**Kentucky SILC**

## MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Statewide Independent Living Committee (SILC), I will:

* Listen carefully to my SILC colleagues.
* Respect the opinion and role of fellow SILC members, officers and staff.
* Respect and support majority decisions of the SILC.
* Recognize that all authority is vested in the full SILC only when it meets in legal session.
* Keep well informed about developments relevant to issues that may come before the SILC.
* Participate in SILC meetings and actions.
* Bring to the attention of the SILC any issues I believe will have an adverse effect on the SILC or those we serve.
* Attempt to interpret the needs of those we serve to the SILC and interpret the actions of the SILC to those we serve.
* Refer complaints to the proper level on the chain of command.
* Recognize that my job is to ensure that the SILC is well managed, not to manage the SILC.
* Represent all those whom this SILC serves, not just a particular geographic area or interest group.
* Consider myself a “representative” of the SILC and do my best to ensure that it is well maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interests of those we serve.
* Always work to learn how to do my job better.
* Declare conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the SILC and abstain from voting or discussion when appropriate.
* Respect the unique roles of the SILC Chair and the staff.
* Manage SILC property; i.e. name tags, loaned equipment, etc.; and if negligent be responsible for reimbursement for repairs or replacement.

As a SILC member, I will not:

* Use the SILC for my personal advantage or that of my friends or relatives.
* Discuss the confidential proceedings of the SILC outside of the meeting.
* Promise before a meeting how I will vote on any issue.

SILC Member – Print Name

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# SILC Member’s Signature Date

Adopted: December 2, 2003

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