

**Research and Community Development  
2009-11**

**Goal: To identify unmet consumer needs by conducting demonstration projects and engaging in community-based research following IL principles.**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Community Connections</b>	<b>Consumer Input</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>External Communications</b>
<b>Activities</b>	Continue to participate in networks Forge new partnerships and maintain existing ones Keep general public and partners aware of IL and disability issues	Hold forums and meetings to gain consumer input. Set up advisory committees for research projects.	Investigate consumer-based research opportunities Submit funding proposals Support community partners with their own research Conduct research keeping with ILNS strategic goals	Participate actively in several key networks; partner with other groups on emerging issues; keep in touch with other groups; monitor local media; hold and attend events that encourage networking
<b>Target groups</b>	Community partners and public	Consumers and partner groups	Consumers and partner groups	Consumers, their friends and family; 120 community partners
<b>Responsibility</b>	ED, staff, board, volunteers	ED, staff, board, volunteers	ED and staff	All staff at work and in their daily lives; volunteers; consumers
<b>Short-term outcomes</b>	ILRC seen as leader in disability community	Consumers identify needs	Attractive and informative displays	ILNS is well known, well respected and trusted; ILNS has many community connections
<b>Indicators of success</b>	120 partnerships	At least one event/year at which consumers identify community needs	People have immediate information to look at, to share and take with them	Resources from others on display; information to consumers individually and through newsletter;

		and/or respond to ILNS initiatives. Consumers serving on advisory committees		membership in four key networks; partnerships with 120 groups;
<b>Long-term outcomes</b>	ILNS identifies unmet consumer needs through consumer-based research and demonstration projects.			