

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT



YOUR COMMENTS ARE MOST WELCOME:

State Plan for Independent Living FY 2020 Goals:

Goal 1 – Enhance and expand the five (5) core IL services (Information & Referral, IL Skills Training, Peer Counseling, Individual and System Advocacy, and Transition) in a manner that will maximize benefits to the greatest number of individuals with significant disabilities.

Goal 2 – Work in collaboration with the CNMI Disability Network Partners especially the State Rehabilitation Council, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Council on Developmental Disabilities, Individuals with disabilities, Family members, and Employers to provide quality services and supports to dual customers resulting in competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities consistent with their interests, skills, abilities, capabilities, informed choice, etc.

Goal 3 – Continue to support the efforts of the CNMI Disability Network Partners especially the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority to improve and expand affordable and available public transportation services including in those areas considered unserved and/or underserved (e.g. Tinian and Rota).

Goal 4 – Promote and support the efforts of community partners to enrich the lives of CNMI residents with disabilities and build a healthier community by pursuing accessible recreational opportunities.

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Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides the authority for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Statewide Independent Living Council (CNMI SILC) and the sole Center for Living Independently in the CNMI (CLI-CNMI) to seek public input on priority needs related to disability issues to guide the development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) for FY 2020. The State Plan is supported by the currently identified Designated State Entity (DSE), the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The SPIL is a plan designed to improve Independent Living (IL) services for individuals with disabilities in the CNMI. The IL State Plan also helps to identify the needs and priorities of consumers, providers, and other stakeholders involved in the CLI-CNMI to highlight and identify common strategies. Ultimately, the State Plan is a tool that directs the use of Federal IL funding.

Community Forum on State Plan for Independent Living FY 2020 Goals

TINIAN

**Wednesday
November 13, 2019
5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Venue: Tinian Public Library

ROTA

**Friday
December 06, 2019
5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Venue: Rota Mayor's Office Conference

SAIPAN

**Tuesday
December 10, 2019
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Venue: CLI-CNMI,
House #1366
Anatahan/Guguan
Drive, Capitol Hill,**

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:

The CNMI SILC is committed to providing full access for people with disabilities. Public forums are open to the entire community. All forums will be held in locations accessible to people with disabilities. Materials will be provided in alternative formats upon request such as American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting and other reasonable accommodations at least seven(7) days before the scheduled forums. Contact Ms. Gernadine Camacho, SILC Chairperson or Ms. Susan Satur, CLI-CNMI Executive Director at (670) 322-4303/04. State Plan Goals is also available at ovrgov.net website. Copies will be provided upon request.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments can be submitted to CNMI SILC before 12:00 noon on Wednesday December 11, 2019. Comments can be sent via mail to CNMI SILC, P.O. Box 501521, Saipan, MP 96950, faxed to (670) 322-6536, or e-mail to clisusansatur@gmail.com or maryann@ovrgov.net.