



Advocate April 2013

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.

2013 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PRIORITY ISSUES

On February 13th, board members and staff of the eight independent living centers of Wisconsin made the annual trip to Madison to visit with local legislators and discussed the Independent Living position on the following issues:

A. **Long Term Care/Integrated Care** – Fully funding long term/integrated care system is the right thing to do and a smart investment because people want to live in their own homes and fully participate and contribute to society.

- 1.) Implement full community integration
- 2.) Maintain public accountability
- 3.) Build community capacity

B. **Mental Health and Substance Abuse** – Fully funding Wisconsin's Mental Health System is the right thing to do and a smart investment because it will reduce the extremely negative outcomes that have significant personal and societal costs for people with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse.

- 1.) The state should pay the non-federal share of medical assistance for Wisconsin's Public Mental Health System
- 2.) Improve services to people with Mental Illness in the Correctional System
- 3.) Protect fairness while addressing violence

C. **Transportation** – Fully funding transit is the right thing to do and a smart investment because it lowers government costs by helping people with disabilities live independently and be employed.

- 1.) Restore Transit Operating Aids
- 2.) Keep transit funds in the Segregated Transportation Fund
- 3.) Increase funding for the Specialized Transportation Fund



**We have TWO Facebook pages:
One for CILWW and one for Fishing Has No
Boundaries.
Please join us and "like" us on Facebook.
Go to www.cilww.com**

Fishing Has No Boundaries



Chippewa Valley Chapter 2013 Annual Fishing Event



Who : *Persons with disabilities, friends, family, guests, attendants*

What : *Two day event **PACKED** with fun, fishing, boating, eating!*

When : *August 17th & 18th, 2013*

Where : *Paradise Shores, Lake Holcombe, Holcombe WI*



Why: *To open the world of fishing to people of all abilities!*

Provided: *Rods, reels, life vests, adaptive fishing equipment, bait, fish cleaning, boats, pontoons, guides, Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday cookout!*

*Join us for a weekend of fun, fishing and camaraderie!
No Fishing license or experience needed!*

Cost: \$50 for participants. \$25 for guests, family and attendants.

For more information, donating or to register contact Tammy at:



1-800-228-3287v/tty
715-233-1070v/tty
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*Let's not turn anyone away
Volunteers with Boats & Pontoons needed!!!*

(provided: gas stipends, event liability insurance, meals, drawings)

WisTech Loan and Demonstration Program

New items in the loan and demonstration program! If you are interested in trying or learning more about the devices in our program please call us!



Serene Innovations Central Alert System- This alerting system helps a person with hearing or vision loss be alerting to the telephone or doorbelling ringing among other options. This great device either makes noise and or flashes lights. It has portable receivers that can run on rechargeable batteries, to make it useful anywhere inside in your home or outside near the house. It also includes a large clock with dual alarms.



Big Button Photo Dialer- If you have a hard time dialing numbers, or remembering them this large button dialer is for you. It has 12 large buttons to save important phone numbers in. Very quick and easy to set up.



ClearSounds iConnect A1600BT- Do you feel like you are always missing calls on your cell phone? Can't hear what is being said due to being too quiet? This phone is for you. The A1600, connects to your cell phone via Bluetooth to provide more options. This phone has amplification up to 50db amplification. It also can be connected to a home phone line. Both the base and handset has a speakerphone built in for hands free calling.



Dreamzon LightOn Cell Phone Signaler - Missing your cell phone calls due to leaving it on vibrate. Can't hear your phone ring? Leave your phone in this cradle and it will light up when the phone is ringing. It is battery powered and compact, easy to take with wherever you go.



iDevices and Tablets... They are for more than playing games

Everywhere you look these days you see an iDevice or android device. You think to yourself, what does everyone need those for? There are many great features to iPhones, iPods, iPads, android phones and android tablets that can be used daily.

When it comes to accessibility, the iDevices are the way to go. They have many great built-in features, including voice over (speaks everything) and zoom for persons with vision loss. It has only one button, so when you are lost, you push the button and go back to the home page. It also has the option for you to select what you want it to speak and it will speak it to you.

Besides the basic features that are built-in to a device, a person is able to purchase or find free apps (programs) to install on their device (iDevice or android)

If you enjoy reading, you can download a variety of electronic books, either rentable from the library or to purchase. This includes some high school and college textbooks. You can also watch your favorite TV shows or movies on them.

Have a speech impairment or loss? There are many great customizable apps available varying from type to talk (where you type your words and it speaks) to prologue to go (you choose from pre-selected pictures on the app). Prices vary on these programs.

Not happy with your handwriting? You can use the devices to take notes or speak your notes into it.

You then can take those notes and send them in an email to yourself or others, besides using e-mail for your day to day communication.

Many students are using the devices for homework, varying from reminder systems, internet searching, idea mapping, and completing math problems all in one device.

Some of the apps may need an internet or data plan to work, while others can be used where ever you are, including in the car, and on an airplane.

If you are interested in looking into and learning about all the great features and possibilities of these devices please contact us for a demonstration opportunity.

CILWW Community Action Team - What are CCAT's goals?

- To inform and empower you to stand up for your rights
- to affect change in your community, state, or nation
- to learn advocacy skills
- to connect with others fighting for the same cause
- to become an active part of your community

Get involved. Contact Jeanne Lexchel, (800) 228-3287 or (715) 233-1070
jlexchel@cilww.com

Americans with Disabilities Act

On July 26, 2015 Americans all across this country will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the passing of the law called the Americans with Disabilities Act.

How will we celebrate in Western Wisconsin?

Community people, with or without disabilities, called Community Action Teams with the help of the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin have put together a project and a brochure with the goal of bringing renewed awareness to the law.

The brochure highlights ideas about maintenance and upkeep that businesses and establishments in the 10 county CILWW area can use as a quick guide.

CILWW is offering to provide an informal no cost assessment of businesses facilities, answer questions and assist with planning for better access.

People who need access in their community will be able to show appreciation to businesses and establishments of the efforts being made.

So that everyone can celebrate access for all!

ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG):

<http://www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm>

If you would like brochures sent to you, you can call 800-228-3287 or you can print the brochure by going to www.cilww.com – Advocacy in Action – ADA Project.

Diana Wiesner from Eau Claire would like to start a Power Soccer League for power wheelchair users. She has 4 people interested and needs 16 more. Her phone number is (715) 418-9217 for interested individuals.



CHIPPEWA VALLEY TIMEBANK

WE FACILITATE INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATIONAL,
AND CORPORATE VOLUNTEERISM FOR THE
BETTERMENT OF ALL

The Chippewa Valley Timebank is gaining members and momentum since its launching in October, 2012. People are joining as a way to *give* of their time and talents. But they are also joining as a way to *receive* a service they need. All of it is done without the exchange of money. Here's how it works.

When you join the time bank, you offer any services that you are willing to do for

someone; like proofread, tutor, cook a meal, give a ride or teach knitting. Then you list some things you would like help with such as snow shoveling, grocery shopping, odd-jobs around the house or learning how to use your new iPad! When you do a service for someone else, you earn a time dollar for each hour you spend. Then you use those time dollars to “buy” someone else’s service to help you.

In the time bank community, we believe everyone’s time is equal and that each person has something to *give*. The Chippewa Valley Timebank is a great way to reach out to people who need a little help and is also a great resource to *receive* a little help for yourself.

Best of all, the time bank brings us together as a community, helping each other out with the tasks of day-to-day living, much like it used to be in the “old days”.

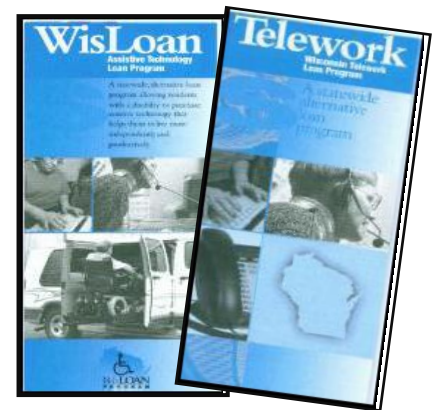
To learn more about the Chippewa Valley Timebank and ways you can be involved, please visit our website at www.chippewavalleytimebank.org or call 715-271-7968 for more information.

Wisloan and Telework Programs

The Wisconsin Telework Loan Program is a statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites away from the office, such as work on the road or at a Telework center.

The WisLoan program offers loans for assistive technology. The loans help people buy equipment such as hearing aids, modified vehicles, wheelchairs and ramps. The program is open to Wisconsin residents of all ages who have a disability. There are no income requirements, and individuals are not required to exhaust personal or public funding. Under the program, banks provide loans at a fixed rate of 6.5% to qualified borrowers. Loan amounts depend on the item purchased and the ability to repay the loan.

Staff at the Center for Independent Living can answer your questions and take applications. For either program, contact CILWW at 800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070.



Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program

TEPP is available to help people of all ages with disabilities purchase equipment they need to use basic telephone services. The TEPP is funded by the Wisconsin Universal Service Fund (USF) established by the Public Service Commission.

Money collected from Wisconsin telephone service providers and fees paid by telephone subscribers goes into the USF.

Any Wisconsin resident who is hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, has a combined vision and hearing loss, or mobility / motion impairment can apply for a TEPP voucher to buy special equipment to use in their home. The amount of money your voucher is worth ranges from \$100- \$7200 depends

on your disability. The voucher is used like a check to purchase equipment from an approved vendor of your choice.

Depending on your disability level you may have to pay a \$100 copay.

CILWW can help you determine the voucher level that you may qualify for and assist you in applying for the voucher. CILWW can assist you with trying out various equipment to determine what to purchase and also assist with the ordering and the setting up of your equipment. Contact CILWW at: 800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070

We moved to a new office in Eau Claire

Our new address is: 2004 Highland Ave Suite H.

The accessible entrance is around the building, on the right. Our phone numbers remain the same.

CILWW recently welcomed the following new staff:

Sindy Casey is full-time Transportation Support at Menomonie. She served in various capacities from Personal Care Assistant to Office Support in a managed care organization prior to CILWW. Her dedication, organization skills and positive attitude show readily.

Sandy Powell is part-time Receptionist (a new voice answering the phone) at the Eau Claire CILWW office. Sandy has held numerous office-support related positions with a variety of organizations, from volunteering for non-profits to medical offices. Her witty sense of humor and “let’s get it done” work ethic is very evident.

How to be Lipreader-Friendly

<http://www.4ears4eyes.com/2013/01/how-to-be-lipreader-friendly.html>

For Sale:

Craftmatic full size bed, several years old, in good condition, needs new mattress. Contact Dorothy Hyde 715-764-0394

- **HOYER LIFT**- Invacare Reliant 450, 10 yrs. old, good condition – Best Offer Over \$700.00
 - Action Flyer 4 wheel electric cart with basket, New 1998, hardly used, New - \$3000.00 Asking – Best Offer Over \$800.00
 - Wheel Chair – 10 years old, good condition, \$3,500.00 New - Asking Best Offer Over \$800.00.
 - Lightweight walker - \$50.00 (like new)
 - Tub Bench - \$50.00 (like new)
- Contact Carolyn @ 715-651-3198

Independence First Mobility Store

www.wrp.org

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53718

608-243-1785 (Phone)

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Hours

M and W 9:30 - 4:00

Tue 10:30 - 4:00

Th 10:30 - 6:00

F 9:00 - 4:30

Shop Rider Dasher Scooter – 1 year old, good condition, battery charger included, also a lift for a van, asking \$900.00 for scooter alone, Lift \$300.00, both \$1100.00. Please contact 715-839-7004 or e-mail at safeandsecure2012@att.net.

2003 Ford 250 four wheel drive, Large, custom van with lift, hand controls and seat adjustable for driver. Asking \$16,900.00 WILL NEGOTIATE!! Call Carol and/or Don Parker (715)-832-9784.

Invacare electric chair with tilt and recline, 2009 only used inside. Burgundy in color, and has a headrest, knee adaptor, joy stick, removable table tray. Asking \$1000.00 Contact: Mary Hayes 715-835-0373.

Hover-Round MPVS motorized wheelchair, paid \$5000.00 in November 2010. Used 1 year purchased new batteries in August, 2012. Asking \$1,000.00. Contact Sharon @ 715-283-4025.

Stethoscope (like new) used only a few times. It has a case, headphones, patch cord, instruction book, and extra bells included. WORKS GREAT!!! Contact Lucas Dean @ 715-552-2715/414/336-2165 or email @ lucasdean@alphacomm.net

4 Wheeled walker with oversized seat (frame measures 30" wide), 8" wheels. Used very little. Asking \$100.00 Contact John 715-458-4212

Lift Chair by Pride (Heritage). Only used 3 weeks. Walnut in color and Petite Wide size. Still under warranty. Bought from Mayo Home Medical. \$500.00 Call Amanda at (715) 271-9017.



Donations:

Invacare repositioning arm, Invacare Pronto M91 electric wheel chair, Kangaroo Joey Feed pump, Contact: Maura @ 715-688-2750 **8/14/13**

Endres Akkulift electric bath lift - new in 2002 – needs new battery (between \$80.-\$120.). Contact Kari Ann Nelson @ the Center for Independent Living (715) 233-1070 ext. 207. **6/2013**

Polar Care 300 – Post surgical water cooling system (to prevent pain/swelling). Please call Mary Schultz at 715-839-8241 **6/2013**

Metal handles to install on wall (bathroom), shower stool and walker. Sharon: 715-283-4025. **6/2013** Please contact us at 715-233-1070 or cilww@cilww.com if you wish to have items listed as for sale or donations. Thanks.

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CILWW Mission Statement

... to advocate for and with persons with a disability to exercise their right to full participation in society.

**Opportunity + Responsibility +
Empowerment = Independence**

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"Advocate" by email.**