

**CIL Program Project Performance Report
(To be completed by Centers for Independent Living)**

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Grant#: CTGG1 KAVA 2025-269_9086

Name of Center: Northwest Colorado Center for Independence

Acronym for Center (if applicable): NWCCI

State: CO

Counties Served: Grand (CO), Moffat (CO), Rio Blanco (CO), Routt (CO), Summit (CO)

SECTION 1 - GENERAL FUNDING INFORMATION

All Federal Funds Received

Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$ 69,631.33
Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C	\$ 0
Title VII, Ch. 2	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$
Subtotal - All Federal Funds	\$ 69,631.33

Other Government Funds

State Government Funds	\$ 876,693.91
Local Government Funds	\$14,000
Subtotal - State and Local Government Funds	\$ 890,693.91

Private Resources

Foundations, Corporations, or Trust Grants	\$ 319,168.09
Donations from Individuals	\$ 13,808.60
Investments Income/Endowment	\$ 2,837.13
Fee for Service	\$ 47,697.11
Membership Fees	\$ 0
Other resources (in-kind, fundraising, etc.)	\$ 11,292.69
Subtotal - Private Resources	\$ 394,833.62

Total Income

Total income	\$ 1,355,158.86
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Pass Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, or Medicaid funds)	\$0
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Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Item 1.1.4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Item 1.1.5) = Net Operating Resources	\$ 1,355,158.86
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Staff Composition

	Total Number of FTE	FTE Filled by Individuals with Disabilities	FTE Filled by Individuals from Minority Populations
Decision Making Staff	3	3	1
Other Staff	9.75	8.75	1.5
Total Number of Employees	12.75	11.75	2.5

Staff with Disabilities 93%

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES

Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of <u>active</u> CSRs carried over from the previous reporting period	163
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since the first day of the reporting period	174
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	337

IL Plans and Waivers

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	260
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	77
(3) <i>Total number of consumers</i> served during the reporting year	337

Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	9
(2) Withdrawn	38
(3) Died	7
(4) Completed all goals set	57
(5) Other	7
(6) Add lines (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)+(5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	118

Age

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	3
(2) Ages 5 – 19	17
(3) Ages 20 – 24	15
(4) Ages 25 – 59	141
(5) Age 60 and Older	161
(6) Age unavailable	0
(7) Total number of consumers by age	337

Sex

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	162
(2) Number of Males served	173
(3) Total number of consumers by gender	337

Race And Ethnicity

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	2
(2) Asian	3
(3) Black or African American	2
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
(5) White	267
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/ Latino only	44

(7) Two or more races	5
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	14
(9) Total number of consumers served by race/ethnicity	337

Disability

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	27
(2) Mental/Emotional	37
(3) Physical	129
(4) Hearing	3
(5) Vision	17
(6) Multiple Disabilities	108
(7) Other	16
(8) Total number of consumers served by disability	337

Individuals Served by County During the Reporting Year

County Name	Number of County Residents Served
Grand, CO	29
Moffat, CO	169
Rio Blanco, CO	18
Routt, CO	88
Summit, CO	33

Total number of consumers served by county	337
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Individual Services

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
(A) Advocacy/Legal Services	1346	1346
(B) Assistive Technology	119	119
(C) Children's Services	2	2
(D) Communication Services	23	23
(E) Counseling and Related Services	6	6
(F) Family Services	131	131
(G) Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	398	398
(H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	1089	1089
(I) Information and Referral Services	2823	2823
(J) Mental Restoration Services	2	2
(K) Mobility Training	25	25
(L) Peer Counseling Services	1725	1725
(M) Personal Assistance Services	45	45
(N) Physical Restoration Services	4	4
(O) Preventive Services	39	39
(P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	25	25

(Q) Recreational Services	164	164
(R) Rehabilitation Technology Services	0	0
(S) Therapeutic Treatment	0	0
(T) Transportation Services	775	775
(U) Youth/Transition Services	287	287
(V) Vocational Services	137	137
(W) Other Services	988	988

Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
(A) Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	12	3	8
(B) Communication	9	2	5
(C) Mobility/Transportation	163	58	81
(D) Community-Based Living	36	17	13
(E) Educational	8	3	5
(F) Vocational	28	5	16
(G) Self-care	25	7	10
(H) Information Access/Technology	10	4	5
(I) Personal Resource Management	46	18	23
(J) Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	12	8	3
(K) Community/Social Participation	28	7	17
(L) Other	146	51	68

Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care Services, and Assistive Technology

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	104	98	4
(B) Health Care Services	17	15	1
(C) Assistive Technology	10	8	1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL SERVICES OR ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements

NWCCI embarked on a new program to establish housing navigation services in our region. The program is intended to create better access to housing for people moving out of nursing facilities. Previously there had been a housing navigator for our region, but they were located in Denver and were never able to build anything of significance in NWCCI's area of operation. The program started in spring of 2025 and has enabled NWCCI to expand efforts in connecting with landlords in the Routt and Moffat county area.

We have also seen a significant increase in services for Information and Referral. These numbers reflect services provided to individuals who do not have a full consumer information file established.

Information and Referral Individuals	Information and Referral Services
289	1814

Bustang collaborated with NWCCI to discuss accessibility and disability etiquette with their drivers. We were able to send staff to the event to provide advice and feedback to them on how to engage people with disabilities in a manner to ensure that they get the services they need while also maintaining a respect where they do not get treated differently than other passengers. One example of this is highlighting how drivers should observe the same level of personal space boundaries as they would with anyone else; expecting that a wheelchair user will apply their own brakes and seatbelt, and if unsure about it, just asking the person to confirm.

Further specific achievements include:

- Planned and held our annual Life Skills Camp event at Steamboat Adaptive Recreation & Sports program (STARS). A 3 day event with 2 overnights for youth 16-26 where we work on team building by preparing meals, exploring pride in shared experience and engaging in social & recreational activities.
- Established a program called Rocky Hockey through grant funding and maintained events through the summer where community members came to experience sled hockey. Colorado Avalanche sled hockey team and the paralympic teams coordinated with NWCCI for one of the events to assist in building interest with their attendance and expertise.
- Outreach for the nursing home transition program was successful and we are now operating in all 3 skilled nursing facilities in our catchment area.
- Staci Nichols engaged and participated on the Colorado Disability Funding Committee

Major Obstacles

The biggest obstacle for NWCCI this year has been the changes to the nursing home transition program and how it is impacting the program's function. The delay in the system for changing a person's medicaid from facility to community based Medicaid remains a primary barrier for working with people to transition out of a nursing home. Many of our consumers cannot survive

a wait of 2 weeks to a month before their services start and end up choosing to stay in the facility because of lack of access to services.

Colorado transition with the non-emergency medical transportation program to use a broker has removed most of the ride services in the area that were depending on this program. We have had to reposition our transportation program to focus on medical rides, especially long distance rides to Denver and Grand Junction, to accommodate for this change.

Community Activities Summary

NWCCI participates in a wide variety of community activities.

Examples include -

- Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living (ACCIL)
- CO Advisory Council for Brain Injury (CACBI)
- Colorado Dept.of Healthcare and Public Financing (HCPF) Program Improvement Advisory Council
- Veterans support including participation in peer group activities.
- Rocky Mountain Health Plans (subsidiary of United Healthcare) - Regional Accountable Entity (Managed Care Organization) in contract CO State Medicaid Agency.
- Rotary Club, Lion's Club, civic and faith-based organizations.
- Medicaid Consumer Advisory Council
- Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC)
- County and municipal government agency collaboration
- Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- Community Foundations
- Working with the NW CO Housing Group, State Nursing Home Transitions Council and various state administrative departments.
- Youth Leadership networking statewide and nationally
- Booths and tables at community events, job fairs, local festivals and farm markets

In person encounters are important internally and an opportunity to maintain coordination with partner organizations focused on the person we are supporting. We also get requests through the year to collaborate with organizations around accessibility and disability etiquette.

NWCCI staff maintain a position on the Moffat County Housing Authority board and the Town of Fraser planning commission. The work with the Moffat County Housing board is around working with them to make their application process more consumer friendly for the senior housing complex they manage. The work with the Town of Fraser planning commission is to increase the level of accessibility around the community in both infrastructure and in businesses.

Quarterly Meetings with Senior Social Center that includes dozens of partner organizations. This event leads to a community wide connection with organizations and keeps opportunities to connect fresh with everyone.

NWCCI engaged with a multitude of organizations throughout the year. A brief list highlighting the major interactions is below.

- County Department of Human Services
- Single Entry Point - NW CO Options for Long Term Care
- Social Security Administration
- Housing and Urban Development
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Office of Community Living
- Routt, Moffat, Grand, and Summit County School districts
- Local nonprofits who provide services to our consumers
- United Way
- Hospitals and clinics in Routt, Moffat, Grand, Summit and Rio Blanco
- Housing Authorities in Routt, Moffat, Grand, and Summit
- Local government in Routt, Moffat, Grand, Summit, and Rio Blanco
- Horizons Specialized Services
- The ARC of Colorado
- Colorado Youth Leadership Forum
- The Health Partnership
- Integrated Communities
- Disability Law Colorado
- Community Center Boards
- Vintage/Council on Aging/Senior centers
- Local library Districts
- Food Banks
- Housing Authorities
- Local high schools for YT
- Emergency Crisis and Response network teams
- GC Board of County Commissioners
- Staff member on the Board of the Town of Fraser Planning Commission with large system advocacy focus on disability access
- GC Rural Health Network

NWCCI Work Related to SPIL Goals

- **The Colorado IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of all Coloradoans with disabilities across communities, lifespan and cultures.**
 - NWCCI holds an organization-wide Life Skill Camp for youth in transition. It promotes development of IL skills, social connections, self-advocacy, disability awareness, assistive technology & resources, options counseling, and strength based goal setting for youth with disabilities (ages 16-26) transitioning to adulthood.
 - NWCCI Independent Living Coordinator, Joy McCoy, was appointed for a 2nd term as a Town of Fraser Planning Commissioner (by newly elected Mayor Brian Cerkvenik). Focus is on community accessibility and disability awareness. ADA crosswalks and safety lights were installed on highway 40 throughout the Town of

Fraser. ADA traffic light signals are “in the works” for county road 804 and highway 40 on behalf of a Fraser community member who is blind and other community members with disability challenges.

- Membership on the Adult Protective Services with the Grand County Dept. of Human Services
 - Membership on the Health and Human Resource Coalition (Grand County Wide)
 - On the Atlantis Ready Planning Committee focusing on building a state wide emergency preparedness initiative.
 - Attendance was held at the Access and Functional Needs Conference in April of 2025 where Evan was able to inform and connect with State Emergency Managers to discuss Emergency Preparedness
 - Committee attendance was held on the SILC Youth Committee which planned and staffed the Youth Track of the ACCIL/SILC State IL Conference.
- **The IL Network will promote the voice of individuals with disabilities in improving the availability, attainability, affordability and access to housing resources in their chosen community.**
 - 3 home modifications were coordinated and installed in Grand County (specialty lift for quadriplegic, ADA sink and faucet for paraplegic, and shower bar installed in home of 2 seniors).
 - Impending eviction was prevented for a Fraser resident through Angel fund grant and Grand County resource access
 - Town of Fraser approved housing code requirements that include ADA units for housing developments and accessibility ready features for housing projects.
 - Affordable housing project (Victoria Village) is currently being developed that includes ADA access to the 2 block long apartment complexes, along with the Fraser post office.
 - Advocacy for public transportation: increased services have been enacted for housing and employment accessibility
 - Van lift for paraplegic installed for independent transportation
 - Assisted a consumer in Summit County with a home modification to get an accessible ramp installed at his house to increase independence and access to the community.
 - Assisted a consumer in Grand County with navigating community resources to get roof repairs done so that she could continue to live independently.
 - Assisted consumer in Summit County to apply for the USDA Home Loan and Grant Program to get work done on his owned house so that he could remain living independently.

- Connection with housing authority has allowed NWCCI to be in the communication loop of when the housing voucher list opens for applications so we can communicate with our consumers about getting on the waitlist.
- **The Colorado IL Network will provide avenues for Coloradans with disabilities across communities, lifespan and cultures to explore options and make informed choices about benefits planning.**
 - Annual training was created for Grand County partner organizations, the Dept. of Human Services, the Grand County Rural Health Network, the Mountain Family Center, and Grand Seniors promoting realistic/informed options counseling & eligibility screening.
 - NWCCI staff connect with consumers from the perspective of knowing about the intersecting web between the variety of benefits programs available to them. This allows the IL Coordinators to engage consumers in accessing a variety of programs such as SSA retirement, SSI/SSDI, Medicare, Medicaid and unemployment benefits. Staff also collaborate with a CPWIC (Community Partner Work Incentives Coordinator) when necessary.