

>>>: WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE FIELD OFFICES CONNECTED IN. SORRY FOR THE DELAY.

>>>: IT GIVES US TIME TO RELAX.

>>>: AND THERE ARE LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE COPIES COMING.

>>>: IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO NEEDS BRAILLE OR LARGE PRINT?

>>>: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. MY NAME IS KAY GRIER. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING WHICH GOVERNS GOALS, ACTIVITIES, AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ACROSS OHIO.

TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL JUST TALK ABOUT CHANGES. THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT -- WE WILL NOT GO OVER THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT TODAY. WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GO OVER THOSE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE DOCUMENT. AND WE WILL SEND -- WE CAN CERTAINLY -- ONCE THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED AND SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE POSTED IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH ALL THESE CHANGES

SHOWING. AT THAT POINT WE CAN GET WHATEVER ACCESSIBLE COPIES AVAILABLE TO YOU WITH THAT, WE'RE GOING TO START.

AGAIN, THIS PRESENTATION JUST IDENTIFIES THE CHANGES. WITH ME HERE IS ANISA HERE WITH RSC. SHE IS THE LIAISON FOR THIS PROGRAM. AND WE'VE PRESSED KATY SHEETS INTO SERVICE. KATY WORKS WITH THE PCA PROGRAM. SHE, TOO, MAY ASSIST IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING INPUT. AND WE HAVE WITH US MINDY DUNKIN FROM RSC WHO IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR BSEI.

I WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY GO AROUND AND JUST HAVE INTRODUCTIONS SO WE KNOW WHO IS WITH US. WE'LL START WITH YOU.

>>>: I'M SUE HETRICK. I WORK WITH THE GREATER TOLEDO AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY PART-TIME. I RECENTLY STARTED A CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN CENTRAL OHIO SERVING FRANKLIN AND DELAWARE COUNTY.

>>>: I'M SORRY, COULD YOU SAY YOUR NAME AGAIN.

>>>: SUE HETRICK.

>>>: MY NAME IS TONYA GRUBB. AND I AM A SERVICE SUPPORT PROVIDER FOR THE DEAF IN

MARYSVILLE, OHIO, AND FRANKLIN COUNTY. BOARD OF DD. AND I'VE BEEN A PROVIDER FOR FIVE YEARS. AND THAT'S MY HUSBAND, BRIAN. AND I'M HIS PCA FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL.

>>>: MY NAME IS DONNA SCHULTZ. AND I'M RETIRED FROM THE GOVERNMENT AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE. AND NOW I'M A MEMBER OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF. AND I'M HERE JUST TO LISTEN TO THE PRESENTATION FOR DEAF/BLIND COMMUNITY IN OHIO. THANK YOU.

>>>: I'M JENNIFER SMITH-DUDASH. I'M WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF, AND WE ALSO RUN AN SSP PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF/BLIND OVER THE AGE OF 60. SO I'M HERE TO LEARN MORE.

>>>: MY NAME IS BRIAN GRUBB, AND I AM DEAF/BLIND. I'M AN EX-PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF/BLIND. AND I'M ON THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL. I'M INVOLVED WITH MANY COMMITTEES THERE, AND ALSO I WORK FOR UHC IN MARYSVILLE, DD. OH, UCO.

>>>: MY NAME IS DAWN WATTS, AND I AM DEAF, AND I'M A FREELANCE INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF PEOPLE AND FOR DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE. AND I DO

SOME ADVOCACY FOR DEAF AND DEAF/BLIND. AND I'M
A CIVIL RIGHTS VOLUNTEER. AND I'M CONSIDERING
DOING INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES, BUT I HAVEN'T
DECIDED WHAT TO DO YET.

>>>: WHERE ARE YOU FROM, DAWN?

>>>: I'M FROM COLUMBUS.

>>>: AND I'M RICK SCHULTZ, AND THAT'S
MY WIFE, DONNA, OVER THERE. AND I'VE WORKED
WITH OADB AS A VOLUNTEER, AS AN SSP, AND VARIOUS
ACTIVITIES, AND I WORK FOR THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT FOR 19 YEARS NOW. SO YEAH.

>>>: I'M MARK SEIFARTH. I'M HERE AS AN
ADVOCATE, BUT BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION I'M A
FORMER RSC COMMISSIONER, FORMER RSC EMPLOYEE,
CURRENTLY CHAIR OF THE APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE FOR
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COUNCIL.

>>>: MY NAME IS JOE BUTORA. I'M A CASE
MANAGER FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

>>>: I'M ELIZABETH SAMMONS. AND I WORK
WITH RSC AS A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.

>>>: MY NAME IS STEVE WILSON. I WORK
WITH RSC. I'M THEIR LEGISLATIVE LIAISON.

>>>: I'M MINDY DUNKIN, I'M THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF RSC'S BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR THE

VISUALLY IMPAIRED, WHICH INCLUDES THE
INDEPENDENT LIVING AND CCD AND PCA PROGRAMS.
AND I'M HERE TODAY TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK.

>>>: MY NAME IS ANISA LOCK-HINES. I AM
ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BSEI. I MANAGE THE
IO PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
PROGRAM.

>>>: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE'LL
GET STARTED. I'LL TRY TO BE AS EXPEDITIOUS AS
POSSIBLE IN GOING THROUGH THESE.

OUR FIRST SLIDE INDICATES THE GOALS
LISTED IN THE PREVIOUSLY DRAFTED VERSION OF THE
FFY14-16 SPIL -- SPIL ASSISTANTS FOR STATE PLAN
FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING -- HAVE NOT CHANGED. THE
NARRATIVE RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES FOR EACH
GOAL HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THE
CONTRIBUTION OF THE CCD'S IN MEETING THE GOALS.
THE FINANCIAL PLAN HAS CHANGED TO REFLECT THE
ADDITION OF THE CCD AND PCA PROGRAMS AS PART OF
THE SPIL.

I'M GOING TO STOP RIGHT HERE. I'M
SORRY. AT OUR LAKEWOOD OFFICE WE HAVE MARY AND
BOB BUTLER. I APOLOGIZE. MARY IS AN EMPLOYEE
OF THE SILC AND WORKS AT -- LIVES IN ELYRIA, AND

THEY ARE JOINING US IN THE LAKEWOOD LOCATION. I
APOLOGIZE, MARY.

THE TABLE NOW REFLECTS THE USE OF SSR
FUNDING TO SUPPORT THOSE PROGRAMS. ALSO IN
FFY14, OSILC PLANS TO MATCH FOR ADDITIONAL
INNOVATION AND EXPANSION FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE
OSILC RESOURCE PLAN. IN TURN, IN FFY14, OSILC
IS PUSHING OUT \$73,000 OF GRF FUNDS TO AUGMENT
FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SILC'S. ALSO SECTIONS OF
THE FINANCIAL NARRATIVE THAT HAVE HAD EDITS ARE
INCLUDED FOR THIS REVIEW.

THE NEXT SLIDE TALKS ABOUT SOME OF THOSE
CHANGES. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, THE OSILC
WRITES GRANTS FOR NON-MATCH GRF FUNDS TO A
MAJORITY OF THE CIL'S. FOR FFY14 OSILC HAS
COMMITTED TO USE AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 OF GRF TO
MATCH FOR ADDITIONAL I & E DOLLARS. THE DSU HAS
AGREED TO THIS. FOR FFY14 OSILC HAS ALSO AGREED
TO ISSUE \$73,000 OF GRF TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO
CIL'S TO HELP ADDRESS THE FUNDING SHORTAGE OF IL
SERVICES IN OHIO. OSILC AND THE DSU WILL
COLLABORATE IN FFY15 AND 16 TO DETERMINE THE
FINAL AMOUNT OF I & E AVAILABLE THOSE TWO YEARS.
PRESENTLY, THE PLAN AMOUNTS FOR FFY15 AND 16 IS

\$250,000.

THE DSU USES SSR FUNDS --

>>>: I'M SORRY. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE
\$250,000?

>>>: THAT IS INNOVATION AND EXPANSION
DOLLARS GIVEN TO THE OSILC FOR OPERATIONS. IT
COMES FROM RSC. WE THEN USE STATE DOLLARS TO
MATCH THOSE DOLLARS WHICH ALLOWS MORE MONEY TO
COME INTO THE STATE. THE I & E DOLLARS CAN ONLY
BE USED FOR SILC OPERATIONS. I KNOW, THIS IS
HAIRY STUFF HERE.

THE DSU USES SSR FUNDS PLUS A GRF -- AND
GRF STANDS FOR GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS, OR STATE
DOLLARS -- ALLOTMENT OF \$28,000 TO SUPPORT THE
COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF FOR A TOTAL OF
\$800,000 PER YEAR. SSR FUNDS ARE ALSO USED TO
SUPPORT THE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND
TO FUND THE TELEPHONE AND MOBILE DEVICE ACCESS
TO NEWS, JOB POSTINGS AND PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DISABLED AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
CONSUMERS.

>>>: I HAVE A QUESTION. THE \$250,000,
THAT'S FOR THE ENTIRE STATE OF OHIO, OR IS IT
ONLY HERE FOR COLUMBUS, FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY?

>>>: THAT'S FOR THE SILC OFFICE OPERATIONS, WHICH IS IN GAHANNA. BUT WE ARE A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION.

THE DSU HAS COMMITTED -- I'M SORRY, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.

>>>: WE'RE JUST CLARIFYING TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE SAW WHAT SHE SIGNED.

>>>: THE DSU HAS COMMITTED \$323,800 OF I & E FUNDS FOR FFY14 AND \$250,000 FOR 15 AND 16. EXPENDITURE OF I & E FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR SILC OPERATIONS AS THE OSILC WILL GIVE UP THEIR PART B FUNDS FOR THE ENTIRE THREE YEARS OF THE SPIL SO THAT CIL'S CAN REMAIN CLOSE TO THE LEVELS OF FUNDING REQUIRED FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AND EXPAND SERVICES. OSILC IS ALSO AWARDING \$73,000 OF THEIR STATE FUNDING TO CIL'S TO AUGMENT FUNDING IN FFY14.

DSU RECEIVES SSR FEDERAL FUNDS. THE DSU -- AND LET ME CLARIFY. DSU STANDS FOR DESIGNATED STATE UNIT, WHICH IS RSC, OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES. WHEN WE SAY DSU, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RSC. THE DSU PLANS TO TRANSFER UP TO \$3.56 MILLION ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT IL SERVICES PROVIDED BY

COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF (\$772,000 EACH YEAR OF THE SPIL) AND THE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (\$2,700,000 EACH YEAR OF THE SPIL) AND APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 FOR OTHER IL SERVICES RELATED TO DELIVERY OF INFORMATION TO DISABLED AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CONSUMERS. BECAUSE SSR DOLLARS MUST BE DRAWN DOWN AND EXPENDED FIRST, THE DSU WILL COORDINATE THE DRAW DOWN OF THIS FUNDING TO AUGMENT PART B DOLLARS.

AND WE'RE GOING NOW TO CHANGES IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE STATE PLAN. THIS IS TO DESCRIBE HOW THE SPIL OBJECTIVES ARE CONSISTENT WITH AND FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE VII OF THE REHAB ACT AS STATED IN SECTION 701 OF THE ACT AND 34CFR, WHICH IS THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, 364.2. AND THIS IS THE PORTION THAT HAS BEEN ADDED. AFTER THE DECISION TO INCORPORATE THE PCA AND CCD PROGRAMS INTO THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM WAS MADE, DSU AND OSILC ENGAGED CCD'S FOR BUY-IN ON THE OVERALL MISSION AND GOALS OF THE SPIL. CCD'S WILL AUGMENT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OSILC, DSU AND CIL'S TO MEETING THE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE SPIL.

THE DSU AND OSILC HELD A MEETING WITH THE CCD'S TO COLLABORATE ON THE CCD CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPIL GOALS.

AND I DID NOT IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION INCLUDE ALL OF THOSE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES. THEY'RE PRETTY EXTENSIVE. BUT WE DID ADD THE CCD'S AND WE TALKED ABOUT THOSE IN A PREVIOUS MEETING. WE DID ADD CCD'S INTO THOSE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES. AND AGAIN, WHEN THE COMPLETE DOCUMENT IS FINISHED, YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE THING.

SO THE NEXT SECTION IS THE NARRATIVE SECTION 2-SCOPE, EXTENT, AND ARRANGEMENT OF SERVICES. THE QUESTION IN THE STATE PLAN IS DESCRIBE ANY SERVICE PROVISION PRIORITIES, INCLUDING TYPES OF SERVICES OR POPULATIONS, ESTABLISHED FOR MEETING THE SPIL OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1.2. AGAIN, THIS NARRATIVE HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT STATE CONTRACTED IL SERVICES INCLUDING CCD AND PCA PROGRAMS.

THIS SECTION WAS UPDATED TO REFLECT THE DSU'S CONTRACT FOR CCD, PCA AND STATE PROVIDED IL-RELATED SERVICES DELIVERED UNDER THE PLAN.

THE DSU IS MOVING THE SSR FUNDED
PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY CENTERS
OF THE DEAF PROGRAMS INTO THE INDEPENDENT LIVING
PROGRAM. THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED UNDER
SECTION 713 AUTHORIZED USES OF FUNDS BUT ARE NOT
SUBJECT TO SECTION 725 CERTIFICATIONS.

COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF
PROGRAMS --

>>>: I HAVE A QUESTION. I WANT TO BACK
UP. I'M NOT SURE WHICH SLIDE IT IS. I'M
WONDERING, I'M NOTICING ALL OF THIS, AND
THERE'S -- SO I NOTICE THERE'S NO FUNDING
SPECIFICALLY SET UP FOR SUPPORTING DEAF/BLIND
AND LIVING INDEPENDENTLY. I'M WONDERING,
TRAINING DEAF/BLIND, THERE'S NOTHING IDENTIFIED
THERE. THERE'S A LOT IDENTIFIED FOR THE DEAF,
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DEAF/BLIND? SO WHY ISN'T
THERE FUNDING SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR
DEAF/BLIND, BECAUSE IT'S A LOT MORE HELP TO HELP
PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF/BLIND LIVING INDEPENDENTLY
THAN JUST PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF. IT TAKES A LOT
OF TIME. YOU HAVE TO DO A LOT OF TAX TILE
EXPLAINING. I'M WONDERING WHY THERE ISN'T
SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED FOR

DEAF/BLIND?

>>>: I THINK I CAN MAYBE SPEAK TO THAT A LITTLE BIT. WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE AS A CHANGE IN INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AS A WHOLE IS THE ADDITION OF AN ALREADY-ESTABLISHED CCD FUNDING STREAM AND PCA FUNDING STREAM. THOSE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING ADDED TO THE IL PROGRAM, THOSE WERE PROGRAMS THAT EXISTED OUTSIDE OF IL HISTORICALLY. SO IL AND INDEPENDENT LIVING AS A PROGRAM HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED A SINGLE DISABILITY GROUP TO TARGET OR TO SERVE. THEY SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. SO THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE HAVING TODAY I THINK THAT YOU'RE NOTICING IS THE ADDITION OF THOSE TWO SPECIFIC GROUPS TO THIS PROGRAM. THE ADDITION OF THOSE GROUPS TO THIS PROGRAM BROUGHT IN THEIR EXISTING FUNDING STREAMS WITH THEM. SO THIS ISN'T AN ADDED FUNDING THAT WE ARE NOW GIVING TO CCD'S OR PCA'S. THIS FUNDING HAS ALWAYS EXISTED FOR THEM.

>>>: OKAY. JUST TO FOLLOW UP. SO DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MEDICARE, OR IS THIS COMPLETELY SEPARATE?

>>>: COMPLETELY SEPARATE.

>>>: OKAY.

>>>: SO I JUST WANT TO ADD, I WAS ON AN RSC COMMITTEE IN THE 1980S AND THAT'S WHEN THEY SET UP THE CCD'S, AND SO THAT'S WHEN THAT PROGRAM TOOK ROOT, AND IT'S BEEN GOING ON EVER SINCE. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT GROWING THAT, BUT WHAT I THINK IS MAYBE WE NEED TO GO AND TALK TO THE CCD'S DIRECTLY AND TALK ABOUT EXPANDING THOSE SERVICES.

>>>: I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT RSC CLOSING THE OHIO DEAF/BLIND OUTREACH PROGRAM, AND ANOTHER ONE, THE LOW VISION, BUT THE VOCATIONAL CENTER HERE IN COLUMBUS. I KNOW A LOT OF DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLING ME ASKING WHERE AM I GOING TO GET MY SERVICES? I NEED THESE SERVICES. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I'M KIND OF STUCK. WHAT DO I RESPOND TO THAT?

>>>: SO THE COMMENT WAS RSC CLOSING OR DISCONTINUING WITH THE DEAF/BLIND SERVICES?

>>>: I CAN CLARIFY.

>>>: I KNOW THEY HAD SOME INDEPENDENT LIVING AND THEY WOULD HELP DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE LIVE INDEPENDENTLY SO THEY WEREN'T SO ISOLATED.

SO I WOULD SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT GETTING AROUND, GETTING JOBS, YOU KNOW, HAVING SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS, SSP'S, AND THERE WERE SO MANY PROBLEMS GOING ON, AND THEY WOULD HELP RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. BUT NOW THERE'S NOTHING.

>>>: I THOUGHT I HEARD TWO DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. I CAN RESPOND TO THE VISION VOCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER IN COLUMBUS CLOSING. THAT WAS NOT AN RSC GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. THAT WAS A PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT PROVIDED SERVICES. SO THAT AGENCY IS CLOSING IS NOT A RESULT OF RSC IN ANY CAPACITY. THAT AGENCY IS A PRIVATE BUSINESS. SO THAT WASN'T A PROGRAM OR AGENCY THAT RSC DISCONTINUED.

AND THE OTHER, I THINK, PROGRAM THAT I HEARD I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

>>>: I RUN THE OHIO DEAF OUTREACH PROGRAM. THAT'S WHAT I RUN OR DON'T RUN ANYMORE. SO THE REASON THAT OHIO DEAF/BLIND OUTREACH PROGRAM ISN'T RUNNING AT THIS POINT IN TIME, EXCEPT UP IN NORTHEAST OHIO, IS THAT RSC IS NOT DOING CONTRACTS ANYMORE. AND EVERYTHING GOES AN HOURLY FEE. AND BECAUSE OF THE EXPANSIVE TRAVEL THAT IS NEEDED TO SERVE THE

ENTIRE STATE OF OHIO, IT'S NOT COST EFFECTIVE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES THROUGHOUT OHIO. WE HAVE A DEAF/BLIND SPECIALIST HERE IN COLUMBUS AND ONE IN NORTHEAST OHIO, BUT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES ANYWHERE ELSE.

>>>: SO IN TERMS OF OPOP WHICH I THINK IS IN ADDITION TO THE VISUAL SERVICES QUESTION, THAT REALLY ISN'T SPECIFIC TO OR INVOLVING THE IL PROGRAM OR THE SPIL THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S COMPLETELY SEPARATE. SO MY SUGGESTION TO GET MORE DETAILS ABOUT OBOB, THE DISCONTINUING FUNDING OR THE CHANGE IN THE FUNDING STREAM FOR THAT, THAT REALLY IS AN RSC PROPER CONVERSATION AND NOT A CONVERSATION FOR THE IL PROGRAM OR THE SPIL THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. SO WHAT I CAN DO IS MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MY CARD AND I CAN GET SOME FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION FOR YOU. THAT ISN'T KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WOULD HAVE IN THIS ROOM TODAY ABOUT THAT SEPARATE PROGRAM.

>>>: OKAY.

>>>: SO IT WAS IL -- SO DEAF/BLIND CAN RECEIVE SERVICES FROM IL, RIGHT?

>>>: CORRECT. WITH THE INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, DEAF/BLIND CAN BE SERVED THROUGH IL SERVICES.

>>>: AND DOES THE DEAF/BLIND PERSON HAVE TO BE WORKING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM AN IL CENTER?

>>>: OH, NO.

>>>: CONTINUING ON, COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF PROGRAM INFORMATION. THE COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF ARE OHIO'S CENTRALIZED RESOURCE FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING OHIOANS. EACH CENTER RECEIVES FUNDING FROM RSC TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR DEAF OHIOANS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. CCD SERVICES HAVE A STRONG CORRELATION TO THE 4 CORE IL SERVICES. THOSE INCLUDE SUPPORT SERVICES, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION, INTERPRETING SERVICES, AND LEADERSHIP. THE SUPPORT SERVICES, CCD'S HELP DEAF OHIOANS TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENT THROUGH REFERRAL AND LINKAGE TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, VOCATIONAL AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING, COORDINATION WITH LEGAL, EDUCATIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION. CCD'S ENSURE

THAT DEAF OHIOANS ARE AWARE OF AND HAVE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES THROUGH ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTATION AND ADVOCACY FOR INTERPRETING SERVICES, PROMOTING AWARENESS OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ISSUES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS. THE INTERPRETING SERVICES. CCD'S PROVIDE LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF/BLIND PERSONS AND PERSONS IN THE GENERAL COMMUNITY WHO NEED A LANGUAGE SUPPORT, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND PIDGEON SIGN LANGUAGE, OTHER SIGNED LANGUAGES TO MEET CONSUMER NEEDS, SUCH AS SIGNED EXACT ENGLISH, SEE, OR CUED SPEECH, ORAL INTERPRETING, C-PRINT AND OTHER EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. LEADERSHIP. CCD'S INCREASE AND IMPROVE THE INVOLVEMENT OF DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF/BLIND PERSONS IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES, LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING, GRANT WRITING TRAINING, DEAF-LED ADVISORY COMMITTEES, MENTORING PROGRAMS, INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES SPECIFIC TO DEAF YOUTH. CCDS ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE SPIL DSU WILL WORK TO REALIGN THE VERNACULAR OF THESE SERVICES WITH THE CORE SERVICES PROVIDED BY WAY OF PART B FUND TO AID IN OUR EFFORTS TO TRACK UTILIZATION OF SERVICES AND OUTCOMES. THE DSU PROCURED CCD SERVICES AND HAS AWARDED CONTRACTS TO THE ENTITIES IDENTIFIED BELOW, AKRON AND WOOSTER, THE GREEN LEAF FAMILY CENTER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF. IN CANTON, TRIAD DEAF SERVICES, INC. IN CINCINNATI, HEARING AND SPEECH & DEAF CENTER OF GREATER CINCINNATI. CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER, COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING. IN COLUMBUS AND PORTS MOST, DEAF SERVICES CENTER. DAYTON, THE DAYTON FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF. LORAIN, COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING OF LORAIN COUNTY. MANSFIELD, THE CENTER FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SERVICES/THE REHAB CENTER, COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING. IN TOLEDO, THE TOLEDO HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER AND THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CENTER. IN YOUNGSTOWN, THE YOUNGSTOWN HEARING AND SPEECH.

NOW, CHANGES THAT WERE ADDED RELATED TO THE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-SUMMARY. TO AID OHIOANS WITH SEVERE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES IN THEIR QUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE, DSU'S PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING. THESE PERSONAL CARE SERVICES MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO DRESSING, GROOMING, BATHING AND TOILETING, FOOD PREPARATION, FEEDING, MEDICATING, TURNING, REPOSITIONS, TRANSFERRING, AND ASSISTING WITH AMBULATION. THROUGH THE PCA PROGRAM, MANY OHIOANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND AND MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND HAVE LEFT INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR OWN HOMES OR APARTMENTS. PCA ELIGIBILITY-TO QUALIFY FOR THE OHIO PCA PROGRAM A PERSON MUST: BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, BE AN OHIO RESIDENT AND OBTAIN SERVICES IN OHIO, HAVE A SEVERE PHYSICAL DISABILITY, NOT BE RECEIVING DUPLICATIVE, PCA SERVICES FROM RSC'S VOCATIONAL REHAB PROGRAMS, NEED NO FEWER THAN 8 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OF PCA AND NO MORE THAN 455 HOURS PER QUARTER, HAVE ADJUSTED INCOME NOT EXCEEDING 600 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY LEVEL, BE CAPABLE OF INSTRUCTING AND

SUPERVISING A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT, BE LIVING
INDEPENDENTLY --

>>>: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT. I
WORK WITH -- SO THE PCA, THE ATTENDANT, SO THE
PERSON THEMSELVES WHO IS THE ATTENDANT, DO THEY
NEED TO SIGN? SO IF THERE WAS A DEAF PERSON,
WHAT WOULD THEY DO? HOW WOULD THEY GET
SERVICES, OR LIKE A DEAF/BLIND PERSON?

>>>: I DON'T KNOW.

>>>: I DON'T KNOW IF I UNDERSTAND THE
QUESTION. IS THE QUESTION HOW DOES A PERSON
THAT'S APPLYING FOR PCA SERVICES GET DEAF/BLIND
SERVICES?

>>>: NO. SO LIKE IF YOU'RE WORKING AS
A DEAF/BLIND PERSON --

>>>: I'M GOING TO STEP OUT OF MY ROLE.
I THINK I CAN ANSWER IT. SO IF A DEAF PERSON IS
THE CLIENT UNDER PCA AND THEY HAVE AN ATTENDANT,
DOES THAT PERSON SIGN? SO THAT PERSON, THE
CLIENT, THEY HIRE THEIR OWN ATTENDANT, THEIR
PCA'S. SO THEY ARE REQUIRED TO FIND THE RIGHT
PERSON. SO IF THEY NEED SOMEONE WHO SIGNS OR
DOES TACTILE, THEY MUST FIND THE RIGHT PERSON.
WE PROVIDE THE MONEY. THAT'S IT. THIS PERSON

MUST BE ABLE TO FIND, HIRE, SUPERVISE THEIR ATTENDANT. IS THAT CLEAR?

>>>: SOMETIMES THE CLIENT, WHO IS MAYBE DEAF, THEY GET A HEARING PERSON STUCK WITH THEM AND THEY CAN'T EVEN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE. YOU NEED TO MATCH THE COMMUNICATION NEEDS FOR THAT CLIENT.

>>>: AS YOU JUST EXPLAINED, THE CLIENT FINDS THE RIGHT PERSON.

>>>: YEAH. LIKE MY HUSBAND, I'M HIS ATTENDANT. SO UNDER THE PCA PROGRAM, COULD I BE HIS ATTENDANT?

>>>: YES.

>>>: OH, OKAY. THAT SURPRISES ME.

>>>: BE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY --

>>>: I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY JOB.

>>>: BE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY OR THROUGH PCA BE CAPABLE OF LIVING INDEPENDENTLY. AGREE TO BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC EVALUATION OF NEED FOR CONTINUING PCA SERVICE. PCA PRIORITY-LIMITED FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES: PEOPLE WHO HAVE A JOB AND NEED A PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT TO KEEP THE JOB, PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING A

JOB AND NEED PCA TO FIND AND KEEP A JOB, PEOPLE
IN STATE ACCREDITED JOB-TRAINING PROGRAM WHO
NEED PCA TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING.

THEN THE PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES.
IF APPROVE AS ELIGIBLE FOR PCA SERVICES, EACH
PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
FOLLOWING DUTIES: SCREENING, INTERVIEWING,
SELECTING, INSTRUCTING, AND SUPERVISING THE
PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT. PAYING THE PERSONAL
CARE ASSISTANT'S WAGES IN A TIMELY MANNER AGREED
UPON BY THE TWO PARTIES.

>>>: THE CLIENT PAYS THE ATTENDANT?
THE CLIENT PAYS THE PCA?

>>>: YES. THE CLIENT PAYS THE PCA AND
THE PCA PROGRAM PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THAT CLIENT
TO PAY THEIR PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT.

>>>: YOU WOULD REIMBURSE THE CLIENT, SO
TO SPEAK?

>>>: SOMEWHAT. I WOULDN'T CALL IT A
CLEAN REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE WE ONLY PAY A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY.

>>>: THEY'RE JUST HAVING A DISCUSSION
EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENCES.

>>>: FOLLOWING ALL OBLIGATIONS,

PROCEDURES AND PAYMENTS OF EMPLOYER COST AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IN TERMS OF PCA WHO CAN BE AN ATTENDANT, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT YOU MUST AGREE TO THE TERMS OF WORK, PERFORM TASKS TO AVOID INJURY AND DISCOMFORTABLE FOR THE PCA CLIENT, PERMANENT OTHER PERSONAL CARE TASKS AS AGREED UPON, REPORT TO WORK AS SCHEDULED, MAINTAIN THE PCA CLIENT'S PRIVACY AND DIGNITY.

>>>: I HAVE A CLARIFICATION. SO THE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT WILL DO FOR THE CLIENT. SO IS THERE TRAINING INVOLVED, LIKE FIRST AID, CPR, MRIR, YOU KNOW, DIFFERENT REPORTING, LIKE MAJOR INCIDENT REPORTS, ARE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM?

>>>: SO RSC DOES NOT TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TRAINING WHO THAT PCA ATTENDANT IS BECAUSE IT'S THE CLIENT'S DESIRE OF WHO THEY WANT THAT PERSON TO BE. WE DO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HELPING OUR CLIENT MANAGE THEIR PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE GETTING FROM THAT INDIVIDUAL WHAT THEY NEED.

>>>: OKAY. AND THIS IS IN ADDITION TO ANOTHER NARRATIVE SECTION RELATED TO THE

DESIGNATED STATE UNIT. THE DSU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PCA AND CCD PROGRAMS INCLUDING RECEIVING, DISPERSING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING OF THE SSR DOLLARS UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THEM. DSU ACTIVELY MANAGES THE CCD CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM AND FISCAL PERFORMANCE.

FISCAL CONTROL AND FUND ACCOUNTING. THE DSU RECEIVES SSR FUNDS AND PLANS TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE UP TO \$3.56 MILLION ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT THE PCA (2.7 MILLION) AND THE CCD (772,000) PROGRAMS PLUS THE CONTRACT FOR TELEPHONE/MOBILE DEVICE DELIVERY OF JOB LEADS, NEWS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION. THIS IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH CONTRACTS. THE DSU INTENDS TO INCLUDE PCA AND --

>>>: I HAVE A QUESTION. HOW DO YOU DETERMINE HOW MANY HOURS SOMEBODY MIGHT NEED A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT?

>>>: RSC MAKES A DETERMINATION OF HOW MANY HOURS WE WILL FUND FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL FOR THE ATTENDANT. SO WE DON'T MAKE A DECISION ABOUT HOW MANY HOURS THAT PERSON NEEDS. WE MAKE A DECISION THROUGH THE ELIGIBILITY PROCESS OF WHAT WE CAN FUND AND SUPPORT. AND THAT WAS

BASED UPON THAT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THAT WAS
READ A NUMBER OF SLIDES AGO.

>>>: DSU INTENDS TO INCLUDE PCA AND CCD
OUTCOMES IN THE RSA704 REPORT. WITH CCD'S
MOVING UNDER THE SPIL FOR FY14-16, DSU WILL
ACTIVELY ENGAGE CCD'S, CIL'S, AND OSILC TO
LEVERAGE RESOURCES WHERE POSSIBLE AND STRENGTHEN
THE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES PROVIDED
BETWEEN THESE PROGRAMS. THE DSU WILL ALSO
ENGAGE CCD'S ABOUT MOVING TO A COMMON VERNACULAR
AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE CORE SERVICES THEY
PROVIDE. WHILE CCD SERVICES ARE WELL ALIGNED
WITH THE FOUR CORE IL SERVICES, A UNIFIED NAMING
CONVENTION WILL BETTER ENABLE THE TRACKING OF
SERVICES UTILIZED AND THEIR OUTCOMES. AND THAT
CONCLUDES THE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE TO THE
STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. PUBLIC
COMMENT. MARK.

>>>: FORGIVE ME, AFTER ALL THE YEARS IN
THE STATEHOUSE, I WAS GOING TO SAY THANK YOU,
MADAM CHAIR. I GUESS I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY
THAT. BRIEFLY, AS ONE OF THE FOLKS MENTIONED
RELATIVE TO THE CCD'S THAT WERE STARTED IN THE
'80S. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE PERSONAL CARE

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT ACTUALLY BEGAN, I BELIEVE -- AND THIS IS BY MEMORY, SO PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS AS THE GOSPEL -- IN 1981 A GROUP OF ADVOCATES CAME TOGETHER, INCLUDING BILL SCHULTZ FROM KENT, OHIO AND A NUMBER OF ADVOCATES WITH DISABILITIES AND CREATED THE PCA PROGRAM. THIS WAS NOT A STATE OR FEDERAL MANDATE. THIS WAS AN ISSUE WHERE PEOPLE WANTED TO GET OUT OF NURSING HOMES, BE ABLE TO BE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR HOMES AND GO TO WORK. THE REASON I WANT TO MENTION THIS IS AS WE ARE NOW MOVING THE PCA PROGRAM FROM RSC TO THE SILC, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER AND I THINK IT ALLIANCE WELL WITH THE SILC'S CHARGE THAT THE PCA PROGRAM WAS STARTED AS AN EMPOWERMENT FOR CONSUMERS AND BY CONSUMERS. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE MANY OTHER PROGRAMS NOW, INCLUDING THE MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM. IN FACT, KAY AND I SAT THROUGH A MEDICAID HEARING YESTERDAY WHERE THE STATE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO IMPLEMENT THE MANDATES, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE PROGRAM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CONSUMER CONTROLLED PROGRAM WHERE THE CONSUMER HAS CONTROL OVER THEIR ATTENDANT

AND THE CONSUMER GETS TO MAKE DECISIONS. SO AS THE SILC MOVES FORWARD, I THINK THE SILC IS GOING TO WANT TO LOOK AT A LOT OF THINGS RELATIVE TO PCA AND HOW TO GIVE CONSUMERS THE MOST CONTROL. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE BEGINNING IN '81 AND RSC HAS ACTIVELY LOOKED AT IT FOR MANY YEARS IN THE 1990S, AND COMMISSIONER SUE NEMETH AND OTHERS WORKED TO REVAMP THE PROGRAM AND KEEP IT CURRENT AND THEY FOCUSED IT MORE ON EMPLOYMENT AT THAT POINT. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO PUT INTO THE RECORD THAT I FEEL THAT PCA IS ONE OF THE FEW PROGRAMS THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO HAVE CHOICES, HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING INDEPENDENT, AND GO TO WORK AND STAY OUT OF NURSING HOMES IF THAT'S NOT WHERE THEY WANT TO BE. AND SO AS THIS PROGRAM CONTINUES, I AM VERY HOPEFUL AND ANTICIPATORY THAT THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL WILL SEE THIS AS PART OF THEIR ADVOCACY AND INDEPENDENCE CHARGE AND TAKE THIS ON WITH GREAT VERVE AND EXCITEMENT. I WILL BE GLAD TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE THAT I CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>>: I HAVE A COMMENT. SO THE

PERSON -- SO THE ATTENDANT WHO WORKS WITH THE CONSUMER, DEAF, DEAF/BLIND, SOMEBODY WITH A DISABILITY, ARE THEY PERMANENTLY EMPLOYED, OR IS IT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT?

>>>: THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT SERVES AS THAT PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT IS TRULY DEPENDENT UPON WHAT THAT CONSUMER WANTS THAT STATUS TO BE, HOW THEY PAY THEM, HOW THEY ISSUE TAXES FOR THEM AND ALL THOSE THINGS INVOLVED. RSC REALLY DOES NOT ISSUE ANY MANDATE UPON WHAT THAT EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO LOOK LIKE.

>>>: SO THEY APPLY THROUGH MEDICAID, LIKE COMMUNITY SOMETHING? I DON'T KNOW. LET'S SAY THEY GO TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF MR/DD AND THEY FIND OUT THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES, THEY PUT THEM ON A LONG WAITING LIST, THERE'S OVER 1,000 PEOPLE ON THIS WAITING LIST. COULD THAT PERSON MAYBE TRANSFER ON TO THE PCA PROGRAM WHILE THEY'RE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR THE BOARD OF DD AND THEN ONCE THEY GET ELIGIBLE FOR THE BOARD OF MR/DD PROGRAM THEY CAN GO BACK TO THAT PROGRAM?

>>>: SO THE PCA PROGRAM THAT WE'RE

SPEAKING ABOUT HERE THAT IS MANAGED BY RSC THAT IS NOW COMING UNDER THE IL UMBRELLA IS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM ANY OTHER PCA PROGRAMS THAT THE STATE OR COUNTY MAY OFFER. SO FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR PROGRAM, A DUAL ELIGIBILITY IS PERMISSIBLE.

>>>: SO I MIGHT HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN EXPLAINING THIS. SO THE CONSUMER APPLIES THROUGH MEDICAID AND THEY GET APPROVED AND THEN THEY GO AND GET THEIR ASSESSMENT AND THEY GET APPROVED FOR THESE OTHER PROGRAMS. THEY'RE ON A LONG WAITING LIST AND THEY CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG. SO COULD THEY WHILE THEY'RE ON A WAITING LIST THEN APPLY -- I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU APPLY. WHERE DO I APPLY FOR THE PCA PROGRAM? IS IT RSC? WHERE DO YOU APPLY? WHERE DO YOU GO? SO THE CONSUMER WHERE APPLY FOR SERVICES WHERE?

>>>: THROUGH RSC. AND YES, IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO APPLY FOR SERVICES THROUGH RSC REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHER SERVICES THEY MAY BE RECEIVING OR WAIT LISTED FOR.

>>>: MAYBE IF YOU'RE ON A LONG WAITING LIST, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO APPLY FOR -- NEVER MIND.

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.

>>>: BRIAN HAS A QUESTION. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE CCD'S. I'M A DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE. WE HAVE PROBLEMS GOING DIRECTLY TO CCD'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DEAF BLINDNESS. SO HOW CAN I UTILIZE THE CCD'S WHEN THEY CAN'T PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT I REALLY NEED?

>>>: SO THIS IS DAWN SPEAKING. AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN AND THIS IS ALL VERY OVERWHELMING. MAYBE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A SITDOWN WITH KAY AND WE CAN TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES THAT WE'VE ENCOUNTERED ON A STATEWIDE BASIS AND THEN WE HAVE KATY HERE, WE CAN SIT DOWN WITH HER AND EXPLAIN WHAT SOME OF OUR NEEDS ARE. SO THE OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF, WE FACED A LOT OF PROBLEMS. SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH RSC AND THE FUNDING AND THEY TAKE IT FROM HERE OVER TO THIS OTHER AND THEY HAVE TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE FOR THAT PURPOSE, THERE'S DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, AND WE'RE ANALYZING EACH ONE OF THESE THINGS AND SO MAYBE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THERE'S DEAF AND THEN THERE'S DEAF/BLIND NEEDS, AND WHAT DO YOU DO TO

GET THOSE SERVICES MET? SO MAYBE WE NEED TO
ADVOCATE FOR SOME OF THE NEED THAT WE HAVE.

>>>: FOR EXAMPLE, I VOLUNTEERED FOR
THREE DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE. THEY DIDN'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT DEAF/BLIND SERVICES OR ANYTHING.
AND I WAS SHOCKED. I TALKED WITH THEM ABOUT
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY. I VOLUNTEERED TO DO
THIS. I DIDN'T GET PAID. IT'S JUST
DISHEARTENING THAT THERE'S PEOPLE IN THE DEAF
AND DEAF/BLIND COMMUNITY WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
AVAILABLE FOR THEM. IT'S HARD TO SEE THEM GO
THROUGH THAT. I JUST WANTED TO BACK UP BEFORE I
FORGET. WAIT, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

>>>: SO THE CCD'S, I KNOW WHAT THE
CCD'S ARE, I NO HE WHAT DSC IN COLUMBUS IS, THEY
HELP DEAF PEOPLE GET SERVICES IN THE AREA, BUT
DEAF/BLIND, I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE
SERVING THEM.

>>>: SO I THINK IF I CAN RESPOND IN
LINE TO WHAT THE ORIGINAL QUESTION I THINK THAT
WAS ASKED OR STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE, THE
FUNDING THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THAT GOES TO
THE CCD'S FROM RSC THROUGH THE IL PROGRAM IS FOR
A VERY SPECIFIC AND NARROW SCOPE OF SERVICES.

THE CCD AS AN AGENCY AND AS A BODY IN THE COMMUNITY SERVES A BROADER UMBRELLA TO WHICH OUR FUNDING IS A VERY, VERY SMALL PORTION OF THAT. AND THE FUNDING THAT WE GIVE THEM, AGAIN, IS SPECIFIC TO VERY SMALL SPECIFIC INITIATIVES THAT WE CONTRACT WITH THEM FOR. SO SOME OF THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN DEALING WITH DEAF/BLIND ISSUES, WE WORK WITH THEM AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT HOW TO INCORPORATE THAT, BUT WHAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER IN TERMS OF OUR FUNDING AND OUR SCOPE IS VERY SMALL AND LIMITED BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE HOW SMALL THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING IS THAT ACTUALLY COMES THROUGH THIS PROGRAM FOR THE CCD'S.

>>>: SO WE LIVE IN UNION COUNTY. AND THERE'S MOBILE AND DSC IN COLUMBUS. WE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FOR BRIAN, LIKE DEAF/BLIND RESOURCES, LIKE A DOORBELL AND THAT KIND OF THING. AND THEY SAY WHERE DO YOU LIVE, UNION, OH, SORRY, WE CAN'T HELP YOU IN UNION COUNTY. AND I'M LIKE, WE LIVE IN MARYSVILLE, IN UNION COUNTY. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE STATEWIDE. SO HOW DO WE GET HELP FOR BRIAN FOR EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES THAT HE NEEDS? SO LIKE WE'RE NOT IN

COLUMBUS. WE'RE IN A SMALL TOWN. WE DON'T HAVE RESOURCES.

>>>: AND I AGREE. THAT'S A PROBLEM. CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND CCD'S DO NOT COVER EVERYTHING COUNTY OF THE STATE YET. THAT IS CERTAINLY OUR GOAL. IT JUST -- I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO SAY IT. IT'S NOT THERE YET. NOT EVERY COUNTY HAS ALL THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THAT'S OUR GOAL. STATEWIDENESS AND INCLUDING EVERY COUNTY IS CERTAINLY THE LONG-TERM GOAL.

>>>: WE CAN'T FORCE EVERYONE WITH A DISABILITY TO MOVE TO COLUMBUS.

>>>: I UNDERSTAND.

>>>: WE LIKE TO BE IN OUR OWN AREA.

>>>: CERTAINLY.

>>>: BRIAN HAS A STATEMENT. BUT RSC GIVES THE MONEY -- THEY GET MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EVERY YEAR, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DISSEMINATE ALL OVER OHIO. WE KNOW THAT THE DEAF/BLIND COULD LIVE ALL OVER THE STATE, BUT FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE REALLY TOLERATED THE ISOLATION AND WE KIND OF LIVE IN OUR DARKNESS BECAUSE WE DON'T FEEL LIKE ANYONE

REALLY CARES ABOUT US, SO WE FEEL LIKE WE SUFFER A LOT. SOMETIMES IT'S SUFFERING TO DEATH. SO WE'VE SEEN OTHER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GETTING ASSISTANCE AND THEY GET IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR LIVES AND THEY GET TO GO TO WORK AND THEY SEEM HAPPIER. BUT TODAY I'M NOT HAPPY. ALL I HEAR IS MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY. SO WHEN CAN I GET MONEY FOR DEAF/BLIND? WHEN CAN I GET THOSE KINDS OF RESOURCES? I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I'M REALLY ANGRY. I FEEL LIKE NOBODY REALLY CARES ABOUT DEAF/BLIND.

>>>: AND ALSO THERE'S MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WITH VISUAL -- THEY WON'T HELP DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE. IF THEY DON'T GET PAID, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HELP. AND THAT'S VERY FRUSTRATING. I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEAF/BLIND WORLD -- WE NEED PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED AND WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO HAVE A VOICE.

>>>: I WANT TO FIGHT. I WANT TO GO TO WORK. I WANT TO GET SERVICES. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO. IT FEELS AWFUL.

>>>: WE NEED TO -- THE STATE OF WASHINGTON HAS A WONDERFUL DEAF/BLIND SERVICES HIM PRACTICE. IT'S REALLY AWESOME.

>>>: THERE ARE UNSERVED COUNTIES IN THE STATE, AS WE MENTIONED BY THE CCD'S, THE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. IN THOSE COUNTIES, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE NOT BEING SERVED EITHER. IN THOSE COUNTIES, IF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CALL FOR SERVICES, THEY'RE TURNED DOWN TOO. SO THEY'RE EXPERIENCING UNFORTUNATELY THE SAME KIND OF ISOLATION. SO THERE IS A UNIFIED MOVEMENT WITH THE CIL'S, THE CCD'S, WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER TO PETITION THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDING. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HURTING IN THOSE UNSERVED COUNTIES.

>>>: AND IF I MAY, MARK HERE. THIS MAY BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO SAY MANY TIMES IT IS A LITTLE LARGER CHALLENGE FOLKS WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF DISABILITIES TO WORK TOGETHER BECAUSE WE HAVE OUR OWN BEAR EARS BETWEEN DISABILITIES. I'M A PERSON WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY, SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE ROOM HAVE HEARING DISABILITIES. I'M BEING VERY PRESUMPTIONS HERE OF THE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL BUT THIS MAY BE A TIME FOR THESE GROUPS TO COMMUNICATE ACROSS THE LINES. IT'S TOUGH BECAUSE WE'RE EACH

FIGHTING OUR OWN FIGHTS. GETTING OUT OF BED TO GET HERE WAS NOT MY FAVORITE THING. THIS MAY BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TRY TO FIGHT TOGETHER MORE. AND SO THIS COULD BE A GOOD THING. DOESN'T MEAN WE KNOW HOW TO SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS YET, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO START WORKING TOGETHER EVEN MORE THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

>>>: YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS A BIG FIGHT. AND WE NEED TO FIGHT TOGETHER. THE SSP'S AND INTERPRETING, IT'S SO HARD TO GET THAT SUPPORT. THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL JOIN THE FIGHT. WE CAN'T FIND VOLUNTEERS WE CAN FIND SOME VOLUNTEERS, BUT THERE AREN'T MANY SSP AND INTERPRETER VOLUNTEERS. MAYBE 30 TO 40 PERCENT ARE WILLING TO HELP. SO WE NEED MORE OF THAT. BUT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE DEAF/BLIND WORLD HAVE JUST GIVEN UP.

>>>: BRIAN, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE WHO TRY AND APPLY FOR DD, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES, AND WE DON'T END UP QUALIFYING. AND THEN MEDICAID QUALIFICATION AND THEN -- I THOUGHT IT WAS TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, BUT THERE'S THIS

QUALIFICATION THAT WE DON'T ALWAYS MEET. SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.

>>>: I WANT TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING. WHAT HE'S TRYING TO SAY IS THAT THE SCREENING -- SO THE INTERVIEWS, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN YOU CLEAN? A DEAF/BLIND PERSON, YEAH, I CAN DO THAT. YEAH, I CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE THINGS. AND YOU CAN SEE WELL ENOUGH SO YOU DON'T SEEM TO NEED THESE SERVICES. SO IT'S ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS. AGAIN, WE HAVE A LOT OF CHALLENGES, AND A LOT OF DEAF/BLIND PEOPLE, THEY DON'T WANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THEY NEED HELP, BUT THEY REALLY DO NEED THE SUPPORT.

>>>: LET ME CLARIFY ONE MORE THING. DD IS SEPARATE FROM THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING. WHILE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVE CROSS DISABILITY, THEY DO NOT REQUIRE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THEIR SERVICES. SO THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE SPECIFIC TO THE DE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S TOTALLY SEPARATE, UNFORTUNATELY. SO I SEE THIS AS A GOOD STARTING POINT, AS MARK SAID, TO HELP TO GET SOME COOPERATION, SOME COLLABORATION, SO THAT WE CAN START TO ADVOCATE TOGETHER FOR MORE

SERVICES FOR SPECIFIC DISABILITY GROUPS. THE CENTERS ARE ALL CROSS DISABILITY. THEY DO NOT CHARGE FOR SERVICES. SO WE ALL NEED TO BE EDUCATED MORE AND START TO WORK TOGETHER TO EFFECT CHANGE AND ADVOCACY. AND I THINK THAT'S A GOOD PLACE TO PUT A PERIOD ON OUR DISCUSSION.

>>>: THE CIL'S, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE STATE OF OHIO, RIGHT? AGAIN, SOME OF THOSE COUNTIES THEY DON'T COVER. BUT ARE THEY MOSTLY IN THE BIG TOWNS?

>>>: NO. WE HAVE CENTERS IN SOME SMALL TOWNS. WARREN, OHIO, FOR EXAMPLE. LANCASTER. SO THEY'RE NOT JUST IN BIG CITIES. AND SOME OF THE ONES IN LARGER CITIES COVER LARGER AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, TOLEDO COVERS ABOUT EIGHT COUNTIES.

>>>: SO I'M CURIOUS, IF DEAF APPLY FOR SERVICES WITH CIL, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES? WHY DON'T YOU USE MEDICAID?

>>>: YOU DON'T APPLY. YOU GO TO OR CONTACT A CENTER AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU NEED AND THEY TRY TO HELP YOU FIND THAT SERVICE.

>>>: SO WHERE ARE THEY? IS IT RSC? HOW DO I FIND THAT?

>>>: THEY DON'T HAVE DEAF/BLIND

RESOURCES.

>>>: BUT ONE OF THEIR RESOURCES IS INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. SO THEY WOULD TRY TO REFER YOU TO AN ORGANIZATION OR A GROUP THAT COULD PROVIDE THE SERVICES. AND IN TERMS OF HOW TO FIND THEM, I DIDN'T BRING MAPS WITH ME TODAY. THEY'RE BEING UPDATED. BUT YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEB SITE. I'LL GIVE YOU MY CARD, WWW.OHIOSILC.ORG, CLICK THE LINK OHIO CIL NETWORK AND IT WILL SHOW YOU ALL OF THE CENTERS.

>>>: THANK YOU.

>>>: THANK YOU FOR HAVING BRAILLE.

>>>: ARE YOU KAY?

>>>: I'M KAY.

>>>: OKAY. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO. I DIDN'T GET AN INTRODUCTION AT THE BEGINNING.

>>>: IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET US OUT ON TIME SINCE WE WERE SO TARDY GET STARTED, IF THERE ARE NO MORE COMMENTS OR PUBLIC COMMENTS, WE WILL CONCLUDE THIS PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CHANGES FOR 2014 AND 2016. I SINCERELY THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET IN

TOUCH WITH ME WITH QUESTIONS. WE WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE ONE OF YOU OR MORE OF YOU AS COUNCIL
MEMBERS ON OUR COUNCIL. SO DON'T HESITATE TO
GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME AND WE WILL DO THE
BEST WE CAN TO WORK AS A COLLABORATIVE PARTNER.
THANK YOU.