

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 five core services:

1. Information and Referral

Requests for information range from quick and easy to detailed and involved.

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 can become 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 one-on-one peer mentoring is also provided.

5. Transition

Support individuals in transition from an institutional environment into the greater community; assist individuals at high risk for nursing homes to remain in the community and support youth with significant disabilities as they transition to their next stages of life .

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.



A United Way Agency



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*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 activities for schools, service clubs, businesses and any other type of group
- Accessibility surveys to businesses to ensure compliance



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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 that impact people with disabilities
- Housing searches
- Applying for various benefits (i.e. Social Security, Benefit Access, Medicare Part D)
- Assistance to youth with disabilities and their families in navigating the educational system
- Disability awareness activities
- Workshops on disability related issues
- Support groups
- Voter registration and promoting the disability vote
- Free adaptive equipment and training to persons over the age of 55 who have visual disabilities
- Training and referral program for those interested in becoming a personal assistant
- Personal assistant management for consumers.
- Free amplified phones for those who have difficulty hearing on the phone.