

**Department: Department of Workforce Education**  
**Division: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services**

**Proposed New Rule: 3-Year State Plan for Independent Living**

**Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2007**

**Summary:**

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Department of Workforce Education and Division of Services for the Blind under The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended (Act), are the Designated State Units (DSU) in Arkansas to provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities. Under Title VII of the Act, the DSU's are mandated to jointly develop, with the State Independent Living Council, a State Plan for Independent Living. This plan sets the parameters of Independent Living Services for individuals with disabilities. The plan directs the collaboration between DWE-Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, DHS-Division of Services for the Blind, Arkansas Independent Living Council and four Centers for Independent Living in the state.