increase participation and accessibility
- Explore practical approaches that peers can adapt to their own processes

SILC 101: Roles, Responsibilities, and Foundations of Effective Councils

This three-part cohort provides an overview of the foundational roles and responsibilities of Statewide Independent Living Councils and their partners. Participants will explore key regulations and indicators governing the IL Network, examine the distinct roles of CILs, SILCs, and DSEs, and develop a shared understanding of how these partners collaborate to advance Independent Living statewide.

Learning Objectives:

- The regulations and indicators regarding the duties, standards, and authorities of all the IL Network partners (CILs, SILC, and DSE).
- The differences between the roles of CILs, SILCs, and DSEs.

- The basics of what the SILC is, what it does, and how it interacts with the other partners.

SILC Autonomy

This training focuses on what SILC autonomy means in practice, why it matters, and how to navigate common challenges.

Participants will explore how autonomy shows up in the roles and responsibilities of SILCs, CILs, and DSEs. Through examples and discussion, the training will clarify common areas of confusion and highlight strategies for maintaining autonomy while working collaboratively.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the legal basis for SILC autonomy
- Identify strategies for maintaining clear boundaries while working collaboratively
- Recognize common compliance risks and apply course-correction strategies

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2026 Speaker Biographies

Beth Meyer has served as Executive Director of the Florida Independent Living Council (FILC) since 2018; she has served as a Region 4 Representative and worked on the National Association of State Independent Living Council (NASILC) policy team, and she sits on the National Council of Independent Living (NCIL) Disability and Disaster Subcommittee. Beth has spent her career as a director at the Center for Independent Living (CIL), a certified ADA coordinator, and the chief of the Disabled Services Division for the City of Jacksonville. In 2013, Beth was appointed by the governor to the Florida Building Commission (FBC), where she worked on the 2014 Florida Accessibility Building Code. As a past Florida Building Commissioner, Beth sits on the Florida Accessibility Advisory Council, reviewing ADA waiver requests for the FBC. A highlight of her career was Division Chief; she managed city-wide activities for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Project Civic Access Settlement Agreement, addressing public access to one of the country's largest counties. Beth attended the University of North Florida as a Special Education Major, completed ADA Certification from the University of Missouri (2012), and received a Professional Associate from the United States Access Board National Associates of ADA Coordinators (2014).

Brooke Wilson is the Executive Director of the Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and has worked in the disability community for 18 years. She found IL in 2009, while in Utah and working for the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, Grassroots Advocacy Partnership (GAP). She previously served as the Executive Director of the Utah SILC before relocating to Oregon in 2019. She is passionate about many issues including, youth involvement/engagement, mental health,

and legislative advocacy. Brooke has served on many National boards and is currently the Chair of NASILC – National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils. Brooke and her husband Corey have 4 children and 3 grandchildren, though Brooke loves children and is a “mom” to many.

Carrie England has been with the California State Independent Living Council (CA SILC) since December 2019. She is actively involved with NASILC, serving as the Region 9 Representative and Regional Representative Chairperson. Before joining CA SILC, Carrie worked at the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) as Section Chief for the Independent Living, Assistive Technology, and Traumatic Brain Injury Section.

Carrie’s career in Independent Living includes serving as the Director of an Independent Living Center (ILC) in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and holding leadership positions with the Iowa State Independent Living Council (SILC). She was also an active member of the Iowa Olmstead Committee for several years. Carrie was the Project Director for the Workability IV Program at Fresno State University as an adjunct faculty member in the Rehabilitation Counseling graduate program. She served as Chair of the Central Valley Mayors Committee, faculty advisor for a student-led organization, and an academic advisor.

Carrie holds two Master’s degrees: one in Rehabilitation Counseling from California State University, Fresno, and another in Human Capital Management from Bellevue University in Nebraska.

Delaney Schilling is a Disaster Preparedness Solutions consultant at Delta Development Group, Inc. located in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Delaney works on a diverse range of disaster preparedness projects, including emergency operations plans, continuity of operations plans, discussion and operations-based

exercises, and training development. Delaney specializes in disaster planning for the Independent Living Network (ILN) and other at-risk populations. Delaney became interested in planning for at-risk populations while she was obtaining her undergraduate degree. Delaney took an American Sign Language (ASL) course during the time that she was working on her senior capstone project, where she could choose any disaster preparedness topic. Delaney landed on "Emergency Notification for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community". From there, her interest only peaked, and Delaney is now an advocate for inclusive disaster preparedness. Delaney highlights the importance of planning with and not for at-risk populations.

Edward Mitchell was a victim of a hit-and-run bicycle accident in 2003 when he was hit by a truck, and thrown into a ditch, and found by his little brother. Edward has quadriplegia with an incomplete spinal cord injury at the C5 and C6 levels.

That hasn't slowed him down; he works as the Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Tennessee while serving on numerous boards, such as United Spinal Association's Tech Access initiative.

Edward was inducted into the Lane College Hall of Distinction for the Young Alumni Achievement Award and was honored to accept the Jefferson - Multiplying Good Award from Leaders Credit Union for advocacy for individuals with disabilities locally and nationally.

Erica McFadden is the Director of the Office of Independent Living Programs at the Administration for Community Living, US Dept of Health & Human Services. While she has been with ACL for a little more than 4 years, she has almost 30 years of experience in the disability field. She has worked in leadership positions at a university think tank, a state DD council, and a Center for Independent Living. She holds a PhD in Public

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Administration & Policy from Arizona State University, an MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and dual bachelor's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She also has cerebral palsy.

Gabriela Joglar Burrowes is a writer, creative marketing expert, disability advocate and Executive Director of Puerto Rico's SILC. She has more than 10 years' experience in digital marketing in a wide range of companies and is the author of three children's books.

Gloria Garton has served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council (NC SILC) since 2022. She brings more than 14 years of leadership experience as the former Executive Director of a Center for Independent Living in Wilmington, North Carolina. Gloria serves as Secretary of the National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils (NASILC) and chairs its Advocacy and National Strategy Committee. She is a dedicated advocate for safe, integrated, affordable, and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities. Gloria holds a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Services from the University of Iowa.

Haley Yetter serves as the Youth Advisory Council Youth Coordinator with the Kentucky SILC. A born-and-raised Arkansan who moved to Louisville in 2021, Haley brings lived experience as a developmentally and physically disabled advocate to every facet of this work. Deeply connected to the Independent Living philosophy, Haley is committed to cross-disability community, self-determination, and expanding opportunities for disabled people to engage in advocacy. Haley believes youth are endlessly creative, wise, and capable of leading meaningful change, and focuses on elevating youth voices through leadership development and peer support. Haley is currently pursuing a BS

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in Human Services with a concentration in Disability Studies at Walden University. Outside of work and school, life is filled with fishing, practicing outdoor skills, playing pinball, and creating collages.

Jeremy Morris is the Executive Director at Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council and a Peer Consultant with the IL T&TA Center. He has been with the Ohio SILC since 2017. Before the SILC he worked at two Centers for Independent Living and is going on 18 years of working professionally in Independent Living. He holds a Bachelor in Business Administration/Finance from the University of Akron.

Jessica Podesva is the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy at the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). Prior to this role, Jessica worked at the Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) as a Senior Community Organizer working primarily on healthcare and transportation issues, including improving Massachusetts's non-emergency medical transportation program and working with the state's Medicaid agency to shorten the timelines for wheelchair repairs. Prior to working at BCIL, Jessica worked as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at Greater Boston Legal Services, where she provided advocacy to ensure that people with disabilities had access to integrated and respectful healthcare in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Jessica has a Juris Doctor degree from New England Law Boston and a B.A. in Communications from SUNY Plattsburgh.

Kathryn Burritt is the Executive Director of the Delaware Statewide Independent Living Council. Ms. Burritt has experience establishing and launching innovative pilot programs, community and stakeholder collaboration initiatives, and resource development efforts. Ms. Burritt has demonstrated a strong commitment to advocacy and policy change through her work in

the Delaware non-profit sector for the past fifteen years. Kathryn's dedication to leadership, peer support, and self-determination aligns perfectly with the Independent Living (IL) Network. Kathryn holds a Master's Degree in Administration of Human Services with an elective concentration in organizational restructuring and fund development. Tau Upsilon Alpha (TUA) National Human Services Honor Society inductee.

Layla Frazier is from Louisville, Kentucky. She is very passionate about making sure others with disabilities feel seen and heard. Layla has lived experience as a developmentally disabled individual. She takes the responsibility of serving as a youth on the Youth Advisory Council extremely serious. Layla takes the quote "nothing about us without us" to heart and she's very dedicated to telling the world what others with disabilities need to succeed even if that means going out of her comfort zone to get her point across. During her free time, Layla enjoys painting, singing, listening to music, and telling jokes!

Megan Kuhlwein began working with the SILC in 2023 as the agency's first full-time Executive Director. She guides statewide efforts to advance disability rights and promote full community participation for Kentuckians with disabilities. In this role, she strengthens partnerships across state agencies, advocacy groups, and community organizations to ensure that the voices of people with disabilities shape policies and priorities throughout the Commonwealth. Megan has worked in Independent Living for more than 10 years, with a deep commitment to self-determination, equity, and the independent living philosophy. She also draws on her lived experience as a disabled individual, shaping her perspective and leadership. Outside of work, Megan is a mom to two young sons and two sweet dogs. She also enjoys quilting, crocheting, hiking, and gardening.

Mel Leviton is the Executive Director of the Idaho State Independent Living Council. She has been with the SILC since 2015 and has more than 30 years' experience working with and for people with disabilities in the private, non-profit and public sectors. In addition to her professional work, Mel shares the experience of being a person with visible and invisible disabilities. She has a strong belief in the ability of a person to know what they like, want and need no matter their disability. Access means we get what we need in a way that works best for us, not the person next to us.

Mellie Adu, Over a 35-year social work career, Mellie Adu has worked with people who have diverse disabilities across the lifespan in three states and currently serves as Chief Executive of Strategy and Innovation for Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (AZSILC). Leveraging lived expertise as a person who has multiple disabilities including chronic illness and violence survivorship, and as the child, sibling, spouse, parent, and grandparent of people who have disabilities, Mellie brings radical authenticity to this critical work and is highly regarded for pioneering replicable and scalable projects, programming, and practices which create opportunities, generate solutions, and sustain enduring outcomes.

Mica Stewart - Mica is a Youth Program Coordinator with the SILC of Alaska, where he organizes their Youth Leadership Forum program and FIRE self-advocacy workshop. He has spent the last 10 years building youth leadership initiatives and peer-based transition planning in Alaska and Arizona. Also, a former software engineer, Mica believes that technology and social work go hand in hand.

Paula McElwee is the Director of Technical Assistance for the Independent Living Training and Technical Assistance Center. Paula holds a master's degree in Rehabilitation Administration and

leads with over 40 years of experience in nonprofit management and Independent Living, including roles as a CIL director and SILC member. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in regulatory compliance and quality improvement. A person with chronic pain and neurological disabilities, McElwee brings both professional depth and lived experience to her leadership in technical assistance.

Sandra Breitengross Bitter is the Project Director for the Independent Living Training and Technical Assistance Center. With over 20 years of experience in government and nonprofit sectors—including leadership roles at the Texas SILC and as IL-NET Director of Training at ILRU—Sandra brings extensive expertise in stakeholder collaboration and program administration. A Hispanic, neurocomplex individual with lived experience in mental health, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Shannon Porter, As a seasoned and visionary leader in the nonprofit sector, Shannon brings a wealth of experience in disability services and organizational management. Her career is marked by a commitment to driving impactful results and fostering inclusive communities. In her six years as CEO of empower: abilities, a CIL in southwest Missouri, she has successfully expanded their service programs and diversified revenue streams, all while ensuring our organization remains steadfast in its mission. This strategic growth has strengthened the ability to serve and advocate for individuals with disabilities, positioning empower: abilities as a resilient and mission-driven organization. Shannon has also served as the CIL director member of the Missouri SILC and currently serves as the chair.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM
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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Treasurers report
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws
 - b. Advocacy & National Strategy
 - c. Membership and Nominations
 - d. Conference Planning
4. Regional Representatives Election Results (Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9)
5. Officer Elections:
 - a. Vice Chair
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Region Representative Chair
6. Other Business

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