

## What is a CIL?

CIL stands for Center for Independent Living. Each CIL in Illinois designs its services for the specific counties it serves. Each CIL is mandated to provide at least four core services:

### **1. Information and Referral**

Requests for information range from quick and easy to detailed and involved. A large volume of calls received by a CIL are from individuals beginning their search for information about available programs which serve their specific needs. A CIL avoids duplicating services offered by other area agencies and provides referrals to these organizations. A CIL works to meet unmet needs in the regions they serve.

### **2. Independent Living Skills Training**

A CIL helps consumers acquire the skills they need to meet their goals for living independently in the community.

### **3. Individual & Systems Advocacy**

A CIL informs consumers of their rights as citizens with disabilities and works to make certain their rights are respected. A CIL is even involved in legislative issues related to disabilities to help insure those rights are maintained.

### **4. Peer Mentoring**

A CIL offers support to individuals with disabilities. This can be achieved through CIL sponsored support groups or by utilizing existing facilities in the community. One-on-one peer counseling is also provided.

## **About**



JACIL is part of a grassroots movement directed toward independence and the social change of individuals with disabilities. Due to federal mandates, the majority of the staff and board of directors are required to be persons with disabilities.

JACIL first opened its doors in 1997 and in 2000 started a satellite office in Mason County with a full time staff person located there.



*A United Way Agency*



## **Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living**

*Serving Morgan, Scott,  
Cass & Mason Counties*



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## Our Consumers....

### **We Serve:**

JACIL is a cross-disability organization. We serve individuals who have any type of disability: mental, sensory, physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities. We believe that people with disabilities have the right to make choices (just like anyone else) in their own home, workplace and community.

### **Who qualifies:**

Individuals of any age who reside in JACIL's service area who have a disability. There are no financial guidelines or limitations. All of JACIL's services are free.

We also provide support to the communities we serve. Following are a few of the ways we provide assistance to the public:

- Consultation with employers
- Disability awareness training to schools, service clubs, businesses and any other type of group
- Accessibility surveys to businesses to ensure compliance



## **JACIL MISSION STATEMENT**

Adopted 1997

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.

## Our Services....

- Information & referral
- Peer mentoring
- Independent living skills training (i.e. budgeting, cooking, shopping, cleaning)
- Self advocacy training
- Updates and advocacy about legislative issues related to disabilities
- Housing searches
- Job development skills training
- Moving from a nursing home back into the community for those between the ages of 18-59
- Applying for various benefits (i.e. Social Security, Circuit Breaker, Medicare Part D)
- Assistance to youth with disabilities and their families in navigating the educational system
- Disability awareness training
- Workshops on disability related issues
- Support groups
- Voter registration and I'd Vote Project
- Free adaptive equipment and training to persons with visual disabilities over the age of 55
- Training and referral program for those interested in becoming a personal assistant
- Personal assistant management for consumers.