

# JCIL Jackson Area Center for Independent Living

## What is JCIL?

Hope, Access, Training, Self Respect, Encouragement,  
Possibilities, Solutions, Freedom.....

The Jackson Center for Independent Living is a community based, nonresidential, consumer controlled program of services designed to enable persons with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and fully participate in all aspects of community life.



What populations do you work with?  
(i.e. Are your programs disability-specific?)

Independent Living is being in control and advocating for yourself. People with disabilities are the experts on disabilities. That is why JCIL services are consumer driven.

# What programs/supports do you offer for youth with disabilities while they are in high school and after they transition out of high school?

## Services We Provide

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Information & Referral



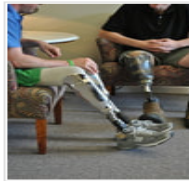
Skills Training



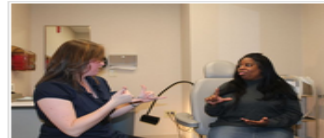
Advocacy & Self Advocacy



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Peer Counseling and Support



Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services



Nursing Home Transition



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Equipment Program



Home Modifications



Modifications

## How can people get connected with your programs?

These organizations are:

- The Centers for Independent Living
- The Statewide Independent Living Council of Tennessee

Supporting partners to the network are:

- Community volunteers and peer mentors
- Other disability rights organizations whose work honors the Independent Living philosophy, such as The Arc Tennessee, Disability Rights Tennessee, and the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- The Centers for Independent Living in Tennessee are spread across the state. The centers have Independent Living specialists who promote Independent Living philosophy by supporting people with disabilities in overcoming barriers to their goals.
- T.A.R.P. Inc. (Training, Advocacy, Referral and Peer Support—Paris, TN
- Jackson Center for Independent Living—Jackson, TN
- Memphis Center for Independent Living—Memphis, TN
- Empower Tennessee—Nashville, TN
- Disability Resource Center—Knoxville, TN
- Tri-State Advocacy and Resource Corp.—Chattanooga, TN

What skills can families/students work on now to prepare for independent living once they transition out of high school?

- Decision Making
- Daily Living Skills
- Communication Skills
- Soft Job Skills
- Work Readiness



What skills do your most successful participants have?

- **Determination!**



What are some of your former participants up to now?

(Opportunity to share success stories)

- Attending College
- Working
- Living Independently/with supports
- Going to Graduate School

Are there any other services you are aware of within your region that provide similar services?

- **Family Support Program**
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- **The primary purpose of the program is to support:**
- Families who have school-aged or younger children with severe disabilities
- Adults with severe disabilities who choose to live with their families
- Adults with severe disabilities not supported by other residential programs funded by state or federal funds
- Services can include but are not limited to: Respite care, day care services, home modifications, equipment, supplies, personal assistance, transportation, homemaker services, housing costs, health-related needs, nursing and counseling.
- Services are flexible and responsive to families and their needs. An essential element of the Family Support Program is family and consumer involvement. Local and District Councils have been established and meet on a regular basis to oversee and provide advice on the distribution of local services.

**Southwest Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability in Jackson, TN**

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Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are local aging programs that provide information and services on a range of assistance for older adults and those who care for them. By contacting your local agency you get access to critical information including:

Available services in your area

Mobility assistance programs, meal plans & housing

Assistance in gaining access to services

Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver training

Respite care

Supplemental services, on a limited basis

**Serving the Following Counties**

Chester

Decatur

Hardeman

Hardin

Haywood

Madison

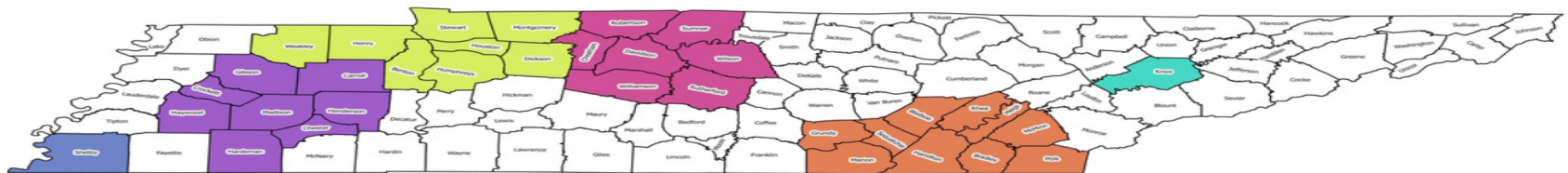
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If participants live in an area not directly covered by a CIL, where would you recommend they turn to work on independent living skills?



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If you do not live in one of the counties served contact the CIL closest to you.

**Tennessee Disability Pathfinder Agency Search (<https://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/pathsearch/>)**

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder offers a statewide database of services including everything from social service agencies to low income medical clinics to recreational programs. You can search the updated database by region or service type or narrow it further via our advanced search feature. This function will allow you to filter by categories like age, type of disability and funds accepted. If you need more one-on-one attention, Call our helpline at [1-800-640-4636](tel:1-800-640-4636).



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