



## Memphis Center For Independent Living

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# Working with MCIL

*Advocacy in Action for people with Disabilities*

People with disabilities are a powerful and significant part of our community, yet; as a group our social roles have been marginalized by bigotry, discrimination, poverty, isolation, dependency and pity. Americans with disabilities have not had access to transportation, housing and employment that other citizens have enjoyed; MCIL will change that.



The Disability Rights movement and Independent Living are working to include people with disabilities in all aspects of civic life. But barriers remain in physical accommodations, communication and attitudes. Today, Centers for Independent Living such as MCIL offer comprehensive Independent Living Programs that provide people with disabilities with the advocacy, training, resources and peer support needed to live independently.

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*The Memphis Center for Independent Living will facilitate the full integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life.*

## *What We Can Work on Together:*

- ✓ MCIL will work with you to create a plan for achieving your goals to become independent or to maintain your independence.
- ✓ We can work with you to improve your independent living skills.
- ✓ MCIL can assist you in moving from a nursing home, back to the community.
- ✓ We can share local housing options and transportation resources. MCIL will help you to update your voter registration.
- ✓ MCIL can work with you to develop your self-advocacy skills and MCIL will advocate with you for our community's civil rights.
- ✓ We will help you plan for employment, return to a job or learn independent living skills to be ready to go to work.
- ✓ MCIL can support you to manage your paperwork, for example Social Security and community resources.
- ✓ We can schedule follow-up appointments to check progress for your goals.
- ✓ We can help you to research your options in order to achieve your goals.
- ✓ We can help you to find peer support for your goals, and community groups.
- ✓ MCIL can provide referrals to agencies and community resources.

## *Some things that we DO NOT Do:*

- ✓ MCIL does not make decisions for you.
- ✓ We do not share any personal information without your written permission.
- ✓ We do not have emergency or permanent housing.
- ✓ MCIL does not give money for rent, utilities or other deposits.
- ✓ We do not have resources for moving.
- ✓ We do not provide transportation.
- ✓ MCIL does not provide case management.

