

ENVISION ILLINOIS PRESENTATION
ON HOW TO CONDUCT THE

DISABILITY RESPONSIVENESS
ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE PROGRAM
FOR
CENTERS OF INDEPENDENT LIVING
ACROSS ILLINOIS
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About Envision Illinois

- Envision Illinois was funded in 2013 by the Office of Domestic Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to the Department of Human Services. The grant statewide collaborative project, addressing domestic violence against people with disabilities and Deaf people is transforming the system so that survivors have equal access to healing, safety, and justice.

About Envision Illinois

- The Mission of Envision Illinois is to transform services in Illinois into a survivor-centered, seamless, responsive, and sustainable system that fully meets the needs of Deaf people and people with disabilities who are survivors of domestic violence. We ENVISION a culture in Illinois in which Deaf people and people with disabilities who experience domestic violence are empowered by a system of inclusive, accessible, person-centered, and person-directed services that result in equal access to healing, safety, and justice.
- For purposes of this review tool, **Deaf**: refers to all categories of hearing loss: deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deafblind and **People with disabilities**: refers to people with mental illnesses, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, chemical sensitivities, and physical disabilities.

What's in the packet?

- A letter of how to conduct the reviews
- A contract agreement between the CIL and Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- The Disability Responsiveness Assessment Tool For Domestic Violence Program
- An invoice to send to Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence for time and mileage reimbursement
- This PowerPoint

Why is this important?

- People with disabilities/Deaf people are abused 4x more than people without disabilities/Deaf people.
- People with disabilities report experience of abuse less than people without disabilities/Deaf people.
- Domestic Violence programs' goal is to serve all survivors with the same equality of services.
- Centers for Independent Living are a great resource for domestic violence programs.

Why is this important?

- CILs have the experience, resource, and expertise to conduct these reviews.
- CILs can get victims away from abusive caregivers.
- We can help more people through the Accessibility Responsiveness Review tool.
- Centers for Independent Living do exist.
- Local solutions, strategies, and resources can be recognized and utilized to address accessibility.
- More opportunities for networking conversations.
- Success Stories

Envision Illinois's Goal for This Project

- Have Illinois Centers for Independent Living conduct reviews of Domestic Violence programs.
- Find strengths in programs to share with other domestic violence agencies.
- Find weaknesses and collaborate with the program to improve those areas.
- Foster collaborative relationships, not only between Domestic Violence Programs and Centers for Independent Living, but with other agencies that work with people with disabilities and Deaf people.

Timeline and Responsibilities

- Contracts will be signed and sent back in January
- Attend today's Webinar and/or listen to recording
- February-April conduct the reviews
- Have reviews and all other documents back to Envision Illinois no later than April 30, 2024
- May and June action plan may be made by DV program.
 - We may reach out to you for help

What to know about DV Programs

- 50+ domestic violence programs in Illinois
 - Most programs provide 24/7 shelter and crisis line.
- Common Services (in person and/or virtual)
 - Crisis line
 - Shelter and Economic Self-Sufficiency
 - Court/legal/medical advocacy
 - Counseling or therapy (individual or group)
 - Children's Services
 - Outreach/Prevention
- Intake process

What to know about CILs

- 22 CILs in Illinois (covering multiple counties)
- Run by and for the people they serve with 51% staff and Boards of Directors federally mandated to be comprised of people with disabilities.
- Cross-disability organizations
- Five (5) core services
 - Information and referral (I&R)
 - Independent living skills training
 - Peer support
 - Individual and systems advocacy
 - Transition supports

CONDUCTING THE REVIEW

Role of Reviewer

- Facilitate learning
- Catalyst for Change
- Education secondary
- Follow up

Review Process

- Interview
- Observation
- Survey

Setting the Tone

- Conversation
- Learning together
 - Share what your agency does for the question
- Opportunity
- Common goals
 - To help victims with disabilities and Deaf people have access to domestic violence programs

Core Sections

- Connections and Readiness
- Policies and Practices
- Physical Access

Connections and Readiness

- Connections to:
 - People with disabilities and Deaf People
 - Disability service agencies
- Readiness to Serve
 - Attitudinal access
 - Staff comfort and confidence

Policies and Practices

- Administrative Support
- Guidance for staff
- Specifics for survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors
- Integrated into all aspects of service delivery

Physical Access

- Focus – access to services
- Plan B
- Prioritize

Tips

- Managing questions
- Pacing
- Taking notes
- Wrapping up

Comments?
Questions?
Concerns?

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Resources

- [INCIL](https://incil.org/)
 - <https://incil.org/>
- [ICADV](https://www.ilcadv.org/)
 - <https://www.ilcadv.org/>
- [Envision IL Resource Corner](https://www.ilcadv.org/envision-illinois/?type=14)
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