2018 BUDGET – ENTIRE AGENCY $11,965,327
INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) – $2,187,287

IL CONSUMER CORE SERVICES

INFORMATION & REFERRAL
PEER SUPPORT
INDIVIDUAL & SYSTEMS ADVOCACY
IL SKILLS
TRANSITION SERVICES
• Nursing home to community
• Youth transition from school to work
• Institutional diversion

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
VETERAN IN CHARGE
BENEFITS ADVOCACY
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
OLDER INDIVIDUALS WITH BLINDNESS
HOUSING ADVOCACY
VOUCHER MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC VIDEO PHONE

2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR

702 Consumers Served
28% of Consumers Served were outside of Colorado Springs
2,697 Information & Referral
5,867 IL Consumer Services

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE AREA

SATTELITE OFFICES
Burlington, Calhan, Cripple Creek, Monument, Limon, and Fountain

IL STAFF | SUPPORT STAFF | HOME HEALTH STAFF | TOTAL STAFF
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43 | 17 | 282 | 342

12 TRANSITIONS FROM NURSING FACILITIES TO HOMES SAVED AN ESTIMATED $528,000 A YEAR OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS*

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As a member of the Spinal Cord Injury group at The IC, Tony Wilkins qualified for grant monies that would cover the purchase of the Jouse 3. Through community grants these opportunities allowed The IC to purchase assistive devices for people with Spinal Cord Injuries.

In one moment, Wilkins was shut out of all forms of computer communication and information. In the next moment, as if a lock had been opened, he was in — thanks to the Jouse 3.

Tony Wilkins hadn’t been able to use a computer since he became a person with quadriplegia many years ago. It didn’t stop him from searching for a way to make the computer accessible to him.

For someone unable to use a handheld mouse, a mouth-controlled mouse like the Jouse 3 can be substituted. The price tag on this is $1400.

Ahead of the 2016 federal election, the El Paso County Elections Department partnered with The Independence Center to improve voting accessibility. This included:

- Open house for accessible voting machines
- Disability awareness training to over 200 election judges
- Served as a “highly accessible” voter service and polling center during the 2016 Presidential Election
- Served 450 voters at The IC during the Presidential Election

As a result of this partnership, El Paso County received the national “Clearie” Award from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the Independence Award for Innovation for Voting Accessibility from the Election Center.

The IC manages the Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services (“Veteran in Charge”) program in El Paso, Park, Teller, & Elbert Counties. This program has increased our presence in the veteran community to provide IL services and support services to help veterans live independently in their own home. As of January 2018, The IC has 64 veterans enrolled in the program.

The IC offers home health care that is licensed and non-licensed, self directed or physician-directed, for all ages, and with the caregiver of their choice or an employee of The IC.