

**ACL invites you to participate:**

The fiscal year 2018 President's Budget proposed a new grant program entitled Partnerships for Innovation, Inclusion, and Independence (PIII). This new program would combine the activities carried out by the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Statewide Independent Living Councils and Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Councils into a single state grant program by forming a single statewide, cross-disability entity. ACL is conducting listening sessions with grantees to get integral input on the design and principles of the PIII program and feedback on the feasibility of the proposal. ACL will use the information solicited from these listening sessions to develop the design and principles of PIII.

While we understand the concerns and hesitations regarding the inclusion of all three programs, the Administration is moving forward with the proposal. We need your input to ensure that the PIII program encompasses the TBI program's philosophy and procedures.

**We invite you to join us for the following listening session:**

August 11, 2017: 1:30-3:30pm EST

Below is the call-in information:

Number: 800-857-9877

Participant Code: 8400563

During the call, we want input on the ten questions below. To help us maximize time, we are asking each speaker to choose one of the ten questions below to address during the call.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What is the unique role of the programs and how can that be incorporated into the PIII design?
2. What principles would you want to have incorporated in PIII?
3. What single feature or function drives the purpose of the programs and if lost negatively impacts the purpose?
4. The DDC, SILC and TBIAC have different membership requirements. What do you recommend for the membership structure of PIII?
5. What requirements are important for the PIII membership appointment process?
6. How do you recommend funding be used by the PIII Councils? For example, should the PIII be able to fund investments, direct service, and/or demonstration grants?
7. What are the operational challenges of the programs that can be addressed?
8. What is a fair and equitable priority setting process for the PIII Council?

9. How could PIII be phased in?
10. What are your recommendations for how funds are distributed under this program? For example, do you recommend a formula be used to award grants to states and territories?

**If you would like to provide input on the call, please identify one question from the ten above on the form attached and email the form no later than Noon on August 9th to Ariel Carlin at [ariel.carlin@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:ariel.carlin@acl.hhs.gov). Participants will be asked to speak in the order received.**

**Other Information:**

**Aug 11:** Deadline to submit written responses to [P3I-comments@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:P3I-comments@acl.hhs.gov) to any or all of the 10 questions. **Please submit your comments prior to the listening session.**

Your input is absolutely critical. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to [P3I-comments@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:P3I-comments@acl.hhs.gov).

Thank you for all you do to advance the quality of life and independence of people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Thom Campbell