
Our Mission Statement

As people with disabilities and their advocates, the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living strives for equality and empowerment of persons with disabilities in the Will and Grundy County areas.

We inform persons with disabilities of their rights, educate them about their responsibilities, provide support services, promote advocacy, and raise community awareness about disability issues.

The Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living is a cross-disability, community-based non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization which operates solely on grants and contributions. We welcome and appreciate ongoing support from businesses, foundations, individuals and organizations.

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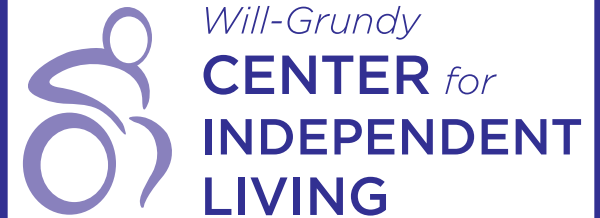
Your Local Resource for Independence

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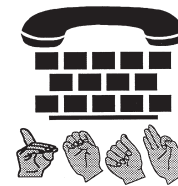
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Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday-Friday



Serving people with
all disabilities of all ages



Programs and Services

Individual Advocacy

One on one assistance with a consumer to obtain benefits, services, equipment, etc.

Systems Advocacy

Working with the general public to ensure equal access to opportunities and services provided within the community.

Information & Referral

We respond to inquiries made by people with disabilities and the general public on programs, resources and other issues related to disabilities. The Center also offers referrals to other resources that may be of assistance.

Peer Support

Support system provided from a person with a disability to a person with a disability in an individual and/or group setting.

Independent Living Skills Enhancement

Individual and/or group instruction which enhances independent living skills.

Specialized Services

- Deaf Services
- Housing Referral
- Voter Registration
- Personal Assistant Program
Personal Assistant Registry/Training
- Disability Awareness
- Sign Language Interpreter Referral
- Community Reintegration
- Visually Impaired Services
- ITAC Phone Selection Center
- Fair Housing Assistance
- Seminars/Workshops
-and more!

New Office open in Grundy County!

The Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living is pleased to have an office location in Grundy County -- as of January, 2011.

Debbie Tarrant, Independent Living Advocate, will be available Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Morris office, located at 1700 Newton Place in Saratoga Tower.

The Center, a proud United Way agency, is eager to provide its programs and services to empower persons with disabilities of all types and all ages, help themselves with independent living skills. We look forward to building more partnerships and serving more people!

Empowering People with Disabilities Live Independently

Low Vision Loan Program

Providing a 'try before you buy' option for assistive technology equipment and household devices.

FREE Amplified Telephones

As a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC), our Center works with hard of hearing individuals to select the right amplified phone for them... at no charge. This assistive technology is a great way for seniors, veterans and adults with hearing loss to maintain communication and live independently. Call the Center today to learn more, or tell someone who can benefit.

Video Phone & Video Relay Service

A free service that enables deaf and hard-of-hearing people to make video phone calls to other deaf and hard-of-hearing people. And video relay calls to hearing people through sign language interpreters.

Workshops & Peer Support Groups

Held for all types and ages of disabled individuals.

Youth Services

The Center is available to assist school-aged youth with disabilities and their families with a wide range of services, including assistance with IEPs. With staff who provides valuable resources for students, family members and educators, the Center can help enhance the educational experience for disabled youth, for ages birth - 23, in its service region. Opportunities for disabled youth to participate in support groups and as volunteers and advocates are also available.
