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Wisconsin's Independent Living Centers are a Great Investment - \$\$\$

The mission of Independent Living Centers' includes assisting persons with disabilities to live independently and to be active participants in community life. ILCs not only provide valuable services to persons of any disability or age statewide, they are an excellent investment.

The eight ILCs in Wisconsin provide home and community-based programs to assist people with all types of disabilities to become more self-sufficient and less dependent on long term government supports. Support services offered in the community allow individuals to make real choices, and result in tremendous cost savings to the state of Wisconsin, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, and Medicare each year.

Centers are unique in a number of significant ways, not the least of which is governance and services are provided predominantly by people with disabilities, and those eligible are of any age, any disability, and regardless of income. ILC services are complimentary to other community-based services including managed care organizations, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The impact of center services reaches thousands of Wisconsin citizens with disabilities and their families each year. Services developed are also unique. Some of the services below are available only through Centers, and in rural counties, Centers are the ONLY option for these services. Highlights of the impacts of those services are:

Core services

- 18,375 received Information and Referral Services
- 3,748 received IL Skills Training
- 1,014 received Peer Support
- 1,829 received Individual Advocacy Services
- 4,460 hours of Community and Systems Advocacy

Housing - 2,131 people were assisted with housing issues

Transportation - 11,025 were assisted with transportation issues

Employment - 172 people with disabilities employed at the ILCs, 764 people with disabilities that received employment services

Benefits - As a result of being employed at the ILCs, 14 of the employees are no longer on public benefits. The ILCs provided services to an additional 1,396 people with disabilities that assisted them in reducing or eliminating their public benefits.

Assistive Technology and Home Modifications - Independent Living Centers have thousands of pieces of assistive technology in their loan and device demonstration programs. In most areas of the state where Centers operate, no other vendor has the expertise or inventory to assist individuals with identifying and accessing effective and appropriate assistive technology to improve individual independence. Assistive technology is often the key to individuals achieving personal outcomes to increase independence, employment, personal mobility, and safety.

3,388 people were assisted with Assistive Technology and Home Modifications.

111 Wisconsin residents acquired assistive technology through the statewide micro-loan program, WisLoan, administered exclusively by ILCs.

8 individuals accessed employment opportunities through the Telework Program, also exclusively administered by ILCs.

Personal and Supportive Homecare Services - 3,420 individuals of all ages received essential personal and supportive homecare through ILCs.



Time to unify a fragmented system, eliminate waiting lists: Statewide equity within managed long-term programs

The Wisconsin Independent Living Network has been advocating for improvements in the Wisconsin home and community based service system for more than two decades.

The results over the years of waivers and an uneven delivery of allowed services were decade long waiting lists of more than 13,000 individuals at their height, a fragmented patchwork of programs, and highly unpredictable, unsustainable, and steadily rising costs.

A decade and a-half later, the state's experimentation and piloting of models has evolved into a managed long-term care system comprised of Aging and Disability Resource Centers to assist individuals navigate their eligibility and choices of programs, which include the Family Care, Partnership, and PACE delivery models administered by regional Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), and an independent self-directed model (IRIS).

While challenges remain in delivery of services to a diverse population of individuals with disabilities, the positive results of elimination of all waiting lists, reaching an "entitlement" to home and community based services over time, and increasing evidence that the model does contain costs, the programs are not available to everyone in the state.

It is time to rectify that.

There are currently 15 counties where Family Care and IRIS are not offered. There are, as of December 2013, 1,600 individuals on waiting lists for waiver services who have been found eligible in those counties.

A report by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Joint Committee on Finance dated Dec.16, concluded this: "The Family Care Program has demonstrated that managed long-term care system increases quality of life while controlling costs."

It is estimated that implementing managed long-term care in those 15 counties, including the IRIS option, will reduce the growth of state spending by nearly \$35 million /in the next decade when compared to the anticipated legacy waiver costs.

It is time for statewide equity within Wisconsin's long term care system.



Mental Health Services and Supports Priorities 2014

Support Wisconsin's Public Mental Health System

Wisconsin's mental health system, like public and private mental health systems nationally, has been undervalued and under-resourced. A significant reason is that Wisconsin depends on counties to fund and provide mental health services while imposing limits on the ability of counties to do so. 30% of public mental health system funds come from county tax levy and an additional 20% from the basic county allocation. Compare this to 11.9% for developmental disability services and 8.5% for physical disability services. As a result, the Mental Health Infrastructure Study found a lack of equitable access to services across counties.

The Department of Health Services estimates that 201,736 adult Wisconsinites experience serious mental health needs annually. Scheduled cuts to discretionary programs funding Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) treatment and limitation of Medical Assistance to those below the Federal Poverty Level will burden the ability of providers to meet the needs of these people.

Meanwhile, there has been considerable development of evidence-based and best practices in the mental health field. We applaud the Governor and the Legislature for their efforts to make these practices available to more Wisconsinites with serious needs. The following initiatives hold great promises as they are rolled out over the biennium.

- State-wide expansion of **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)** will support recovery for adults and kids with a wide range of services to meet individual needs.
- Development of **Peer-Run Respite Centers**: Promises to improve outcomes of individuals with serious mental health needs as they avoid crisis.
- Expansion of the **Coordinated Services Team (CST)**: Program statewide will integrate and coordinate community-based services for juveniles in multiple systems, including mental health, long-term care, juvenile justice, child welfare, substance abuse, and special education systems.

We also thank the Assembly for the work of the Speaker's Mental Health Task Force and passage of the bills it recommended. We encourage the Joint Finance Committee, Senate and Governor Walker to support the initiatives still pending, including statewide IPS initiative to support employment, additional peer respite finds and mobile crisis expansion.

Improve Services to Individuals with Mental Health Issues in the Corrections System

Thirty percent of prison inmates have mental health disorders. While the Department of Corrections (DOC) has made numerous changes to better address the needs of inmates with mental health disorders there is a need for continued progress. The best solution is to improve community based treatment options so that individuals are less likely come into contact with the criminal justice system. When people are incarcerated they need access to qualified treatment professionals; however, currently the DOC is unable to recruit adequate numbers of mental health staff due to the low pay scale. The experience with the Becky Young program has demonstrated that effective reintegration strategies can reduce recidivism; this program needs to be expanded.

- Increase funding to expand the Becky Young Appropriation/Reentry Initiative programs statewide.
- Increase the pay scale of psychologists employed by the DOC to a level that will enable DOC to fill vacant positions and retain staff.
- Enhance the mental health expertise of staff in community corrections using evidence-based or best practice models (e.g., Crisis Intervention Treatment, CIP training; use of certified Mental Health Peer Specialists).

Protect Wisconsin's Tradition of Fairness While Addressing Violence

Many of us have expressed a compelling need to prevent tragedies like those recently seen in Wisconsin, Colorado, and Connecticut. We note that nearly half of adult Americans can expect to experience mental illness over our lifetimes. We also note that people with mental illness who are not using alcohol or drugs are *less* likely to commit violent acts than others.

- We must protect the equal rights of gun ownership and our tradition of hunting for all, including those who have experienced mental illness.
- We must protect our tradition of fairness as we search for other solutions to violence.



Transportation Priorities 2014

The challenge to access to transportation poses one of the significant barriers between elders and people with disabilities and full participation in their communities. For many lack of access means isolation. Transportation can prevent the negative outcomes caused by isolation. While the largest communities in the state are served by public transit systems which provide a basic level of transportation for all residents, rural areas and smaller communities lack these options. Effectively coordinating the transportation resources and options that *do* exist will create more access. And by allowing providers to combine destinations, riders, trip purposes, coordination provides efficiency and keeps costs down.

- Under the current system if a consumer needs trips to three locations he or she may need to book three trips, from three different services.
- A coordinated system would allow for trips to be combined. Instead of three separate trips (Home - church, Home - grocery store, Home - pharmacy), the consumer may take one trip with three stops (Home - church - grocery store - pharmacy) taking less time and costing less.
- A coordinated system would also allow providers to combine riders even though they may be funded by different sources. Although this can happen under the current NEMT system, it would happen more frequently if additional trip purposes, e.g. social tips and errands, could be added to the mix.

Any one of us who normally travels using our private cars can imagine how our lives would be changed if we had to depend upon the present fragmented transportation system to accomplish our daily business. A simple stop at the store on the way home from work, let alone a visit with friends at a restaurant, would pose so many obstacles we might find it easier to just avoid the hassle and go home.

Wisconsin can do better. We can facilitate better more efficient, more effective transportation options for all our elders and people with disabilities no matter where they live in our great state. But we need our departments of Transportation and Health Services to exert leadership. We're asking legislators to help us convince DOT and DHS to do what's needed to make coordinated transportation throughout Wisconsin a reality.

For additional information, please contact:
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What do you think are the most important issues for persons with disabilities in Wisconsin?

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FFY2014>

The Center is working to gather information on our recreation needs. Please take the time to complete this survey. Your input is appreciated.

<http://tinyurl.com/cilww-recsurvey>

Call the Center's Office to receive either survey in paper form.

Welcome New Staff

My name is Sindy Casey and I have been working for the Center for about a year now. I started out in the Transportation Department and will be moving into the Personal Assistant Services Program Manager on Feb. 17, 2014. Since I was a kid I have always wanted to work with people who are elderly and/or have a disability, so this job lets me continue to do what I love. My hobbies are fishing, hunting, camping and spending time with family most of all.

CILWW welcomed two new staff to their New Freedom Transportation

Lin Hollabaugh will be working full time in the Menomonie office as a **Transportation Specialist**. I have lived in Menomonie for 24 years. I have 4 daughters, a son, and 3 dogs. My hobbies are biking, exploring historical sites, baseball, and heavy metal music.

Linda Boettcher will be working full time in the Menomonie office as **Transportation Support**. I have been a volunteer driver for four years. I have a 17 year old daughter. My hobbies are pool, reading, camping, cooking, needlework, and spending time with family/friends.

New Freedom Transportation Program Report Year End 2013

In 2013 the New Freedom Transportation Programs have made significant progress towards their goal to make the program's systems more efficient by implementing new Routematch software. CILWW's transportation staff continue to learn all of the features available in the software and how to make full use of all of the modules available. The transportation programs continue to grow and in 2013 the transportation staff added 34 new drivers for a total of 119 and 368 new riders for a total of 1,162 riders in CILWW's 18 county transportation service area. CILWW's volunteer drivers provided 20,212 trips in 2013 and gave over 30,469 hours of volunteer time.

All of CILWW's staff would like to acknowledge and thank the following 2013 businesses and agencies who provided support for the New Freedom Transportation Program;

2013 CILWW's New Freedom Transportation Program Support provided by the following community partners:

- ✓ New Freedom Grant- FTA as authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 (CFDA 20.52) administered by WIS DOT
- ✓ Veteran Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI)
- ✓ 85.21 Community Partners
- ✓ Hugh J. Anderson Foundation
- ✓ United Way



In-Kind Donations 2013

Sams Club
Con Agra
Westconsin Credit Union
Scheels
Indianhead Foods
Market Place Foods
Wal-Mart Menomonie
Wal-Mart Eau Claire
Gilbert Brown Foundation

Green Bay Packers Community Foundation
United Way of Dunn County
Eau Claire Express
Target
Dunn County Fish and Game
Eagles Club
Western WI Regional Transportation Coordination Committee

Americans with Disabilities Act 2015

The Wisconsin ADA Partnership is joining with the national ADA Legacy Project to take advantage of the ADA's 25th anniversary in 2015 to highlight the important role our state has played in the evolution of disability rights and services over the past 50 years.

The disability community is a thriving network of individuals and organizations who are actively involved in many of these initiatives. You are receiving this invitation because of your interest and active role in our past and/or present activities. We hope you will join us and learn more, then help craft a plan that honors Wisconsin's role.

Background: As you know the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will turn twenty-five in 2015. In celebrating passage of this historic civil rights legislation, we will be looking at the past, present, and future of Americans with disabilities. This is what The ADA Legacy Project (TALP) <http://www.adalegacy.com/> is all about. Its mission is to honor the contributions of people with disabilities and their allies by:

- preserving and promoting the history of the disability rights movement;
- celebrating the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as other related disability rights legislation and accomplishments; and
- educating the public to create opportunities for inclusion, access, and equal rights for the future.

The goals are to:

- a. To encourage the collection of historical materials related to the disability rights movement and to connect efforts to preserve, promote, and exhibit materials from the disability rights movements.
- b. To coordinate activities for the ADA25 Anniversary in 2015.
- c. To promote the development and use of educational curricula that raises awareness of the history, contributions and issues still facing people with disabilities, and promotes involvement in advocacy.



Snapshots of CILWW's Community Action Teams Consider joining us!

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

St Croix Valley Group

Wednesday, January 15 at 1PM at the St. Croix government center.

Four people were present. Discussion was held on recruiting more members.

Discussion was held on the ADA 25th anniversary in 2015 and how the Center will celebrate. The Center will coordinate with the state of WI activities. Found at www.adalegacy.org and www.adawipartnership.org

Blaine stated he would connect with Steve and Ethan regarding their interest in local activities.

Thursday, January 23 was peer networking night at Jet's Bistro in New Richmond from 6 - 8 PM.

Seven people braved this -14* January night. We talked and laughed, drank mocha and listened to guitars and singing.

Menomonie Group

Thursday, January 16 at 11AM at Warren-Knowles Apartments. Nine people were present.

The group talked about setting up a process to notify the City of Menomonie of snow removal issues at the Warren-Knowles Apartments. That the path made on the side walk along Highway 12 is too narrow for persons using wheelchairs. Jeanne agreed to e-mail Bruce Heath of the street department.

Suggestion by Angela to address snow removal in Menomonie. The group will gather names and addresses of businesses that remove snow by Jan 31st. Jeanne to meet with Linda and Nancy to draft letter. Leaders of the group will gather personal stories regarding the need for better snow removal.

Discussion was held on the ADA 25th anniversary in 2015 and how the Center will celebrate. The Center will coordinate with the state of WI activities. Found at www.adalegacy.org and www.adawipartnership.org

Menomonie members talked about planning a picnic in July 2015. Draw in Stout people. Ask about sign posting in park. This group agreed to try a network night.

Eau Claire Group

Friday January 17th, Eau Claire cancelled due to conflict with schedules.

Thursday, January 16 the first peer network activity night was held at the Acoustic Café in downtown Eau Claire. It was a small group of four. We talked about recruiting members, drank coffee and listened to a local musician.

One member, Jeff agreed to take on the task of calling members from our list of peer mentors to talk to them about community action and the peer networking night.

Insure Proper Respect for the American Flag

When the flag is in poor condition, having rips, tears or tattered by the wind it should be replaced. Section 8k of the flag code. The [Flag Code](#) serves as a guide to be followed on a purely voluntary basis to insure proper respect for the flag. Lighting the flag at night and never letting it touch the ground are important as well.

To properly dispose of old flags. The local county Veterans Service Officer can help as well as the VFW, Elks lodge as well as some Boy and Girl Scout troops. <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagcode.htm>

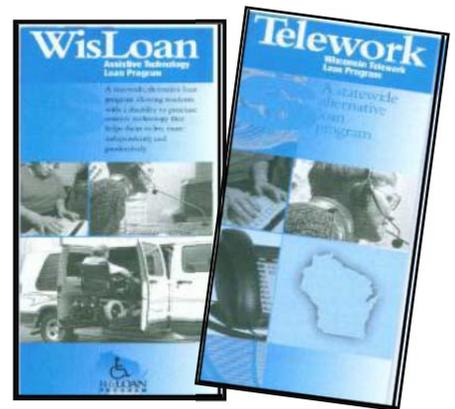


Wisloan and Telework Programs

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

The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin has received a grant from Wisconsin's Universal Service Fund program. This grant is to promote awareness of the Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP). It is also for demonstrating specialized telecommunication equipment to people whom are hard of hearing, deaf/ severely hard of hearing, have speech impairment, mobility/motion impairment, are deaf with low vision, or are deaf and blind. The program allows those who qualify to purchase equipment to use in their home or in the community.

CILWW maintains a device Loan and Demonstration Program which has specialized telephones and communication devices available for a person to try out that can be purchased through the TEPP program. Staff will assist with TEPP applications or provide information on purchasing equipment. Equipment may include: amplified phones, captioning phones, alerting systems & neckloops. We regularly order new equipment for our loan program for people to try. If you are interested in trying specialized telephone equipment, please give us a call at 1-800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070 v/tty.

Wistech Demonstration and Loan Program New Items

Recent additions for demonstration and loan program, please contact us if you are interested in trying any of them out.



EZ Enabler Table- Clamps onto any wheelchair or walker pole. Provides a table and a cup holder

Slim touch mini keyboard- Small lightweight mini keyboard with built in touchpad. Great for when typing one handed.



SmartNav 4 – Hands free mouse that you can use with built in clicking Use to control an on screen keyboard. Plug into your usb port using.



software. to start

Samsung Galaxy tab 3- An android based tablet that can be read e-mails, play games, use the internet and download apps. This item is for demo only to learn about an android tablet and its abilities.



Trackbar Emotion Mouse- This mouse has an unconventional design with a central mouse bar and scroll wheel that keeps your arms, hands and wrists in the appropriate position to avoid carpal tunnel and repetitive strain injury.

Golite blue energy light- The Philips goLITE BLU is a compact and portable energy light which produces blue light like a clear summer sky. This particular light therapy is known to naturally help increase your energy level whenever you need it and help fight winterblues.



Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Files a Friend of the Court Brief Supporting Equal Access to Captioned Telephones

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/hlaa-files-friend-of-the-court-brief-0>

There's an app for that!

Free or low-cost apps for Androids and Idevices!

Do you like playing games, and wish you could take them with you? These Great apps are for the idevices with some of these also available in the android market. (Or something similar) Not only are they games, but they are great for working on hand eye coordination, learning how to use a touch screen, and memory skills!



Ace's cribbage- Fifteen for 2, fifteen for 4, and a Pair for 6! With Aces® Cribbage you can hone your cribbage skills anywhere, even when you're on the go. Aces Cribbage offers tons game options, including multiple counting styles, varying game speeds, and many different background combinations. With so many options, everyone can enjoy cribbage the way they like.



Bejeweled Blitz- Treat yourself to an exciting take on the world's #1 puzzle game from PopCap! Match and detonate as many gems as you can in 60 action-packed seconds. Match 3 or more

gems and create cascades of fun with Flame gems, Star gems, and Hypercubes. Add up to three Boosts at a time plus powerful Rare Gems to send your score soaring.



Crossword Plus- Crossword Plus offers challenging crossword puzzles perfect for playing on the go. The clues are shown right in the puzzle grid, making them easy to view and play on the iPad screen.



FreeCell- FreeCell is a game that requires skill and patience to win! After dealing from a standard deck of 52 cards, use the four free cell spots as placeholders as you try and move all the cards to the Foundation stacks for a win. Unlike many solitaire games, all the cards in FreeCell can be seen at the opening deal, so most FreeCell deals can be solved, if you have what it takes!

Fishing Has No Boundaries

Chippewa Valley Chapter 2014 Fishing Event

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

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

When : August 16th & 17st, 2014

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: 1-800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070 or pople@cilww.com

For Sale:

Electric wheel chair, storm series – torque 3, 7 years old, black and green. Best Offer **Hoyer lift** – 400 Lbs capacity. Best Offer **Commode Best Offer. Contact: Bob @ 715-642-2513**

Motorized Wheel chair – 2 years old, Good Shape, Dark Blue. \$600.00
Contact: Lisa 715-743-2642

Bruno Joey lift- 2-3 years old, used very little (willing to install for free).
Asking \$750.00 OBO **Contact: Jeff Goff @ 715-829-4760**

Invacare 9805 manual Hoyer lift, with 2 slings (one full body sling, and one divided leg sling, both NEW). The lift is 2nd hand, weight cap = 450 pounds.
Contact: Lynn @ 715-829-2050

Ultratec – CapTel 840i captioning telephone – used 2 months, like new condition. New - \$115.00
Asking - \$50.00. **Contact Michelle @ 715-828-8285.**

Invacare Model # 54901 BC – twin bed, 10 mos. Old, 450 pound capacity, Good condition, has rails on both sides, and two set of sheets included - \$650.00 OBO. Lift chair light brown, wide seat made by Pride Mobility - \$200.00 OBO. Commode with drop-arm made by Invacare - \$25.00.

Contact Karen @ 715-874-5008 or 715-829-9283

Transfer Seat from a 2012 Dodge Caravan - \$900.00. **Manual Wheel Chair-** with bar across back for pushing, high back with extended head rest, arm protectors, tray for eating, foot & leg support, seat size is 21"X 22"-Like new condition. \$250.00 **Contact Bill or Nona Schreiber @ 715-651-5049**

2005 Dodge Wheelchair Conversion Van, SXT package, North star Lift package (ramp under floor), power driver's seat, power lift rear gate, Price \$18,500.00 **Call 715-421-1651**

Oversized shower chair, with step (3 yrs. old), \$150.00 OBO, Lift chair/recliner, chestnut (vinyl) extra wide, Heritage Line of Pride Mobility- 1 yr. old, \$450.00 OBO, Invacare manual Hoyer lift (985P), 450 pound limit, 2 slings (1 for shower) - \$200.00 OBO, oversized commode with side handles \$50.00 OBO, Invacare manual wheel chair with reclining back, wide seat, good condition - \$75.00 OBO, Pivot Disk, 12 inch, \$40.00 OBO, deluxe transfer board \$40.00 OBO. **Contact: Jane Telisczak @ 715-239-3352**

Red, Mobility Pride 4 wheel scooter, new battery, new charger, 8 years old, (hardly used). \$1100.00 OBO **Contact: Betty @ 715-537-5024**

Gel E-3 Deluxe-Wheel chair skin protection cushion, 18x16x3, viscous gel provides pressure reduction, support and comfort. New - \$75.00, Asking \$40.00. **Contact: Sandy @ 715-877-1368**

Sonic Pride Mobility 3 wheeled scooter, easy to operate. Seat swivels & both arms can swing up for ease of access from either side. Two new batteries, and a power charger included, 300 pound capacity. \$1000.00 OBO (1, 800.00 New). Currently located in Downsville area. **Contact: 701-721-0907 or e-mail wing@minot.com**

Victory 10 full size, 4 wheel scooter, bright red, new in 2009, (like new condition), \$1500.00 **Contact: Joanne Rehberg @ 715-924-3280**

2003 Ford 250 four wheel drive, large custom van with lift, hand controls and seat adjustable for driver. \$16,900.00 WILL NEGOTIATE!! **Contact: Carol and or Don Parker @715-832-9784**

Donations:

SALTER LABS – 7 Foot nasal Cannula (Adult) 2.1 m supply line for Oxygen, I have a whole box of them. **Contact: Kit @ CILWW 715-233-1070**

ENDRES AKKULIFT electric bath lift, new in 2002, needs new battery (\$80.00 - \$120.00). **Contact: Kari Ann Nelson @ the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. 715-233-1070 Ext. 207.**

Polar Care 300, post surgical water cooling system (to prevent swelling/pain). **Contact: Mary Schultz @ 715-839-8241**

Metal Handles to install on wall (bathroom), shower stool and walker. **Sharon: @715-283-4025**

For information on the items on this list please contact the person listed or the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. @ 715-233-1070 or Toll Free 800-228-3287.

Financial Assistance Programs for Hearing Aids:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/financial-assistance-programs-foundations>

Vision Resources:

<http://lighthouse.org/downloads/resources/financial.pdf>

*Signs Available at CILWW
Disabled Parking Sign \$25
Van Accessible Sign \$15
1-800-228-3287 or 233-1070*

Independence First Mobility Store

<http://ifmobility.mcservices.com>

2554 Advance Road Madison, WI
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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



New Freedom Transportation Program

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Too much time on your hands? Like to be around people?

Volunteer drivers are needed to help give rides to people with disabilities and (the) elderly. You can help people by giving rides for medical appointments, shopping, or social and recreational activities. You will receive mileage reimbursement for all miles driven, loaded and unloaded, at the Federal Rate which is currently **56 cents per mile.**

Please call for more information and to get your application
Cliff at 1-800-228-3287

**Please Help Make a Difference in Someone's Life
by becoming a Volunteer Driver!**

**This program is paid for by a New Freedom Grant from WI Dept. of Transportation
and Center for Independent Living for Western WI, Inc.**

**The website below provides a link to 4 different guides published by the Consumer
Financial Protection Bureau**

Help for representative payees and VA fiduciaries

Help for trustees under a revocable living trust

Help for agents under a power of attorney

Help for court-appointed guardians of property and conservators

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/blog/managing-someone-elses-money/>

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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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