

Input for State Plan Development

Before developing the State Plan for Independent Living, the SILC asked Oregonians who experience disabilities to tell us about their needs. We asked three questions. The top five things we heard are included below. While we will not likely eliminate these issues in the next three years, Oregon's Independent Living Network will be working toward improvements in local service areas and at the state level.

A. What are your most pressing needs or concerns right now? What do they see as priorities?

The top 5 priorities, listed in order were:

1. Transportation (including accessibility of transportation) – 24%
2. Housing that meets the needs of the individual – 16%
3. Aging in Place – 11%
4. Accessibility in General (multiple issues) – 11%
5. Home care/supportive care needed to maintain independence – 7%

B. What resources or supports are most important to you? What couldn't you live without?

The top 5 things mentioned, listed in order were:

1. Socialization/Community Engagement – 20%
2. Transportation – 12%
3. Caregivers/Personal Support Workers – 12%
4. Affordable/Accessible/Safe Housing (including resources to age in place) – 7 %
5. Centers for Independent Living – 5%

C. How could supports better meet your needs?

The top 5 things mentioned, listed in order were:

1. Diminish program silos and get them working/communicating with each other – 11%
2. Eliminate barriers for gaining/maintaining caregivers – 11%
3. More flexibility within programs – income guidelines, etc. – 9%
4. More responsive services/programs to consumer calls/messages) – 9%
5. Transportation that is accessible and available at time/location of need (nights, weekends, rural) – 9%