

# Michigan's Network of Centers for Independent Living

House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor and Economic Opportunity  
Wednesday, April 30, 2025

# Disability Network Michigan



15 CILs  
cover all 83  
counties

1 Disability Network Southwest Michigan (Berrien/Cass)

2 Disability Network Southwest Michigan

3 disAbility Connections

4 Disability Network Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston

5 Disability Network Wayne County Detroit

6 Disability Network Eastern Michigan (Oakland/Macomb)

7 Disability Network Eastern Michigan (Thumb Region)

8 The Disability Network

9 Disability Network Mid-Michigan

10 Disability Network Capital Area

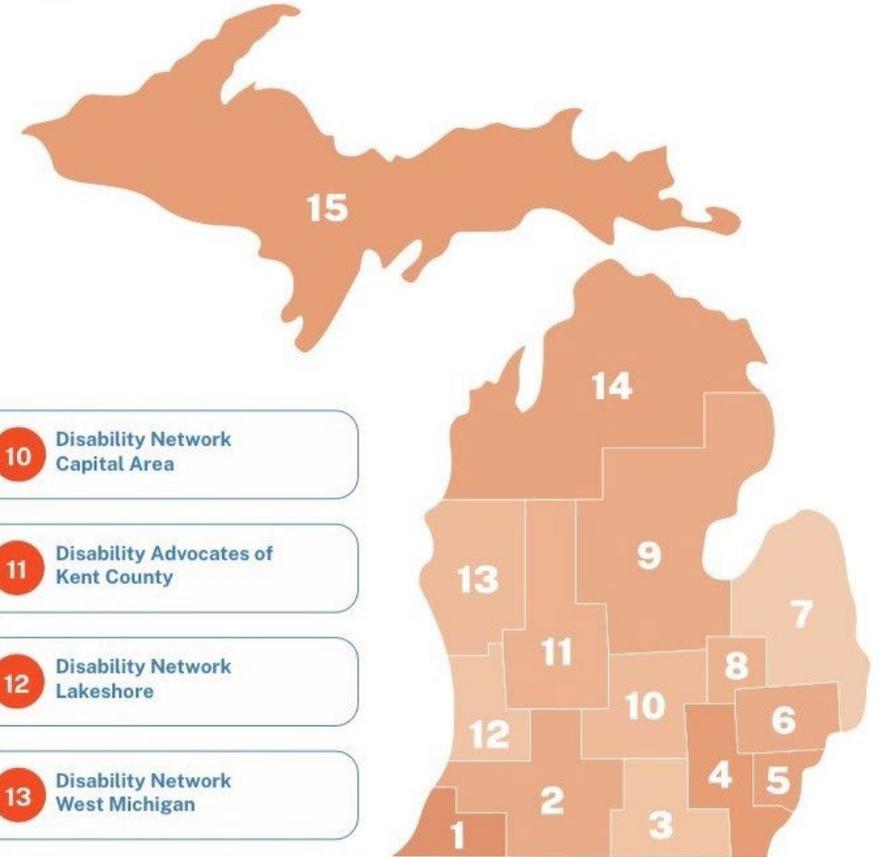
11 Disability Advocates of Kent County

12 Disability Network Lakeshore

13 Disability Network West Michigan

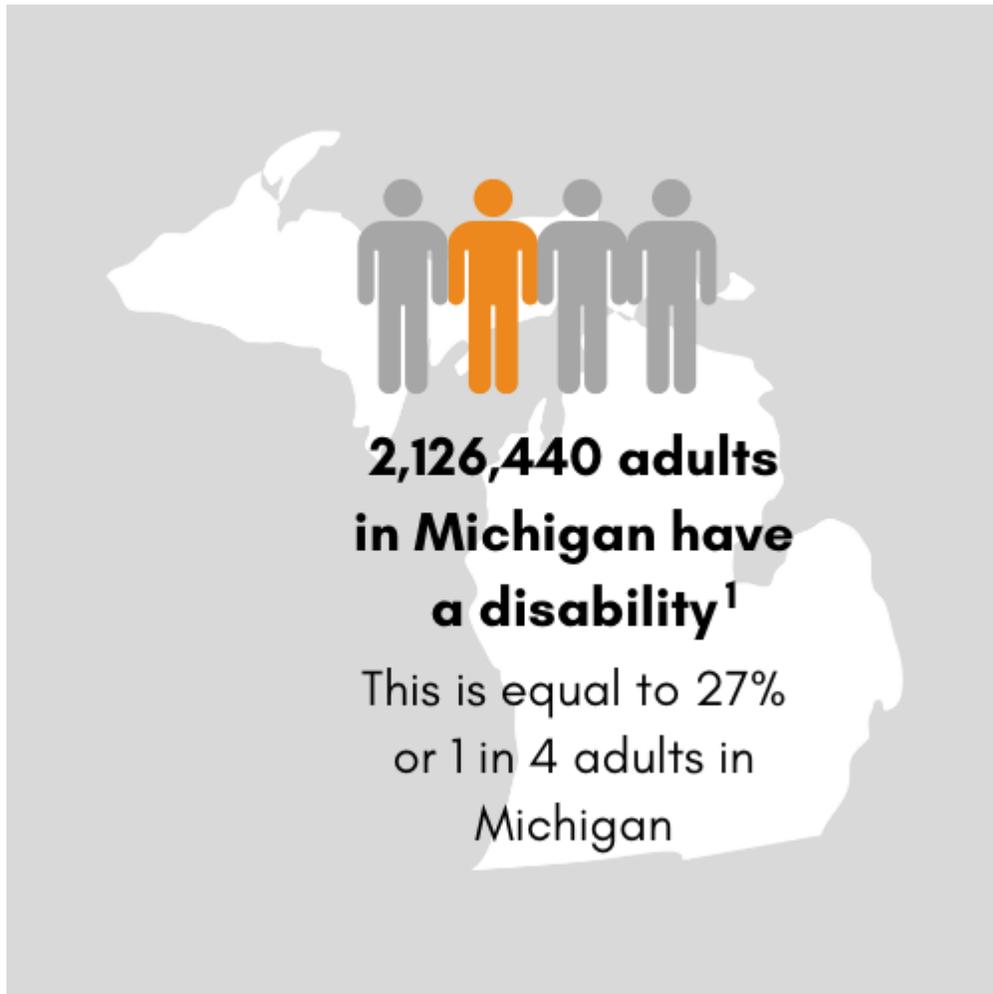
14 Disability Network Northern Michigan

15 Superior Alliance for Independent Living



# Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

- created under Part C of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- consumer-driven, community-based, disability organizations that promote independence and self-determination for people with disabilities.
  - consumer-driven: required by federal law to have individuals with disabilities make up 51% or more of the staff in decision-making positions.
  - community-based: staff and board members live and work in the communities the CIL serves.



Whether we are born with a disability, experience one due to illness or injury, or age into one, disability is part of the overall human experience.

<sup>1</sup> 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

# 5 Core Services

Peer Support & Mentoring

Information and Referral

Individual and Systems Advocacy

Independent Living Skills Support

Transition to Community Based Living

Promote and Create Community Inclusion for People with Disabilities



# Funding Sources

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Federal—Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (former) Administration for Community Living

State—State General Fund (Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity)

Local—Gifts, donations, etc.

# Approved Budget Fiscal Year 2025

Funding is distributed through a formula based on the federally approved State Plan of Independent Living (SPIL)

			For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2025
<b>Sec. 104. REHABILITATION SERVICES</b>			
Full-time equated classified positions	671.0		
Bureau of services for blind persons—FTEs	116.0	\$	28,726,700
Centers for independent living			19,718,600
Michigan rehabilitation services—FTEs	555.0		145,412,200
Personal assistance services reimbursement for employment program			400,000
Subregional libraries state aid			451,800
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		\$	<b>195,719,300</b>
State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,021,200
<b>Sec. 113. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Agricultural tourism hub redevelopment		\$	2,000,000
Auto show public safety			225,000
Brownstown municipal infrastructure			1,500,000
Center for social enterprise development			1,000,000
Centers for independent living			1,000,000

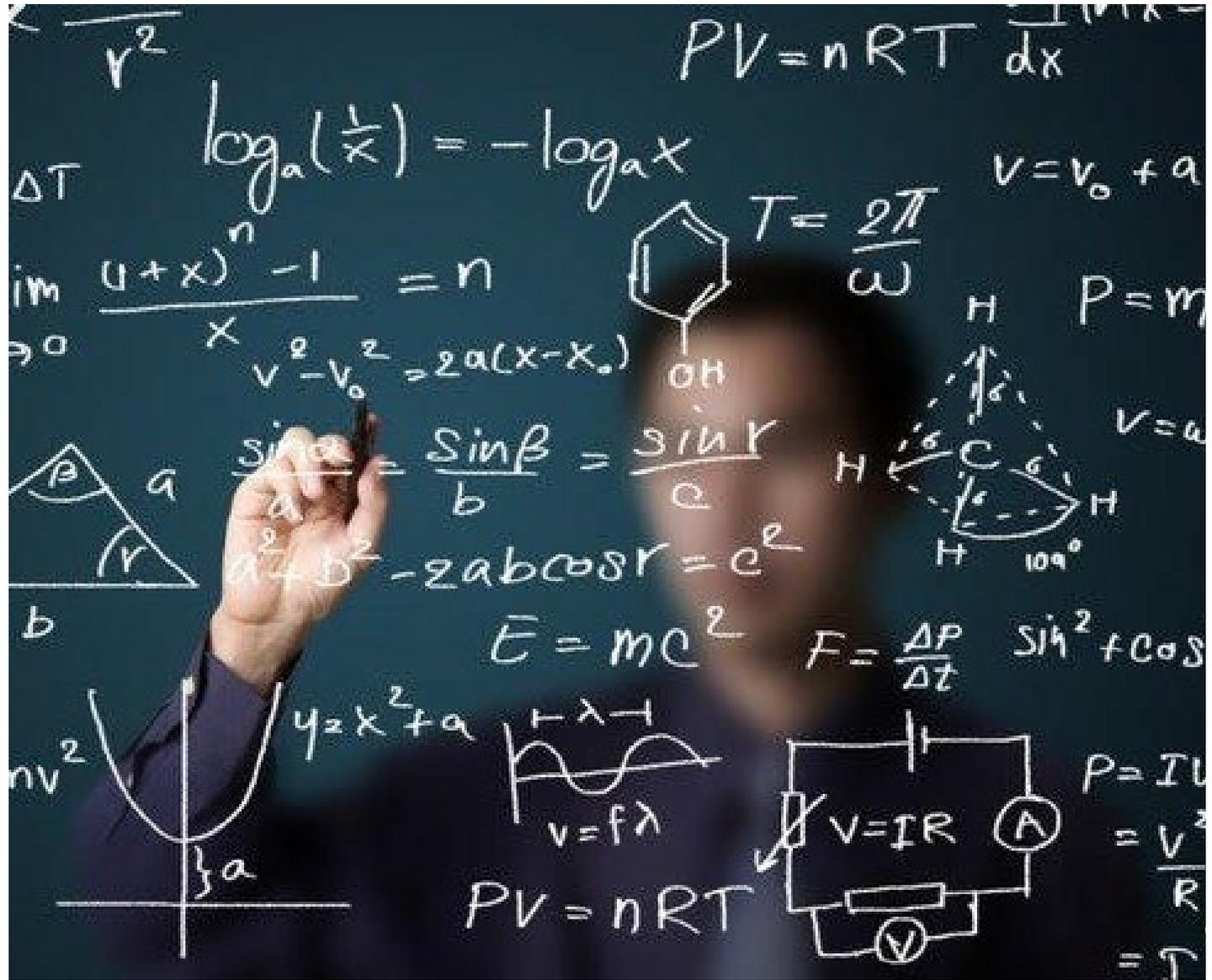


# Breakdown of funding received in FY 2025 contracts from MRS

<b>GF/GP (includes \$1 million of one-time funding)</b>	<i>State funding used for mandated Independent Living Services (Workforce Innovaton Opportunity Act)</i>	\$12,187,000
<b>(-SILC Contract)</b>	<i>As directed in the SPIL</i>	\$70,000
<b>Program Income</b>	<i>CILs GF/GP shifted to MRS to enable Title I match via FY 2010 Legislative Transfer</i>	\$2,300,000
<b>CIL Title VII, Part B Core Contracts ("Title VII Part B Funding Amount"); 50% of Part B award</b>	<i>the "placeholder" amount for the federal Rehab Act, Title VII, Part B</i>	\$273,208
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<i>MRS's determination; CILs' contracts</i>	<b>\$14,830,208</b>

ACTUAL CONTRACTS  
EQUATED TO NEARLY \$14.6  
MILLION

- FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH A FORMULA APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- FORMULA IS 50% EQUITY AND 50% EQUALITY
  - (60% POPULATION, 40% GEOGRAPHY)



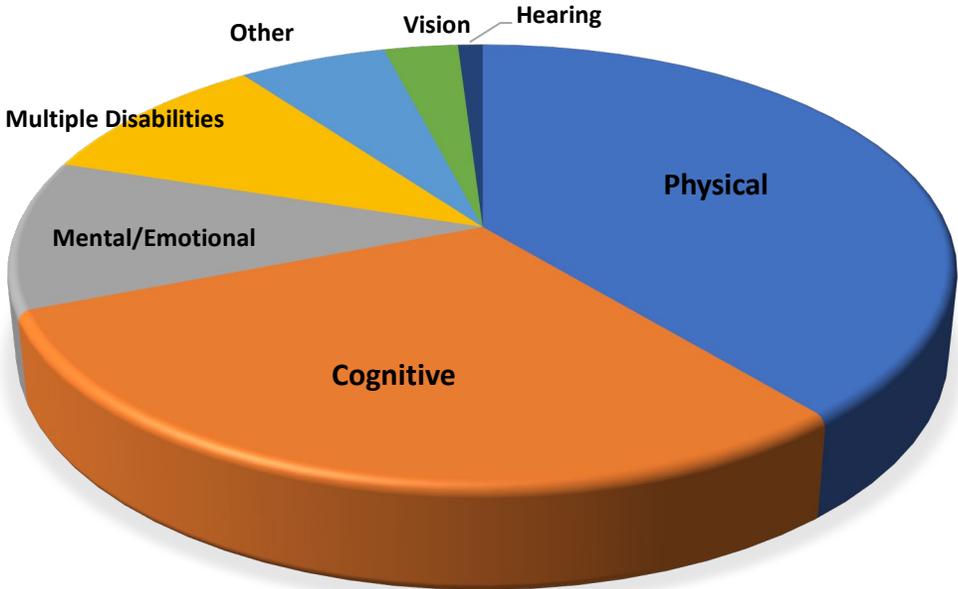


(2) Not later than March 1  
and in partnership with  
service providers, the  
department shall provide a  
report to the standard  
report recipients on direct  
customer and system  
outcomes and performance  
measures.

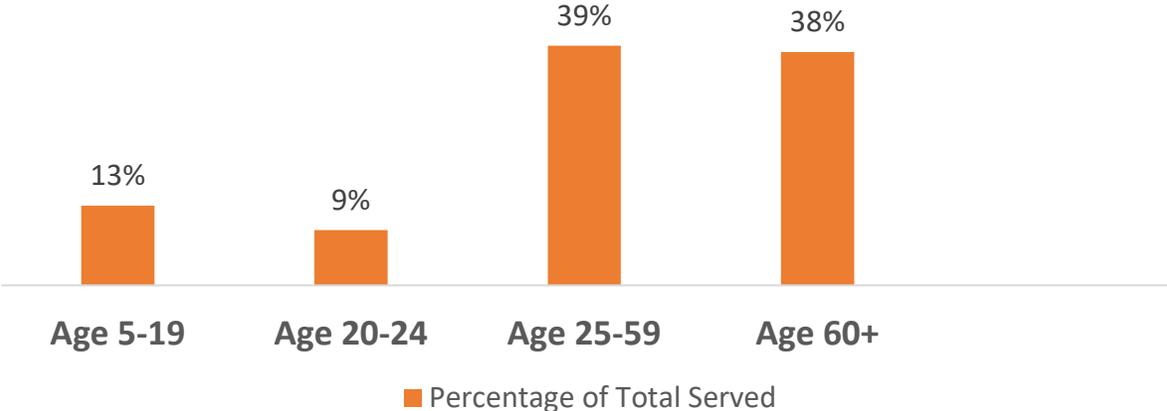
# Statewide Demographics

Almost 39% of people served identified themselves as having a physical disability. 30% of those we served self-identified as having a cognitive disability.

## DISABILITY TYPES



## PERCENTAGE OF AGES SERVED





State partners in our goal for greater accessibility

# Changing Lives

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- **Connecting individuals with disabilities to supports they need to remain independent**
  - **Help preserve personal resources, health and independence.**



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**Example: a patient is ready to be discharged from a hospital or rehabilitation facility and needs modifications to their home**

CILs can help by assessing the patient's home and recommending what equipment, such as grab bars, a shower chair, etc, needs to be in place to ensure the patient is safe at home.

**Example: a patient has chosen to receive Hospice Care in their home rather than in a facility**

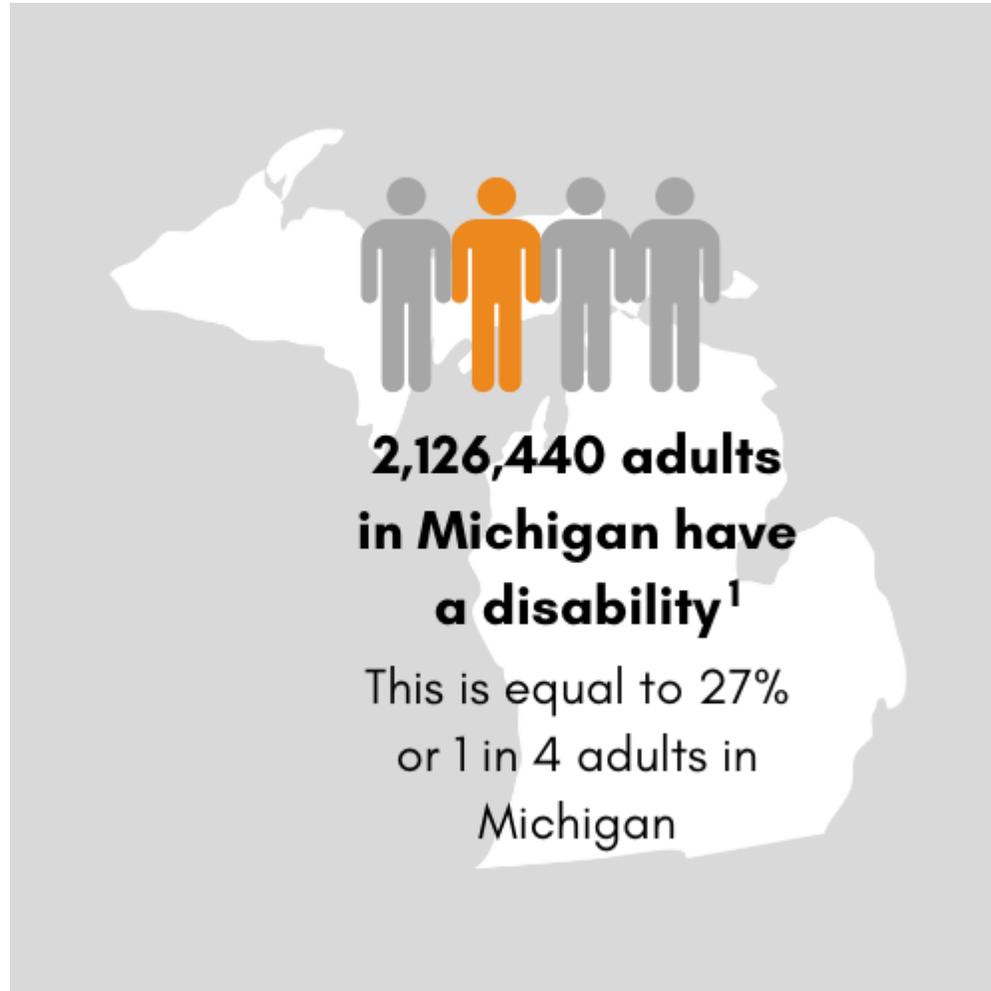
CILs can help prepare the home for the patient; ie, install a temporary wheelchair ramp, provide resources for temporary medical equipment such as beds, walkers, etc.

- Many CILs have loan closets where an individual can borrow wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

# Governor Whitmer's Budget Recommendation Fiscal Year 2026

		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2026
20	<b>Sec. 11-104. REHABILITATION SERVICES</b>	
21	Full-time equated classified positions.....	671.0
22	Bureau of services for blind persons-116.0 FTE	
23	positions .....	\$ 32,149,900
24	Centers for independent living .....	19,718,600

# Remember this?



Most underserved CIL service areas:

- Detroit,
- Oakland/Macomb,
- mid-Michigan (12 counties),
- northern Michigan (17 counties),
- Upper Peninsula (15 counties).

# CILs FY '26 Funding Request

\$6 million above Governor Whitmer's recommendation

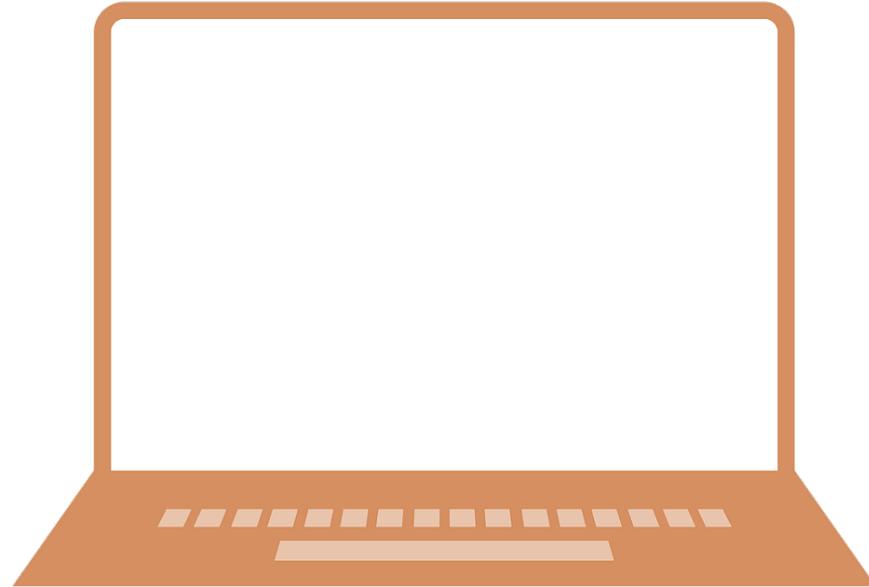
Additional funding will help CILs increase outreach, services, capacity

In 2019, the state's Return On Investment (ROI) was \$7

- Remain in homes vs. nursing homes, assisted living
- Employed; contributing to economy

# Services and Resources for your constituents

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**Thank you for your time.**



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