**The SILC is required to:**

* Make sure the Council consists mostly of people with significant disabilities chosen by the Governor, and no more than 51% of the membership should be employed by an Independent Living Center (ILC) or a state agency.
* Work on creating, reviewing, and assessing the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).
* Have regular meetings that are open to the public.
* Share the results of the SPIL with the Administration on Community Living (ACL) through the yearly Program Performance Report (PPR), which is submitted together with the Designated State Entity (DSE).
* Be independent, not part of or controlled by another agency.
* Teach people about Independent Living (IL).

**The SILC is not allowed to:**

* Give services directly to people with disabilities. (The SILC staff can only provide information and referrals.)
* Give money to people or groups that aren't mentioned in the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).
* Use federal funds to try to influence decisions (lobby).
* Supervise or direct Independent Living Centers (ILCs) or the Designated State Entity (DSE).
* Use more than 30% of Title VIIB funds for administrative purposes.

**What is the role of the SILC in California?**

* Develop, implement, and monitor the SPIL. This is a big plan for making independent living better for people with disabilities in California.
* Lots of people and groups in California who work on independent living join together to create this plan.
* The plan figures out what people with disabilities in California need and how the ILCs can address those issues in their local communities.
* The plan also says how money and other resources will be used to make the plan work well. It sets up ways to check and make sure the plan is doing what it's supposed to do.
* People in California can give their thoughts and ideas to make the plan better during public hearings and public comments. Ultimately, the SPIL is written by the SILC after hearing feedback from the community.

**What are some of the things SILC members are responsible for?**

* Working together to create a SPIL for the IL Network, and continuing to work together to implement it and monitor the progress. SILC Members are the decision makers.
* Educating their local community about IL. This also includes educating their local legislators on issues that are important to the SILC.
* Regularly attending monthly SILC meetings.

**What are some of the things SILC staff are responsible for?**

* SILC Staff support the work of the Council.
* SILC Staff handle the administrative duties of running a state agency, scheduling meetings, posting documents, and providing technical assistance to members.
* SILC Staff are NOT decision makers, they may only support the work of the Council. They may not conduct the work.
* SILC Staff do not lead meetings unless there is a temporary need due to absence of a convener for the group.
* SILC Staff are subject to the same rules as any state agency employee.
* Staff coordinate documents related to the SPIL, help to gather signatures for the SPIL, and submit the SPIL to the ACL on behalf of the CA IL Network.