

Our Mission Statement

As people with disabilities and their advocates, Disability Resource Center 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.

Disability Resource Center is a cross-disability, community-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates solely on grants and contributions. We welcome and appreciate ongoing support from businesses, foundations, individuals and organizations.



A Center for Independent Living

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Monday—Friday

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Resource
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**Programs &
Services**

*Empowering, enhancing &
encouraging
INDEPENDENCE!*

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CORE Programs & Services

Individual & Systems Advocacy:

One-on-one assistance with a consumer to obtain benefits, services, equipment, etc. as well as working with the general public to ensure equal access to opportunities and services.

Peer Counseling:

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

Information & Referral:

Responding to enquiries on programs, resources and other issues related to disabilities, including referrals to other resources

Independent Living Skills

Training: Providing individual and/or group instruction to enhance independent living skills

Community Reintegration & Transition Services:

Helping people with disabilities leave nursing homes and live in the community; helping them avoid entering a nursing home; and assisting youth with disabilities transition from high school to adult life.



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SPECIALIZED Programs & Services

- * S.K.I.L.L.S. Classes (Seeking Key Independent Life Living Skills)
 - * Peer Support Groups
 - * Housing Referral
 - * Voter Registration
 - * Personal Assistant Program (Personal Assistant Registry/ Training)
 - * Disability Awareness Training
 - * Sign Language Interpreter Referral
 - * Deaf Services
 - * Visual Impairment Services
 - * ITAC Phone Selection Center
 - * Fair Housing Assistance
 - * Seminars/Workshops
- ... and more!

FREE Amplified Telephones

We are a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC), where Illinois residents who have hearing loss can select amplified phones at no charge.

Low Vision Loan Program

A "try before you buy" option for assistive technology equipment and household devices.

Video Phone & Relay Service

A free service for deaf and hard-of-hearing people that enables them to make video phone calls, and to use sign language interpreters to make video relay calls to hearing people.

Youth Services

Assistance for school-aged youth with disabilities and their families, including help with IEPs, support groups and more.

