



# The Whole Person

People with Disabilities Leading Independent Lives

*Connecting people with disabilities to the resources they need.*



## Independent Living Services

### Personal Assistance Services

Consumer Directed Services in Missouri and Home and Community Based Services in Kansas. Providing help to obtain assistance with personal care and daily activities in the home, such as meal preparation, cleaning and personal hygiene.

### Transition Services

Providing information and assistance to individuals who are presently in facilities or are in immediate risk of entering State Institutions or Nursing Facilities.

### Employment Services

Helping individuals with disabilities identify ways to improve career opportunities and find permanent, integrated, and competitive employment.

### Independent Living Skills Training

Helping individuals develop the everyday skills needed to lead a more independent lifestyle, including personal care, household management, personal finances and coping with social situations.

### The Whole Family Project

Providing sign language instruction to help families better communicate with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, have speech disabilities or other such barriers. Families who wish to participate will be asked to pay a nominal fee for these services.

### Individual Advocacy

Helping people with disabilities acquire the knowledge and skills to solve problems and achieve goals on their own.

### Blind Low Vision Experience

Providing opportunities for those who are blind/low vision achieve greater independence and access to the community through outdoor activities, art and cultural events.

### Deaf Services

Providing support and resources, and offering the assistance of specialists with extensive knowledge of Deaf culture and hearing loss.

### Peer Support

Bringing together people with similar disabilities to share information and successful techniques to address the needs and challenges they face.

### Youth Programs

Helping children and youth with disabilities develop skills needed for daily activities through a range of training, peer support and social activities. Providing a wide variety of activities to help increase youth's confidence as they transition into adulthood.

## Community Services

### Systems Advocacy

Advocating for the civil rights and equality of people with disabilities by influencing and implementing legislation and policy at the local, state and federal level.

### Information and Referral Services

Providing up-to-date information on needed services and support such as adaptive equipment, transportation, accessible housing and other issues.

### Transition Services

Helping facilitate home and community-based alternatives for individuals who are presently in or are in immediate risk of entering State Institutions or Nursing Facilities.

### Rural Services

Working to increase inclusion in areas with populations of 10,000 or less; from working directly with individuals with disabilities to disability awareness trainings.

### Unserved and Underserved

Providing information and referral, systems advocacy, peer support, program implementation, and related services designed to help people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and minorities with disabilities maximize their opportunities for independent living.

### Employer Services

Providing support, consultation and training services to businesses that offer employment opportunities to people with disabilities.

### Accessibility Compliance Education

Providing education, outreach and enforcement to increase community awareness. Assisting with information and recommendations regarding accessibility features and designs.

### Community Education

Enhancing awareness of disability issues.

## Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

## Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

## Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

## Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

## Programs Include:

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- Blind Low Vision Experience
- Transition Services
- Deaf Services and The Whole Family Project

## Support Groups

Through peer groups there is a full exchange of brainstorming, problem solving, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues. Peer groups meet 1-2 times a month. Visit our website for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator.

## Community Outreach

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

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