

What are the qualifications for becoming a Personal Assistant?

- A sincere desire to help persons with disabilities achieve and maintain independence.
- Willingness to work for an employer who has a disability.
- Ability to lift and transfer. This will vary from employer to employer.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be dependable.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming or using the services of a Personal Assistant please contact JACIL.

Our Mission

The Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living (JACIL) is organized to serve people with disabilities in Morgan, Scott, Cass and Mason Counties. JACIL is committed to enabling persons with disabilities to gain effective control and direction of their own lives in the home, in the workplace and in the community. The JACIL goal is to stimulate and promote a growing sense of personal dignity through individualized programs designed to provide the tools necessary for maximum independence and community participation.

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Personal Assistant Referral Service



Facilitating Personal Independence

Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living

Serving Morgan, Scott, Cass & Mason Counties

What is the Personal Assistant Referral Service?

The Personal Assistant Referral Service is designed to train and refer competent and dependable persons to work in the homes of people with disabilities.

The Personal Assistant (PA) not only receives training from JACIL, but they are also included on the referral list, which is available to consumers.

The referral list is a benefit to consumers with a disability who want to hire a Personal Assistant, because it provides them with a pool of trained individuals from which to select.

The consumer makes the final decision whether or not to employ a specific individual.

What Tasks Do Personal Assistants Perform?

- Personal care such as bathing, dressing and grooming.
- Medical needs such as monitoring of medications with the consumer, help with transfers and mobility exercises.
- Homemaking skills like cooking, cleaning and light clerical duties.
- Transportation for running errands, doing grocery shopping or going to appointments or work.



Is Special Training Needed?

JACIL offers training for persons interested in becoming a Personal Assistant (PA).

The training covers the basic role and function of a Personal Assistant, daily living skills and care techniques, some issues related to medical conditions, communication skills, and the employer/employee relationship.

Participants receive a certificate at the completion of training, and the individual's name may be placed on the Personal Assistant referral list. Consumers needing to hire a PA can consult this list.

If you are interested in helping others as a Personal Assistant, please contact JACIL.