



## Advocate September 2009 Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.

### Choosing IRIS

**IRIS** is a Wisconsin program where you self-direct your publicly funded, community-based, long-term care supports and services. IRIS can help you get the life you want with the support you need. In IRIS you use your own natural supports and creativity with your budget to achieve your hopes and dreams.

#### **Goals of IRIS:**

**INCLUDE** – Wisconsin elders, adults with physical disabilities and adults with developmental disabilities who are Medicaid eligible are included in communities across Wisconsin just like everyone else. IRIS can help participants remain connected to others.

**RESPECT** – You choose where you live, what relationships you build, where you work, and how actively you participate in your community.

**I SELF-DIRECT** – IRIS is a self-directed option in which you creatively use your monthly budget allocation to help meet your individual long-term care needs. You decide what is important to you.



<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/iris/index.htm>

### **Wisconsin Self Directed Supports Waiver: A New Support/Service Option**

#### **Participant Customized Goods and Services**

Participant-Customized Goods and Services refers to a service, support or good that enhances the participant's opportunities to achieve outcomes related to living arrangement, relationship, community inclusion, work and functional or medical status. Each service, support or good selected must meet each of the following four criteria and at least one of the criteria as stated in the second list which follow.

#### Must meet all four:

1. The item or service is designed to meet the participant's functional, vocational or medical or social needs and also advances the desired outcomes in his/her Individual Service Plan;
2. The service, support or good is documented on the Individual Service Plan;
3. The service, support or good is not prohibited by Federal and State statutes and regulations, including the State's Procurement Code;
4. The service, support or good is not available through another source or experimental in nature.

AND Must meet at least one of the criteria in the following list:

- (1) The service, support or good will maintain or increase the participant's safety in the home or community environment;
- (2) The service, support or good will decrease or prevent increased dependence on other Medicaid-funded services;
- (3) The service, support or good will maintain or increase the participant's functioning related to the disability;
- (4) The service, support or good will maintain or increase the participant's access to or presence in the community.

[http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/iris/2008Goods\\_Services.pdf](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/iris/2008Goods_Services.pdf)

## **Welcome To New Staff**

In June, Amanda Ackerman joined CILWW as a Resource Counselor and will be working out of the Rice Lake Office. Amanda has a Bachelors Degree in Human Development and Family Studies and completed her Senior Practicum with us last fall. We are happy to have her back with us!

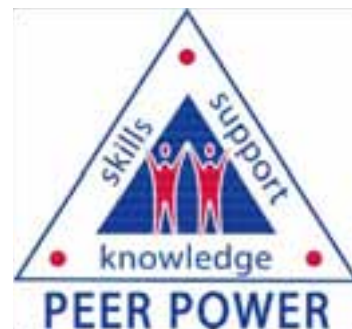
We have two part time staff working with the Senior Citizens Training & Employment Program. Rachel O'Mear and Pat Travaglio (Rice Lake Office) assist us with general office support, front desk duties and answering the phone.

CILWW Transportation Program has three Specialists coordinating rides and drivers. Joan Nabbefeld has been involved with the volunteer driver program for many years, developing the St Croix county program. She has 30 years of experience working with people with disabilities and the elderly. Dale Heimke has been a volunteer driver with various programs for many years and brings that expertise to the job when training and recruiting new drivers. He also enjoys his hobby farm and motorcycling. Kurt Vuchetich works in the Eau Claire area and brings many years experience managing transportation programs in that county.

Kyle Kleist, who many know from his years as a Resource Counselor at CILWW, joins us during the summer months as a Transportation Consultant working on regional coordination planning.

## **Peer Power**

Peer Power is a unique program designed to provide knowledge, skills and consistent support to high school students with all types of disabilities so they are better prepared to transition to adult life. CILWW is working individually with students and in group settings to achieve this goal. Peer Mentoring is the foundation of this program, as who better to learn from than those that have experienced it!



We are looking for Mentors to support this project. Here is how you can be a part of this great program:

**Who:** Individuals with or without a disability, recently transitioned from high school

**Where?** Chippewa Falls area

**What do I need to know?:** Will need to attend training, attend monthly group meetings, have regular contacts with a "mentee", complete some paperwork, and follow through on your commitment.

**What's next?** To learn more or to request an application, please contact Sara Zwiefelhofer, Peer Power Coordinator at 715-233-1070, 1-800-228-3287, or [szwiefelhofer@cilww.com](mailto:szwiefelhofer@cilww.com)

Visit the statewide Peer Power web page to learn more about this program OR to learn about wonderful transition resources for youth, parents, and teachers! <http://ilcw.org/peerpower/index.htm>

## **Doyle Signs Veterans Assistance Bill**

**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2009 3:37 PM

**Subject:** KREITLOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Doyle Signs Veterans Assistance Bill

Today at the State Capitol, Governor Doyle signed into law my bill that will make it easier for veterans in dire financial conditions to get assistance through the state's Veterans Assistance Grant program. This program helps low income veterans pay for health care related items such as dentures and eyeglasses. Until now, this program was unavailable to veterans who had even a meager life insurance policy valued at more than \$1,000. Today's signing changes the law so that veterans can still be eligible for the program even if they have a modest life insurance policy to keep them from burdening their families with expenses after their death. The bill was inspired by a real-life story from a veteran in my district, and I encourage anyone else to share their concerns or ideas on making sure the men and women who serve our country are not overlooked when they come home to Wisconsin.

For more information on this legislation, or to see more about the other bills I'm working on, please visit my website at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen23/news/>. State Senator Pat Kreitlow, 23rd District, (888)437-9436, [Sen.kreitlow@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.kreitlow@legis.wisconsin.gov)

## **HEC- An opportunity for Medicaid**

Health and Employment Counseling (HEC), is a program to allow individuals who have a disability determination from the Disability Determination Bureau, and are not working, to apply for the [Medicaid Purchase Plan \(MAPP\)](#). HEC is a 9 month pre-employment plan that is written by a HEC screener along with the applicant. This plan is then sent to the State Department of Health Services for approval. A letter from the State is sent to the applicant and HEC screener stating approval or denial of the plan. The approval letter is taken to their county Economic Support Worker or Specialist, who will then enroll the individual onto MAPP. This form of Medicaid can only be backdated to the first day of the month in which the HEC screen is completed.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- A Wisconsin resident
- 18 or older
- Be determined to have a disability
- Have individual countable assets of less than \$15,000.00
- Have an adjusted family income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level, based on family size.
- If you have any questions about HEC or would like to have a HEC screen completed, and live in [Barron](#), [Chippewa](#), [Dunn](#), [Eau Claire](#), [Pierce](#), [Polk](#), [Rusk](#) or [St. Croix](#) counties, please contact: Cami Engel, Regional HEC Screener at 1-866-419-1260 to set up an appointment.

## **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 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. [cilww@cilww.com](mailto:cilww@cilww.com)



Family & Consumer  
Mentoring Project  
of the Chippewa Valley

## 1st Annual "What If They Is Us" Transition Conference

**Save the Date:**

**Thursday, October 29, 2009  
Sleep Inn/29 Pines Conference Center  
5872 33rd Avenue, Eau Claire**

**Informational Presentations for Transition Age  
Youth and their Families and Professionals,  
Exhibits, and more!**

**For more information, contact the  
Aging & Disability Resource Center of  
Eau Claire County at (715) 839-4735 or  
888-338-4636, tty: use Relay (711)**

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## **Badgercare + Coreplan**

Badgercare + Coreplan application began on June 15, 2009 with actual enrollment beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. There are several important things to note if you are thinking of applying for this program.

1. You cannot have a disability determination from Social Security or the County.
2. You must meet income requirements, which are at the end of this article.
3. You cannot be eligible for other insurance or Medicaid coverage.
4. You must pay the \$60 application fee in full before your application will be processed.
5. If it will take you longer than the 30 day window to pay the application fee, you can call the Enrollment Services Center at 1-800-291-2002, to keep your window open longer. When you are talking with them about needing more time also find out if they need more information or verification from you.
- 6.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>100% FPL</b>	<b>200%FPL</b>
Single	\$902.50	\$1,805.00
Married Couple	\$1,214.17	\$2,428.33

You can apply at: [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov)  
For more information, go to: [dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/core](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/core)

Cami Engel, Benefit Specialist, MAPP/HEC Specialist  
CILWW 866-419-1260 toll free 715-736-1800

### **For Sale:**

Magic version 8 **enlargement software** \$425.00, **Telesensory Aladdin classic CCTV** \$700, about 3 years old, very good condition. Call Monty at 715-514-1619 090209-120209

**Electric bed** /sheets/pillow, remote control, very good condition. \$600 OBO  
Call Larry 715-926-3404 081809-111809

**2005 Rascal 60 Scooter**, good condition, new battery in 2009. \$1,750.  
Call Joyce 715-568-2808 081309-111309

**Recumbent trike**, Organic Engine brand, \$1500 call Kelly 715-231-2191 081009-111009

Wacom Bamboo **tablet**, great condition, **spare stylus**, **Rite pen software** also. \$50. Please call Kelly at 715-231-2191

Fortress Scientific, Model 2000 FS **3-wheel scooter**, pneumatic tires. 1990's but with two new batteries, works fine. \$500 OBO Call Charles 715-246-4457 080509-110509

Chevy handicap **van**, 1 995 high-top diesel \$1,800; \$2,000 with lift.  
Call Mike at 715-875-4893 062209-092209

Electric **Lift chair**, never been used. Call Jerry at 715-468-4127 061709-091709

Pacer **gait trainer**-size med/lg (adjustable) w/wheels new \$1700 asking \$100, **Solara wheelchair**, heavier chair with 2 swivel wheels in front and 2 smaller (1 ft) tires in rear. Three inch foam cushion, back rest tilts, leg rests. Back folds down for transport. \$100 Call Anita 458-4221 060909 - 090909

Hospital **Bed**, automatic, like new with **mattress** \$1800 new, sell for \$500. **Deluxe bath bench**, almost new, \$50, **basic bath bench** \$15, **Pivot stand** - helper for sit to stand \$50, **small basic wheelchair**, like new, for small adult weighing 80-100 pounds, **includes extra seat** \$50, Call Mary at 715-864-9366 cell phone, or 715-864-9377. 060809 – 090809

**Hoyer lift** (mounts on floor), Bed rails, Large size exercise mat, Make an offer  
Call Gloria at 715-874-6023. 060109-090109

**Donation:**

Pro Pal **electric Hoyer Lift** with charger & slings, some batteries ok, call Kermit 715-838-9248  
082809-112809

**Hoyer Lift** Call Paula at 715-577-3600 082809-112809

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

*The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CILWW), located in Menomonie, Wisconsin is looking for energetic, dynamic, committed persons with disabilities to become members of a governing Board of Directors for a Consumer Controlled organization serving people of any disability in 10 counties in Western Wisconsin. CILWW's mission is to advocate for and with persons with a disability to exercise their right to full participation in society. Board meets six times per year.*

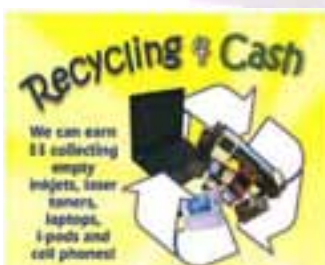
*To inquire or apply, please contact Tammy at 715-233-1070 or email at [popleft@cilww.com](mailto:popleft@cilww.com)*

***Adaptive equipment needed.....***

**Fishing Has No Boundaries®**, Inc is an educational, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to opening up the great outdoors to individuals with disabilities through the world of fishing. Adaptive equipment is an essential piece to providing this opportunity. If you someone you know have adaptive fishing equipment, **especially electric reels**, and would like to donate to provide an opportunity for someone else, please contact our National office at 800-243-3462.



or



Help CILWW earn money while improving the future of our world through recycling. CIL participates year round in a fundraising program that promotes a way of being environmentally responsible and to share in the goal of helping to preserve our environment.

Cartridges can be turned into CIL at any time. Please contact for future drop off areas and thanks for your participation. 715-233-1070 or 800-228-3287

## ***New Wisconsin 534 Area Code Will Share the Same Region as the Existing 715 Area Code***

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) has approved the addition of the 534 area code to the geographic region currently served by 715 – this is called an Area Code Overlay.

### **How Will This Affect Me?**

Because of the addition of the 534 area code, all customers within the 715/534 geography will need to dial the area code followed by the 7-digit telephone number when dialing all local calls. Please see the map below for an outline of the 715/534 area code region.

### **What is the Dialing Change?**

To complete local calls, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial the full 10-digit telephone number. This means that all calls from the 715 area code that are currently dialed with 7-digits will need to be dialed using the **area code + 7-digit telephone number**.

However, long distance calls will remain the same. Callers need to dial **1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number** whenever placing a long distance call from the 715 or 534 area code.

### **When Will These Changes go Into Effect?**

Effective **October 17, 2009**, you should begin using the new dialing procedure whenever you place local calls from the 715 area code. If you forget and use the old dialing procedure of dialing just 7-digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning **July 17, 2010**, you **must** use the new dialing procedure for all local calls. After this date, if you do not use the new dialing procedure, your call will not be completed and a recording will provide instructions on how to redial your call.

Beginning **August 14, 2010**, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the 534 area code.

### **What Will Change?**

- You will need to dial 10-digits (area code + 7-digit telephone number) for every local call.
- You may need to reprogram or upgrade your equipment if you use specialized communications equipment like a PBX, electronic telephone sets, auto-dial systems or multi-line key systems in order to use the new dialing procedure.
- Some automatically dialed calls may require reprogramming to include the new dialing procedure. These calls may include: life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, and similar functions.
- Check your websites, business stationery, advertising materials, personal checks, contact information and your ID tags to ensure the area code is included.

### **What Will Remain the Same?**

- Your telephone number, which includes your area code, will remain the same.
- The price of a call, local and long-distance calling areas and other rates and services of your telecommunication provider will not change as a result of the Area Code Overlay. What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will still dial just three digits to reach 911.
- If the 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811 numbers are currently available in your community, or from your provider, you will still dial them with just three digits.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please call 715-664-8311 or 715-231-2000 or contact the following websites for more information: [www.wt.net](http://www.wt.net) or the PSC website at <http://psc.wi.gov/utilityinfo/tele/areaCodes/home-AreaCodeRelief.htm>



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## **CILWW MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. is to empower persons with a disability to achieve full participation in society. The mission embodies the philosophy that this may be achieved through advocacy and provision of quality consumer controlled service.

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