



Access

TO INDEPENDENCE

Empowerment starts with YOU!



Who we are

- One of eight centers for independent living in Wisconsin
- Serves Dane, Dodge, Columbia, and Green counties
- Non-profit
- Consumer-driven
 - Majority of board and staff are people with disabilities



Information and Referral

- Information, resources and referrals on disability-related topics
- Available to anyone in the community
- Topics include, but are not limited to:
 - Housing
 - Transportation resources
 - Community supports and services
 - Finding adaptive equipment
 - Assistive technology loans
 - And more!



Peer Support

- Staff and trained volunteers with lived experience empower others
- Peer mentors can assist an individual with:
 - Learning to cope with his/her disability
 - Learning independent living skills
 - Improving self-advocacy

Skills Training

- Staff members provide assessment, training, and support for the development, maintenance, and growth of a variety of skills.
- Examples of Skills Training:
 - Budgeting
 - Cooking and meal planning
 - Organization





Transition Services

- Supports those in nursing facilities who wish to transition back into the community
- Assist individuals at risk of placement in a facility who wish to remain in the community
- Supports youth with disabilities as they transition out of secondary school



Advocacy

- Staff can help guide you through advocating for yourself
- Examples of Advocacy services include:
 - Supporting the person in standing up for their rights
 - Communicating with businesses and public officials about disability related concerns
 - Educating the greater community about the disability community
 - Helping people with disabilities get the supports and services that they need

Accessibility Assessments

- Trained staff provide safety and accessibility assessments for homes.
- Accessibility assessments for workplaces are also available.





WisLoan and TeleWork

- Loan programs through the state of Wisconsin
- Available to Wisconsin residents
- Must be a person with a disability, or be someone applying on behalf of someone with a disability
- Can be used for assistive technology, home modification, vehicle adaptations, or accommodations for employment
- Application must be completed through Access to Independence



Assistive Technology Loan Program

- Access to Independence has over 1,000 assistive technology items that are free to try.
- Most items are available for a free short-term loan.
- Items include:
 - Wheelchairs
 - Walkers and canes
 - Amplified phones
 - Kitchen tools
 - AND MORE!





What is Assistive Technology? (AT)

- Any piece of equipment that helps a user perform activities of daily living.
- AT helps people live more independently.
- Equipment can be no tech, low-tech, or high-tech!
- Our staff can assist with selecting the right device.
- If you borrow a product from our loan program, and you like it, staff can help you find the same or similar product to purchase!

Timer Cap Reminder for Medications

- Built-in stopwatch with automatic sensor
- Resets each time pill bottle is last opened
- Helps keep you on track with medication management



Wireless Item Locator

- Advancing technology tracks up to 130 feet.
- Includes 4 color-coded receivers, double-sided adhesive and keychain rings
- Once you press the corresponding button on the remote, just follow the beeping sound



Weighted Universal Pen Holder

- Fits most pens or pencils
- Adds weight and thickness
- Can help with tremors
- May make holding a pencil or pen more comfortable



RoboTwist Automatic Jar Opener

- Adjusts to fit most jars
- Often used by people with diminished grip/hand strength
- Can reduce frustration in the kitchen



Button Hook & Fastener

- Easily button clothing independently
- Use with any size button
- Snag-free slim wire loop
- Wide comfort grip handle
- Additional steel zipper hook



Leg Lifter

- Helps people with limited strength or mobility move or reposition their legs safely
- Helps with getting in/out of bed, wheelchairs, and more
- Made of nylon webbing with metal rod.



Card Holder Board

- Wooden card holder board
- Has three groves at different heights so cards are easier to view when they are in the board
- Perfect for arthritic hands



Automatic Card Shuffler

- Shuffles a standard deck of cards
- Increases game efficiency and playing time



My Alert Phone Ring Signaler

- Adjustable 100 dB alert
- Super bright yellow flashing LED signaler
- Simply plug into your existing phone line, then plug the phone into the ringer.
- No batteries needed!



Future Call Big Button Phone

- Line-powered, corded telephone with 40 decibel call volume amplification
- Big number buttons for easy visibility when dialing
- Hearing aid compatible



Amplified Corded Phone with Photocall

- Line-powered, corded telephone with 40 decibel call volume amplification
- 10 memory picture button keys
- Hearing aid compatible
- Great for individuals living with dementia or memory concerns



HearAll Cell Phone Amplifier

- Connects via Bluetooth to your cell phone
- Amplifies cell phone volume up to 40 dB
- Also features adjustable tone boost
- Built-in t-coil mode



Trekking Poles

- Takes stress off your joints with shock absorption.
- Can help maintain balance, whether you're taking a leisurely walk, or traversing tough terrain.



EZ Fold And Go Walker

- Lightweight
- Unique design is space saving
- Can fit in airplane overhead bins!
- Meant for basic stability, not full support



Aluminum Quad Cane

- Quad design allows for greater weight bearing and stability than single-point canes
- Stands up on own – no more chasing after a falling cane!



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