

What Do You Need ▶ from Us?

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Who we are: APRIL is a national grassroots, nonprofit membership organization consisting of members from Centers for Independent Living, the satellites and branch offices, Statewide Independent Living Councils, other organizations and individuals concerned with the independent living issues of people with disabilities living in rural America.

Mission: “APRIL provides leadership and resources on rural independent living. As a national membership organization dedicated to advancing the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities living in rural America by serving as a center of resources and by leading systems change.”

Vision: APRIL is the unified voice of independent living in rural America.

MORE THAN A MONTH

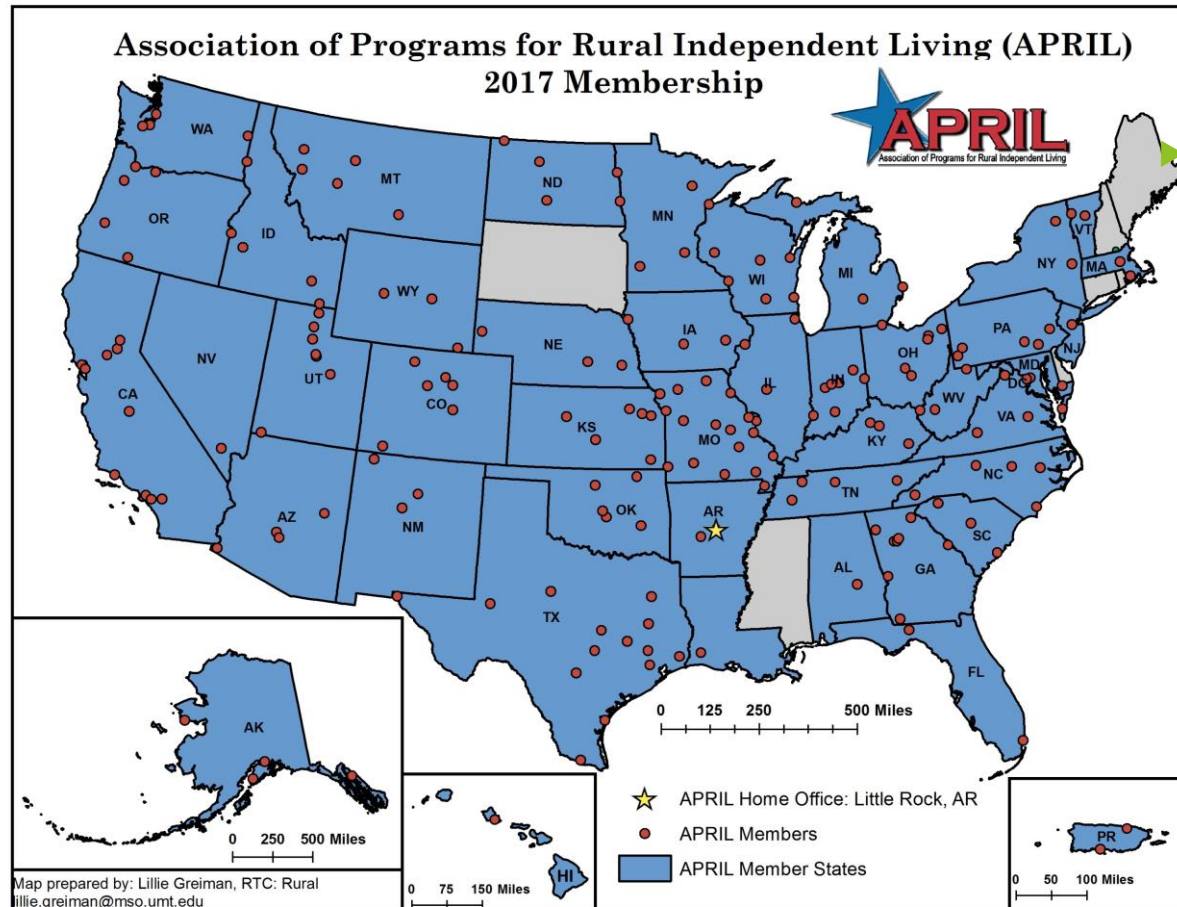
What we are:

- ▶ We are a grassroots and advocacy membership organization
- ▶ We provide training and technical assistance.
 - ▶ Through Peer to Peer Mentoring Program, mentors at the CIL, SILC, and youth local levels
 - ▶ Webinars, Teleconference
 - ▶ Information and Referrals or quick assistance
- ▶ We hold an annual conference (APRIL in October)
 - ▶ This includes a Youth conference embedded in.
- ▶ Provide leadership opportunities
- ▶ We have other partnerships including RTCs : IL in Kansas and Montana
- ▶ Provide a national rural voice on every issue that relates to people with disabilities
 - ▶ Transportation, housing, community accessibility, youth, veterans, policy, AgrAbility.
- ▶ Disseminate Information for disability issues or opportunities

What we are NOT:

- ▶ We do not provide direct service.
- ▶ We do not have a location for trainings and meetings.
- ▶ We do not oversee/supervise/manage the CILs and SILCs.
- ▶ CILs are not residential facilities.
- ▶ IL programs and Centers are not day treatment.

APRIL Membership



<https://april-rural.org/index.php/about-us>

What is a CIL

- ▶ Centers for Independent Living are community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organizations that are designed and operated by people with disabilities. CILs are unique in that they operate according to a strict philosophy of consumer control, wherein people with all types of disabilities directly govern and staff the organization. Centers for Independent Living provide:
 - ▶ Peer Support
 - ▶ Information and Referral
 - ▶ Individual and Systems Advocacy
 - ▶ Independent Living Skills Training
 - ▶ Transition
 - ▶ Diversion from Institutions
 - ▶ Transitions from Institutions
 - ▶ Youth Transitions
- ▶ 403 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- ▶ 330 branch offices
- ▶ 143ish are APRIL members
- ▶ <http://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory>

Peer Support

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Information and Referral

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Individual and Systems Advocacy

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Independent Living Skills

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Transitions

▶ Diversions from
Institutions

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➤ Youth Transitions

We want to
learn from
you

What can a CIL do
for you? What
services will
benefit your work?

What can
AgrAbility do for
you?

What partnership
do you need?

What are steps to
increase
awareness?

Things to think about going forward?

- ▶ Are you connected with the local CIL? If not, could APRIL help?
- ▶ Need help with where to go from your ideas here: CONNECT WITH US!!

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