INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Independent Living (IL) Program is requesting $275,000 ongoing pass through funding to be allocated amongst the six Independent Living Centers across the State (see map on back).

This pass through funding request will assist the six Centers to continue their efforts to serve underserved populations. Individuals with significant disabilities need community supports and services to live in community based settings, which foster independence and productivity. Each Center is a unique, non-residential, nonprofit service agency that assists individuals of all ages, with all types of disabilities to increase or maintain their independence in their own home and community.

Funding will support programs and expenses to maintain current levels of services in all programs including skill training, youth services, assistive technology assessment, nursing home transition and individual and system advocacy.

FY 2014 IL Programs throughout Utah provided (data from December 2014 annual reports):

- 7,141 people with disabilities (unduplicated) received services from one of the six IL Programs.
- 204 client/consumer load average per IL direct service staff member
- 48,358 individual services were provided (a 30% increase from the prior year)
- 1,051 youth were provided skills and leadership training and participated in programs to increase their level of independence. This is an increase of 78% from four years ago.
- 333 persons were diverted from entering and 93 were transitioned out of long term care facilities saving over 3.6 million* in Medicaid dollars. * (Referenced from 2013 Medicaid CMS 372 based on a 365 day year)

Success will be Measured by:

1. Number of consumers served by IL Centers will meet or exceed previous year (target 6,678)
2. Percentage of consumers served by IL who are new consumers will meet or exceed 20% (target 1,335)
3. For consumer records closed, the percentage of consumers who achieved all planned goals will meet or exceed 15% (target 372)

INDEPENDENT LIVING/ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY REQUEST

The Independent Living (IL)/Assistive Technology (AT) Program is asking for $500,000 in on-going funding to assist individuals with disabilities to be more independent in their homes and communities.

There is currently a waiting list of 93 individuals with disabilities needing 106 devices at a cost of $314,478. It is anticipated that by FY 2016 there will be 171 individuals needing approximately $548,389 of AT.

FY 2014 AT services throughout Utah:

- 256 devices were provided to 215 people with disabilities to assist them in living more independently within their own home and community.

Success will be Measured by:

1. Total number of consumers provided services will exceed previous year (216)
2. Total number of assistive technology devices will exceed previous year (257)