

Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii

Systemic Priorities Assessment

Will you help us?

We could use your help and expertise in figuring out what things are a priority to make your life better, and what barriers you have encountered.

Before you start

- It takes about 10 to 15 minutes if you answer everything.
- You do not have to finish in one sitting. You can stop and come back.
- You may skip any question you do not want to answer.
- The answers you provide will remain confidential.
- At the end of this survey, you have the option of requesting additional information, in which case we will ask for your contact details.
- If you choose to participate, you will receive a gift card for use at XXXX.

Need help?

- We can send this in large print, Braille, plain text, or another language.
- Someone can help you fill it out.
- Call (808) 585-7452 or email info@hawaiiisilc.org.
- Or answer online. Scan the QR code below.

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Section 1: About You

These questions help us understand who is taking this survey. If you are helping another person fill out this survey, please answer these questions about the person with a disability.

What island do you live on?

- ☐ Hawai'i (Big Island)
- ☐ Kaua'i

- ☐ Lānaʻi
- ☐ Maui
- ☐ Molokaʻi
- ☐ Oʻahu
- ☐ I do not live in Hawaii

How would you describe where you live?

- ☐ Urban — a city or town center (for example, Honolulu, Waikīkī, downtown Hilo, Kahului)
- ☐ Suburban — a neighborhood outside the city center (for example, Mililani, Kāneʻohe, Kailua, ʻEwa Beach)
- ☐ Rural — country or remote (for example, Hāna, Kaʻū, Hanalei, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi)
- ☐ Not sure

What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 to 24
- ☐ 25 to 39
- ☐ 40 to 59
- ☐ 60 to 74
- ☐ 75 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Which of these best describes you? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ I am a person with a disability
- ☐ I am a family member or friend of a person with a disability
- ☐ I am a caregiver of a person with a disability
- ☐ I am helping a person with a disability fill out this survey
- ☐ I work at an agency that serves people with disabilities
- ☐ I am a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose "Other," please tell us more:

What language do you most prefer to use? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ English
- ☐ 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian)
- ☐ American Sign Language (ASL)
- ☐ Ilocano
- ☐ Tagalog
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese)
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Chuukese
- ☐ Marshallese
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Tongan
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Other (please write it below)

If you chose "Other," please tell us more:

Do you have a disability?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I don't know

☐ Prefer not to say

If you have a disability, how would you describe it? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Physical disability
- ☐ Deaf or hard of hearing
- ☐ Blind or low vision
- ☐ Developmental disability
- ☐ Learning disability
- ☐ Cognitive or intellectual disability
- ☐ Mental health or emotional disability
- ☐ Unseen or hidden disability (for example, chronic illness)
- ☐ Environmental disability (for example, sensitivity to lights, chemicals, or fragrances)
- ☐ Concussion, traumatic brain injury, acquired brain injury, stroke, or other brain injury
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose “Other,” please tell us more:

Section 2: Barriers

A barrier is something that makes life harder. Please tell us how big a barrier you think each of these is.

Rate each one: Not a barrier • Low • Med. (medium) • High • Very high • I don't know.

Housing

Housing barrier	Not a barrier	Low	Med.	High	Very high	I don't know
Finding housing I can afford	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Finding housing that is accessible	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing that is in good repair	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting help to find housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Paying for housing or utilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Transportation

Transportation barrier	Not a barrier	Low	Med.	High	Very high	I don't know
Affordable transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessible transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transportation to medical appointments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessible air travel between islands	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transportation in rural areas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Scheduling accessible transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Timely transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Daily Life and Well-Being

Daily life barrier	Not a barrier	Low	Med.	High	Very high	I don't know
Getting accessible health care (health care where the building, exam tables, equipment, and staff training meet your disability-related needs – for example, accessible exam tables, interpreters, materials in alternative formats, and staff trained in disability etiquette)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Finding or accessing personal care service providers in my home to help me maintain my independence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Getting mental health care	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Finding a job or earning more money	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Making my own life choices	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Joining social, leisure, or recreation activities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting information about services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Services for young people becoming adults	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Services that understand my culture or language (interpreters and culturally relevant community supports)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Learning how to budget (income and spending costs by week, month)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Understanding and improving my credit score	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Avoiding or paying down debt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Understanding loans and contracts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Saving money for emergencies or the future	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting financial training or coaching	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response

Hawaii has experienced major disasters in recent years, including the 2023 Maui wildfires, Kona Lows, and storms, floods, and hurricanes. People with disabilities often face unique challenges before, during, and after emergencies. Please share your opinions regarding these barriers.

Emergency preparedness barrier	Not a barrier	Low	Med.	High	Very high	I don't know
Having an emergency plan that addresses my specific disability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Receiving emergency alerts in a format that I can understand (for	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

example, captions, ASL, plain language)						
Accessible emergency evacuation transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessible community emergency shelters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Keeping medications, medical equipment, and assistive devices working during a disaster	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting personal care or caregiver support during a disaster	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recovering and/or rebuilding after a disaster	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Funding for emergency and disaster preparedness for people with disabilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Section 3: What Is Working Well

We ask a lot about what is missing. We also want to know what is going right.

What services, supports, or programs are working well for you or in your community?

Is there an organization, program, or person that has made a real difference? Please tell us about it.

Section 4: Your Thoughts

Looking ahead to the next few years, what is ONE thing that would most significantly improve the lives of people with disabilities in Hawaii?

Section 5: Anything Else

Is there anything else you want us to know that we didn't ask about?

Section 6: A Few More Questions About You

These last questions help us understand who we heard from. They are optional – your survey counts even if you stop here.

What is your race or ethnicity? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Other Asian
- ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander (for example, Tongan, Chuukese, Marshallese)
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose “Other,” please tell us more:

What is your current work, school, or service situation? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Working full time

- ☐ Working part time
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ In school or training, full time or part time
- ☐ Volunteering or in an internship
- ☐ Taking care of my home or family
- ☐ Serving in the military, National Guard, or Reserves
- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Not working because of my health or disability
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your ZIP code?

This helps us understand which communities we are hearing from.

That is the end of the survey. Thank you for your time and for sharing what you know – it will shape what we work on next. The next section is optional.

Section 7: Getting Connected with SILC

Which of these would you find helpful for you to access? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Newsletters on disability topics
- ☐ SILC website
- ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- ☐ In-person appointments with SILC staff
- ☐ In-person appointments at a Center for Independent Living
- ☐ Phone calls with SILC or CIL staff
- ☐ Video calls (like Zoom)

- ☐ Text messages/reminders
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose "Other," please tell us more:

What kinds of workshops or trainings would you like? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Disability awareness and training
- ☐ Self-advocacy (speaking up for yourself and your needs)
- ☐ Emergency and disaster preparedness
- ☐ Learning how laws are made (legislative education)
- ☐ Money skills and life skills
- ☐ Nutrition and cooking
- ☐ Health-related sessions
- ☐ Getting involved in the community
- ☐ Job skills
- ☐ Technology skills
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose "Other," please tell us more:

What events would you like to see the Independent Living Network host? (Check all that apply.)

The Independent Living Network includes SILC and the Centers for Independent Living working together.

- ☐ Community forums on island
- ☐ Trainings on disability systems advocacy
- ☐ Arts and culture events
- ☐ Walk or run events
- ☐ Trivia night

- ☐ Talk story sessions (informal conversations)
- ☐ Online events
- ☐ Other (please describe below)

If you chose "Other," please tell us more:

Section 8: Have You Heard of Us?

A few last questions. There are no wrong answers, if you had never heard of any of this, that is exactly what we need to find out.

Before today, had you heard of independent living services?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Before today, had you heard of the Centers for Independent Living (CILs)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Before today, had you heard of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Have you or a family member ever received services from a Center for Independent Living?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Section 9: Want to Learn More?

These are the organizations behind independent living. Anyone can contact them, and you do not have to be a member of anything.

Organization	What they do – and how to reach them
Administration for Community Living (ACL)	The federal agency behind independent living. Plain-language information on what CILs are and what they do: acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/centers-independent-living
National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)	The national organization run by and for people with disabilities: ncil.org
Access to Independence	https://accesstoindependence.org/honolulu/
Aloha Independent Living of Hawaii	https://www.alohailhawaii.org/
Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii (SILC)	Plans and advocates for independent living across the whole state and writes the three-year State Plan. https://independentlivinghawaii.org/

Stay in Touch

If you want to get news and updates from SILC, including learning more about the survey outcomes, please share your contact information below. **This is optional.**

If you would like the XXX gift card, we need a mailing address to send it to.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Preferred way to contact me:

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Phone call
- ☐ Text message
- ☐ Mail

Thank You!

Your answers help make Hawaii a better place for people with disabilities. Mahalo!

Please return this survey to the person who gave it to you, or mail it to:

Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii

643 Ilalo St, Suite 1000,

Honolulu HI 96813

You can also fill out this survey online at:

<https://independentlivinghawaii.org/community-needs-assessment/>

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Please return by XX-XX-XXXX.