

FILL IN THE _____

I live in _____ Does _____ county have a
 (COUNTY) (COUNTY)

Center for Independent Living? Yes! _____
 (CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING)

serves the constituents of _____ county.
 (COUNTY)

The map shows the following connections:

- Douglas County:** NWGA CIL
- DeKalb County:** disABILITY LINK
- DeKalb County:** DRC disABILITY ResourceCenter
- DeKalb County:** MULTIPLE choices Center for Independent Living
- DeKalb County:** Disability Connections (The Middle Georgia Center for Independent Living, Inc.)
- DeKalb County:** (CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING)
- DeKalb County:** Access Independence
- DeKalb County:** Bridging The Gap BAIN, Inc. Center For Independent Living
- DeKalb County:** WALTON Options for Independent Living
- DeKalb County:** LIFE Living Independence For Everyone
- DeKalb County:** (CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING)

Couldn't find a center for your county?
 Help us fill in the blank!



What are Centers for Independent Living?

CILs are community-based, non-profit organizations, governed and staffed by people with disabilities, which offer five fundamental services: information & referral, peer-to-peer relationships & support, independent living skills training, advocacy, and transition services (i.e. youth to adult life, nursing facility to community).

What are the blanks? What do they mean?

Georgia currently has 9 CILs serving only 132 of Georgia's 159 counties. Therefore, there are **17% OF GEORGIA COUNTIES WITHOUT SERVICES** because there is NO Center for Independent Living in the area. This means that Georgians with disabilities living in these un/underserved areas are denied access to vital services and supports that enhance their quality of life.

How do we FILL IN THE BLANK in un/underserved counties?


In order to reach every county, SILCGA would need \$700K to establish four (4) outreach offices and increase outreach capabilities to underserved counties in the state.

This would include expanding services at -

Access2Independence in Columbus (**\$125K to add 5 counties serving 90k more Georgians**),
Disability Connections in Macon (**\$200K to add 13 counties serving 250K more Georgians**),
disability LINK in Atlanta (**\$175K to add 6 counties serving 200K more Georgians**),
NWGA CIL in Rome (**\$150K to add 3 counties serving 200K more Georgians**),
and investing any additional funding to underserved counties.



Why fill in the blank? How will this help my constituents?

Consumers report that 83% had greater independence as a result of their association with a CIL; 73% learned to 'speak up for themselves'; 55% reported that the services received kept them 'out of a nursing facility or group home'. One person said, "I can read my own mail because the Center helped get me a magnifying screen." Another said, "I moved out of a nursing facility and can now handle my personal care needs (bathing & dressing) with the right equipment."



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