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Letter from the Assistant Director, Kyle Kleist

I'm excited to be returning to CILWW as the new Assistant Director. After taking a 10 year hiatus to teach at UW-Stout in the Rehab and Counseling Department, I'm looking forward to returning to my roots at CILWW where I began my career working with persons with disabilities. However, during those ten years I continued to work with CILWW as a consultant on the transportation program and then as a member of the Board of Directors, so the Center never stopped being part of my life. As the new Assistant Director, I'm looking forward to once again being part of an organization that makes a lasting impact on the

lives of persons with disabilities and older adults that we work with on a daily basis, and working to grow the programs and services offered through the Center.

There are some big changes planned for the Center this coming year! First and foremost is the planned expansion of the main office in Menomonie. With the continually expanding New Freedom Transportation program and increase in Independent Living and other program staff, we're running out of office space. So we recently closed on purchasing the lot adjacent to the main office, and are in the process of receiving proposals

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CILWW is a community-based, non-residential, private non-profit agency that is staffed and governed by people with disabilities. Our focus is to empower people in making choices that maintain or increase their independence.

We serve people with disabilities, their families, and the community in which they live. We also work with area businesses and service providers that need assistance responding to the needs of people with disabilities.

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from contractors for design and construction of the new building. The Board of Directors and Facilities Committee, has been working on this project and hope to choose a firm for the project by the end of the year. That would mean groundbreaking for the new building in the spring and hopefully completion by fall. We're excited about the opportunities the new building will provide, including a large conference/training room, expanded Assistive Technology loan and demonstration room, much needed additional office space, and even a large garage bay for the accessible vans recently purchased for the transportation program.

The Center is also receiving proposals for a much needed redesign of the CILWW website. It's been too long since the CILWW website has been updated, so we're looking forward to selecting an agency to redesign the website. This will provide the opportunity to bring it "up to date" making it more attractive and user friendly, provide information on the array of services provided, and include a host of accessibility features for persons with disabilities. If everything goes as planned, we'll have the new website launched after the first of the year.

Finally, as we approach the New Year there are many exciting things happening for Independent Living Services staff. Three staff recently attending a training sponsored by the National Coalition of Independent Living Centers (NCIL), on the new 5th core service of Transition and Diversion of persons with disabilities from Institutions. We also received a grant from the Department of Health Services, together with the ADRC of St. Croix County and the ADRC of Barron, Rusk and Washburn Counties. The purpose of the grant is to learn more about the services each agency provides, and build future collaborations between the Aging and Disability Resource Centers and Independent Living Centers. Staff with the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program, are working to expand the program and will be attending a "train the trainer" workshop so that they can recruit and provide the training for Peer Specialist. And all ILS staff continue to be busy providing the array of services offered at the Center.



Kyle Kleist, Assistant Director

CILWW Celebrates 27 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act

On July 26th, despite pouring rain, amid the downtown Eau Claire Phoenix Park farmer's market pavilion, you would have seen and/or heard a group of enthusiastic people! They were ringing bells, clapping, blowing bubbles, singing "Happy Birthday", cheering "A.D.A.", and displaying colorful signs about disability awareness all in celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the ADA.

CIL's Eau Claire CCAT (CIL Community Action Team) partnered with CIL staff, Eau Claire County ADRC, Citizen Action Organizing Cooperative, Jeff Smith, Katherine Schneider, Ph.D., and Ruth Adix to put together this celebration. The Leader Telegram's reporter, Lauren French interviewed event organizers and wrote an article (<http://www.leadertelegram.com/search?query=ADA+Kari+Ann+Nelson>) for their front page that debuted in the next day's paper! Some of our event was "live" on Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/264004736031/videos/10155107208871032/> as well as several photos are on the Center for Independent Living's Facebook page. Check it all out!

People also had the opportunity to write what they liked about the ADA and contributed such comments as "I can go to college and its accessible", and "Help Deaf people to watch captions on TV" as well as "Service Animals Permitted" and "Accessible Websites". A long time Eau Claire CCAT member, Diane Youngell said, "It was a great day to inform and educate people about how important the ADA is!"

If you are interested in planning the 28th ADA Anniversary in Eau Claire, please call Kari Ann Nelson at 1-800-228-3287



Come to the Eau Claire CCAT (CIL Community Action Team)!

This grassroots advocacy group meets about disability issues monthly. Everyone is welcome (whether you have a disability or not).

Meetings are on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at our Eau Claire CIL office location, 2004 Highland Ave., Ste.H (accessible entry is in the back).

Questions?

Call Kari Ann at 1-800-228-3287.

Institutional Transition & Diversion Services

CILWW provides services to individuals with a disability living in a nursing home or other institution. An Independent Living Specialist (ILS) can assist in locating housing, setting up home and community based services, locating assistive technology and addressing home modifications. An ILS will also help to make sure that transition from nursing home or residential facility to the community is successful.

CILWW has also begun outreach to individuals in jails and prisons to assist with preparation for reentrance into the community. An ILS works with the individual to develop a plan, set goals and provide a bridge to community resources. Goals and plans are individualized to meet the specific needs of the person. An ILs will also continue to provide support once the individual has returned to the community. CILWW strives to promote successful community living and help folks stay out of the criminal justice system. The desired outcome of the program is to give individuals control over his or her life and to fully participate in society.

Youth Transition

The Youth Transition services are designed to assist youth in transitioning from high school into adulthood. Transition services assist in gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to live more independently. Training is provided at area high schools, homes or in the community.

Program Services include: (Individual & Group)

- Independent Living Skills Training
- Self-Advocacy Classes
- Financial Literacy Workshops/Budgeting
- Parent and Student Advocacy
- IEP Planning and Support
- Soft Skills Training-

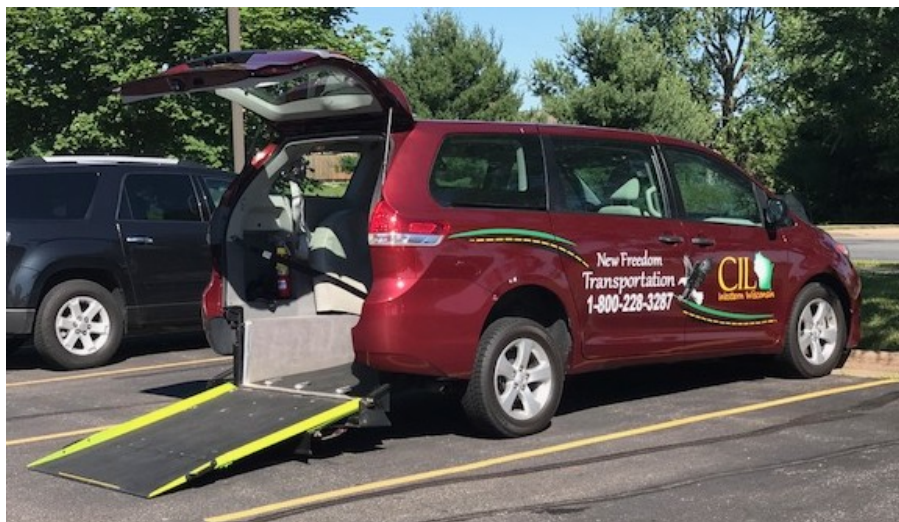
Outcomes

- An understanding of how to access and direct community supports.
- The ability to make informed choices and understand the consequences of those choices.
- An understanding of rights as a person with a disability and learn self-advocacy skills.
- A positive disability identity.
- The ability to live as independently as possible.

This year's APRIL conference was in Spokane, Washington. APRIL is the national organization for rural Independent Living Centers. This year's conference theme was "Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All" and also included a Youth Conference with the theme of "Team Work Makes the Dream Work."

There were over 400 participants at the conference this year representing rural IL centers from across the nation, which included 120 youth! It was a great conference with good workshops and a wonderful opportunity to network with staff and administration from rural IL centers.





Expanding Services

New Freedom Transportation Program and is happy to announce that it will be expanding service to **11 new counties** of; Adams, Forest, Florence, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Taylor, Vilas, and Wood! Over 3000 riders who are elderly or have disabilities have been given over 430,000 rides since the program began operations in 2008. The trips given include medical, social, training, employment, nutrition, and personal business such as benefits counseling, banking and other needed appointments.

The New Freedom Transportation Program currently is in need of more volunteer drivers. The Center reimburses the drivers at federal mileage rate currently 53 1/2 cents per mile. Drivers can sign up to volunteer for as many days as they would like. Drivers must have a valid Wisconsin drivers license, clean back ground check and proof of liability insurance.

For driver application or for more information contact Denise Larson or Bobbi Craig at the Center at 800-228-3287 or email larsond@cilww.com, craigb@cilww.com, or driver application can be found at www.cilww.com and returned by email before the open houses.

◀ Check out photos from the Driver Appreciation Event

If you are interested in getting rides through New Freedom Transportation or becoming a driver... call us today! You can call 800-228-3287 for more information.

White Cane Day Celebration

The white cane in our society has become one of the symbols of a blind person's ability to come and go on his/her own. Its use is meant to provide courtesy and special consideration to the blind as they walk through our streets and highways. In 1964 Congress authorized the President to proclaim October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day. The day is a way to make the general public more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind persons, who carry it



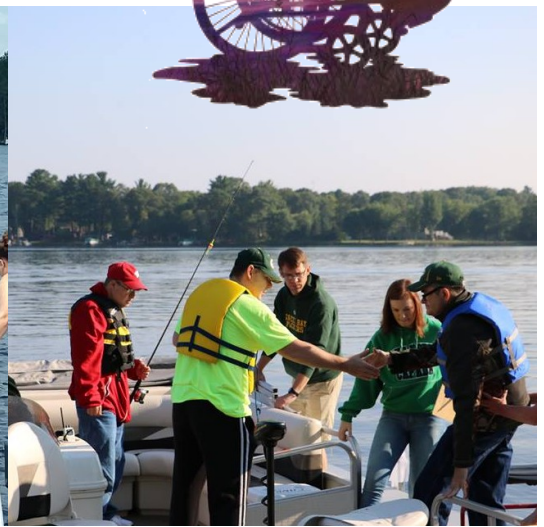
On October 14th, 2017, the Chippewa Valley celebrated White Cane Safety Day at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Eau Claire. The event was sponsored by the Center for Independent Living of Western WI, The Eau Claire Community Foundation and the Lions Club. Also, a special thanks to CESA 10. The event provided resources, activities and networking for the blind, low vision and sighted members of the community. Numerous vendors were also present to offer information on their agencies. The goal is to make this a yearly event.

If you would like a list of the vendors in attendance you can contact:

Edla Karr at CILWW, 715 514 4200, ext 304 or email at ekarr@cilww.com

Fishing Has No Boundaries

Join us August 18th & 19th, 2018!



Join us for a 2 day jam packed event filled with fun, food and fishing in Holcome, WI. No fishing license or experience needed!!! Provided to you are rods, reels, life vests, adaptive fishing equipment, bait, fish cleaning, boats, pontoons, guides, Saturday evening dinner and Sunday cookout!

Cost: \$50 for participants, \$25 for guests, family and attendants. Volunteers are also needed!

Contact David Koch for more information at 800-228-3287.

Assistive Technology Demonstration & Loan Program

WisTech is Wisconsin's Assistive Technology (AT) program. AT is a device or service that allows people to function as independently as possible at home, school, work, and in the community. CILWW is a regional AT Device and Demonstration Center. CILWW has over 2,000 different AT devices that we can loan and/or demonstrate to people. CILWW staff can bring devices to people's homes, answer questions about devices, loan devices for a short period of time, give vendor and funding resources, and use their experience to help find the most cost-effective options.

Check some new items added to our Loan Closet:



TextSpeak offers THE solution for AAC augmentative communication when you are looking for a simple yet powerful speech generation device. Perfect for speech impaired individuals, post operative patients, or as a health product solution for anyone who needs an affordable voice generation device that generates synthesized speech.



Automotive safety tool for assistance getting in and out of car. Built-in window breaker and seat belt cutter. Attaches to car door latch.



Motorized 28-Slot Carousel Rotates & Delivers Scheduled Medicine;. Audible & Visual Alerts Sound & Flash Up to 30 Minutes When Pills Are Due; Simply Flip & Remove Pills From Slot.



This system is great for home use or notifying caregivers when a resident leaves their room, opens a window or enters an unattended area. Install this alarm system to any door or window. The detector will chime or vibrate the receiver to let you know that the door or window has been opened.



TV Ears Original™ allows you to watch TV as loud as you want while others mute or set the television volume to their comfort.



OpenBook converts printed documents or graphic-based text into an electronic text format on your PC, using high-quality speech and the latest optical character recognition (OCR) technology. OpenBook is innovative software designed to enhance success for people who are blind or have low vision who need access to printed and electronic materials.

Are you or someone you know...

- Having difficulty hearing or using the telephone?
- Hard of hearing?
- Deaf or severely hard of hearing?
- Mobility/Motion impaired?
- Speech impaired?
- Deaf with low vision or blindness?



If you answered yes, you may be interested in finding the AT you need to access telephone services. Equipment includes amplified phones, captioning phones, neck loops, and other devices. Schedule an appointment to try a variety of equipment at one time with one-on-one assistance from knowledgeable and experienced staff!

Staff can also help you apply for funding through TEPP: Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program. Money collected through WI telephone service providers goes into the WI Universal Service Fund, which pays for TEPP. CILWW's role is to help you access the funding you need to get the equipment you need!



Loan Programs

WisLoan offers loans to help people buy assistive technology or equipment such as modified vehicles, wheelchairs, and ramps. 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 interest rate of 6.5% to qualified borrowers. Loan amounts depend on the item and ability to repay.

Telework is a loan program that allows 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.

For Sale & Donation Page

Quantum Motorized Wheelchair:

\$1,900 New, barely used, very durable high quality powerchair. From Scooter Store.

Contact: Dan 715-790-3877 or 715-236-7111

Jazzy 1650 Motorized Chair (large man chair):

\$3,500 24.5" seat with adjustable arms that move out, was brand new on March 2, 2016 with battery charger and manual

Contact: Mike @ 715-894-0059

Jazzy 614HD Heavy-duty Wheelchair/Electric Scooter:

\$1,000 450 lb. weight capacity, red, easy rear access to batteries, enhanced traction, removable armrests. Contact: Deanna_snow@yahoo.com or 715-790-9492

Jazzy GT Select Power Motorized Chair:

Sold new for over \$6,000 - Has leg extensions, used for approximately 2 hours, red/burgundy color, brand new batteries \$1,000 OBO

Contact: Jeri @715-552-1238 or 715-271-3348

Motorized Chair:

\$2000 Used one time

Contact: Randi @ 715-210-0404

Electric Wheelchair:

\$450 OBO - Made by Revo

Contact: Dan @715-695-3890

Electric Wheelchair:

\$1,500 OBO Used it perhaps a dozen times for medical appointments. Brand-new condition.

Model: Quickie QM-710/715HD/720. The chair is valued between \$4,000-\$5,000.

Contact: Tammy @ 715-236-6255 or 715-475-9484

Two Electric Wheelchairs:

With chargers OBO

Contact Mary @715-235-6924

Bariatric Motorized Wheelchair:

\$1,000 22-24" seat, hardly used, tilts, with charger

Contact: Lori @715-338-2504

Wheelchair Lift:

\$125 OBO

Fits the back of the car

Contact: Tina @ 651-666-0565

Golden Companion 2 Scooter:

\$200

Contact Dave @ 715-308-6642

Large-sized Motorized Wheelchair:

Best offer

Contact: Tina @ 651-666-0565

C300 Power Chair:

\$2,000 with two extra head attachments plus one new already attached to chair. All adjustable, newly installed batteries, comes with 4 Rojo cushions (need air)

Contact: Mrs. Schrieber @715-651-5049

Electric Hospital Bed:

Folding parts electric, but the bed itself needs to be raised/lowered with a hand crank

\$200 OBO

Contact: Jo @ (715) 286-5182

Manual Hospital Bed:

\$75 OBO

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Electric Hospital Bed:

\$300 OBO Mattress perfect shape with remote, electric head, foot and height of bed

Contact: Larry @ 254-721-6175 or @ Rona 715-642-4449

Transfer Chair:

Has smaller wheels \$100 OBO

Contact: Merry @ 715-386-3119

Bathtub Bench:

\$25 OBO

Contact: Merry @ 715-386-3119

Mount N Mover: Made by Blue Sky - The entire system slides on and off a power chair with ease and will make an excellent tool for someone. Holder for an I-pad on a wheelchair apparatus. <https://www.mountnmover.com> Was over \$1,000 but will accept Best Offer

Contact: Vickie @ 608-449-0092

Bed Grab Bar:

\$50 in excellent condition originally sells for \$100. It has straps to secure to box spring.

Contact: Steve @ 715-832-1747

Transfer Bench/Shower Chair:

Invacare lightly used transfer bench shower chair with back. Sells for \$129 new, \$65

Contact: Steve @ 715-832-1747

Bathtub Bench:

\$25 OBO

Adjustable legs

Contact: Dan @ 715-695-3890

Two Wheelchair Batteries:

12-volt Universal gel type

\$100/pair OBO

Contact: Tom @715-651-0942

Portable Shower Chair:

Best offer

Contact Mary @715-235-6924

Portable Hoyer Lift:

Best offer

Contact Mary @715-235-6924

Parallel Bars:

Adjustable Height

\$300

Contact: Darlene @ 715-560-1544

Moen White Grab Bars:

size 9" \$5.00

Contact: Mrs. Schrieber @715-651-5049

For Donation:**2 Nebulizers:**

One is portable with oxygen lines, etc.

Contact: Annette @ (715) 829-7680

Hearing Aid Batteries:

Duracell 312 48 per box

Contact: Joelene @ 715-514-4200 Ext. 307

Telephone Adapters:

Sonic Link Deluxe Remote Receiver Model SA 201

Door Bell adaptors

Contact: David @ 715-233-1070 Ext. 215

Electric Twin Bed:

Lifting head, foot, and bed itself lifts

Contact: Dick @ 715-723-5066 or Barb @ 715-514-9692

CPAP Machine:

Contact: Dawn @ 715-450-3471

Multiple Books on Tape:

Cassettes for someone with vision loss

Includes: Materese Countdown-Robert Ludlum, Beyond All Reason -Amy Lee, Four Blind Mice - James Patterson, The Brethren-John Grisham, The Testament - John Grisham and many more for pleasure reading. Picture available of entire box

Contact: KariAnn @ 715-514-4200 Ext. 305

CILWW manages a For Sale/Donation list for AT, medical equipment, etc. If you want to sell an item or you want to get on the email list, please contact Joelene at jsmith@cilww.com or 800-228-3287 ext 307.

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