



THE ABILITY CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Providing and (or) locating necessary support services for persons with disABILITIES that promote their independence and full integration in their community as active equal citizens.

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ORGANIZATIONAL RESUME

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Mission

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and (or) locating support services for persons with disabilities so they may participate fully as equal citizens in their communities.

Current Programs

TACIL provides its services through three programs: The Independent Living Program, The Traumatic Brain Injury Life Skills Program, and the Social Security Representative Payee Program.

- The Independent Living Program provides 4 services: Information and Referral, Peer Mentorship, Independent Living Skills Training, and Advocacy. Information and Referral services provide information about resources to Consumers and to the Community. Peer Mentorship services provide support groups for persons suffering the onset of a disability. Independent Living Skills provides persons with disabilities trainings in money management, assertiveness, Civil Rights and other pertinent issues needed to lead lives where they are strategizing their support systems.
- The Traumatic Brain Injury Life Skills Coaching Program provides Life skills training to persons who experienced a Traumatic Brain Injury. Our trained coaches go into the Consumers homes and re-teach them how to perform basic daily functions like cooking meals to keeping appointments.
- The Social Security Representative Payee Program ensures Consumers' basic needs are met by paying Consumers' rents, grocery bills, and utilities. Working in conjunction with Consumers, budgets are devised 4 times per year in order to teach Consumers budgeting skills. Consumers are also taught about savings and knowing to distinguish between a need and a want.

Resources

Number of Paid Staff:	10
Number of Volunteers:	4
Number of Board Members:	3
Board meets:	Monthly
Total Annual Budget:	\$392,952.00

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