

# Independent Living Program



## About the Independent Living Program

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's (VR) Independent Living Program promotes and supports a philosophy of independent living for persons with significant disabilities who wish to maintain or increase their level of independence. This state/federal partnership funds 16 Centers for Independent Living (CIL) throughout Florida.

## Centers for Independent Living

A CIL is a local not-for-profit that is consumer-controlled and provides a minimum of five core services that support independent living outcomes for persons with disabilities. Each CIL offers additional independent living services as determined by the needs of the community and the individuals seeking assistance. The centers provide services to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with disabilities. The overall goal of services provided by a CIL is to achieve the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into mainstream society.

## Five Core Services Provided by Florida Centers for Independent Living

1. Information and referral.
2. Independent living-skills training.
3. Individual and systems advocacy.
4. Peer counseling.
5. Transition from a nursing home to the community or diversion of individuals from institutional placement; and assisting youth (14-24 years old) with post-secondary life and opportunities.

## Contact Independent Living Program



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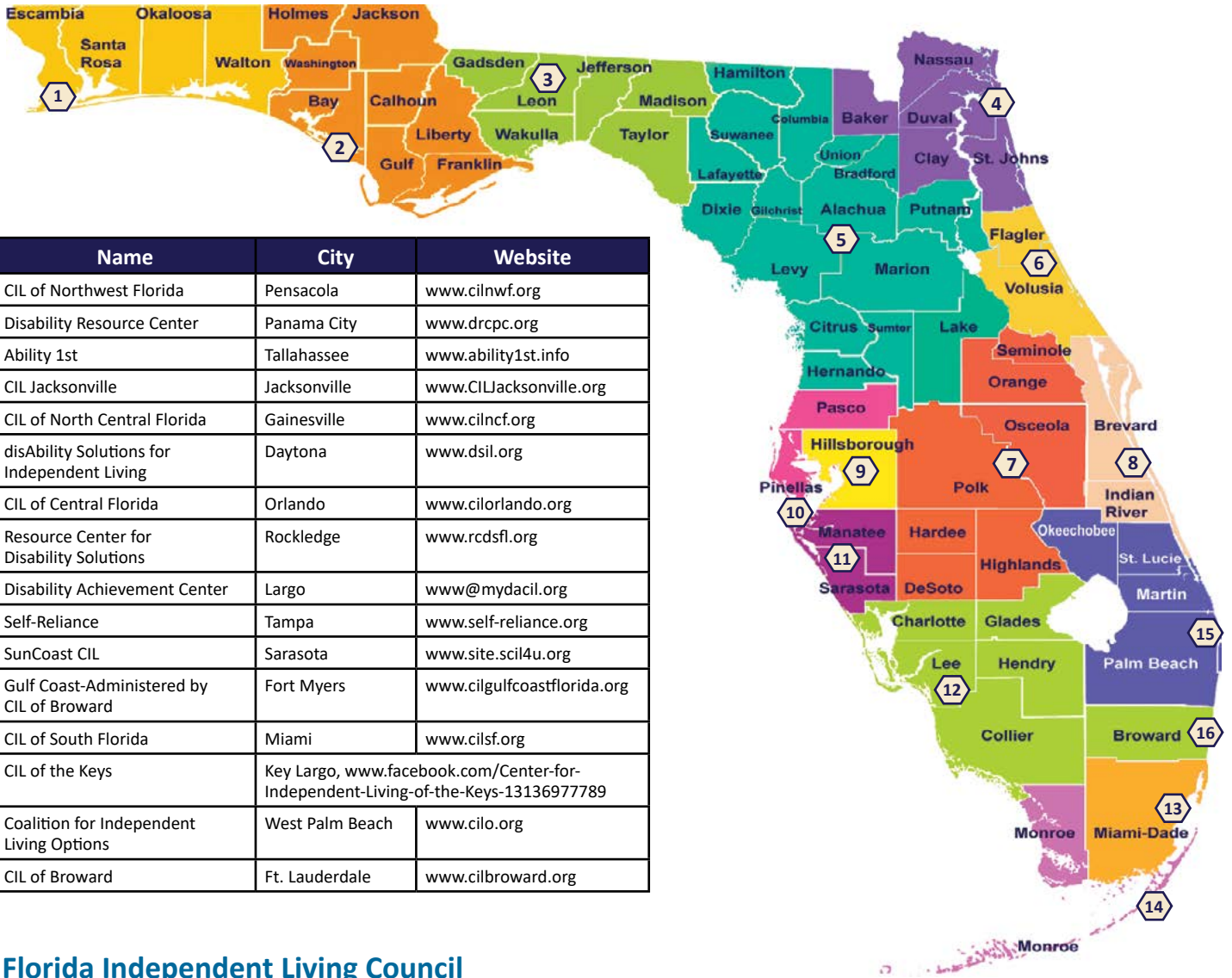
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## Centers for Independent Living in Florida



	Name	City	Website
1	CIL of Northwest Florida	Pensacola	<a href="http://www.cilnwf.org">www.cilnwf.org</a>
2	Disability Resource Center	Panama City	<a href="http://www.drcpc.org">www.drcpc.org</a>
3	Ability 1st	Tallahassee	<a href="http://www.ability1st.info">www.ability1st.info</a>
4	CIL Jacksonville	Jacksonville	<a href="http://www.CILJacksonville.org">www.CILJacksonville.org</a>
5	CIL of North Central Florida	Gainesville	<a href="http://www.cilncf.org">www.cilncf.org</a>
6	disAbility Solutions for Independent Living	Daytona	<a href="http://www.dsil.org">www.dsil.org</a>
7	CIL of Central Florida	Orlando	<a href="http://www.cilorlando.org">www.cilorlando.org</a>
8	Resource Center for Disability Solutions	Rockledge	<a href="http://www.rcdsfl.org">www.rcdsfl.org</a>
9	Disability Achievement Center	Largo	<a href="http://www@mydacil.org">www@mydacil.org</a>
10	Self-Reliance	Tampa	<a href="http://www.self-reliance.org">www.self-reliance.org</a>
11	SunCoast CIL	Sarasota	<a href="http://www.site.scil4u.org">www.site.scil4u.org</a>
12	Gulf Coast-Administered by CIL of Broward	Fort Myers	<a href="http://www.cilgulfcoastflorida.org">www.cilgulfcoastflorida.org</a>
13	CIL of South Florida	Miami	<a href="http://www.cilsf.org">www.cilsf.org</a>
14	CIL of the Keys	Key Largo	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/Center-for-Independent-Living-of-the-Keys-1313697789">www.facebook.com/Center-for-Independent-Living-of-the-Keys-1313697789</a>
15	Coalition for Independent Living Options	West Palm Beach	<a href="http://www.cilo.org">www.cilo.org</a>
16	CIL of Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	<a href="http://www.cilbroward.org">www.cilbroward.org</a>

## The Florida Independent Living Council

The Florida Independent Living Council (FILC) has the responsibility of developing the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to further guide and support independent living services for Floridians with the most-significant disabilities. Council members are appointed by the governor to ensure the independent living needs of persons with disabilities are represented through the SPIL statewide. The SPIL requires that the FILC gather input from across Florida on the independent needs of persons with disabilities. Independent Living Services that support individuals' achieving goals in education, employment, affordable housing or transition from nursing homes to the community are addressed by the SPIL. Council members evaluate the existing SPIL on an on-going basis. The SPIL provides direction to the Council and CILs on initiating outreach to identify and reach underserved populations so that they can benefit from independent living services. Both CILs and the FILC were created by federal and state legislation to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining or increasing their ability to live independently.

### Contact Independent Living Council



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