



SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

RCIL works for systems change on the local, state, and national levels. We influence policies, practices, regulations, and laws that impact the lives of people with all disabilities. RCIL's advocacy focuses on key issues, including:

- DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION
- COMMUNICATION ACCESS AND EQUITY
- HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
- HEALTH CARE
- TRANSPORTATION
- ACCESSIBLE HOUSING
- YOUTH TRANSITION



TRAID LOAN CLOSET

You can borrow equipment and assistive technology at no cost for a limited time through the Genesee-Finger Lakes Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID) Loan Closet. Equipment loans are available to provide assistance until funding is secured. RCIL also provides information on funding resources. Upon request, vendors are invited to our Loan Closet to demonstrate emerging technologies.

Items you can borrow include, but are not limited to:

- DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- COMMODOES + SHOWER CHAIRS
- VARIETY OF MANUAL AND ELECTRIC LIFTS
- MANUAL AND POWER WHEELCHAIRS
- PORTABLE RAMPS
- COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

RCIL'S MISSION STATEMENT

RCIL is a not-for-profit, non residential, organization that provides services and advocacy to people with disabilities and seniors.

RCIL supports individuals' independence by providing information and assistance for housing, transportation, home care, securing benefits and other services.

RCIL advocates for the full integration, independence, and civil rights of people with disabilities.

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FROM 9AM TO 5PM**

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REGIONAL CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING



THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

was founded in 1966 and is a not for profit, non-residential organization. We are people with disabilities who provide services and advocacy for individuals with all disabilities.





EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

RCIL offers job placement services through our independent living grants as well as from our contract with the local district ACCES-VR office. We can help you prepare for and find employment. Once in a job, we can help you maintain your employment. In addition, we can help you with finding a paid or unpaid internship in the community:

- RESUME WRITING
- JOB SEARCHING
- PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEWING
- FILLING OUT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS
- REQUESTING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS



BENEFITS ADVISEMENT

RCIL provides individualized information, assistance, and advocacy to people with disabilities who are navigating benefit programs such as:

- SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI)
- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)
- SSI/SSDI WORK INCENTIVES
- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
- HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

DEAF SERVICES

RCIL ensures that members of the Deaf and hard of hearing community have access to, and receive all of the core independent living services, including:

- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
- INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING
- PEER MENTORING
- INDIVIDUAL AND SYSTEM ADVOCACY
- NURSING HOME TRANSITION AND DIVERSION
- YOUTH TRANSITION

HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY

RCIL created this key service to assist and advocate for individuals with disabilities who have Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, Managed Long-Term Care, or Medicare insurance. We address issues such as:

- DISCONTINUANCE OR REDUCTION OF SERVICES
- DENIAL OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
- APPEAL PROCESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (ALJ) HEARINGS
- ALJ REPRESENTATION
- ACCESSING MEDICAID BENEFITS

NO WRONG DOOR SERVICES

This enhancement of NY Connects puts RCIL in collaboration with area Offices for the Aging. No Wrong Door (NWD) links people with disabilities, family members, and care givers to community-based long-term services and supports. NWD Independent Living Specialists provide personalized:

- INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
- REFERRALS TO PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
- PERSON CENTERED OPTIONS COUNSELING
- FACILITATE ACCESS TO LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

TRANSITION COACHING

Transition Coaching is a service designed to assist people in transitioning from institutional settings to community living. This service also supports individuals with disabilities who elect to stay in their own homes and who need coaching and/or services. Our Transition Coaches will work with you one-on-one, or in a group setting, to focus on the skills and training that you want or need to live a full life in the community. RCIL provides Independent Living Skills Training to assist with:

- ATTENDANT MANAGEMENT
- MOBILITY AND TRAVEL
- MONEY MANAGEMENT
- HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT
- SOCIALIZATION
- SELF ADVOCACY

PEER INTEGRATION PROGRAM

RCIL hosts one of five Peer Integration Programs (PIP) across the state. The PIP staff are located in the district ACCES-VR office in Rochester. Peer Specialists provide independent living services to ACCES-VR participants and assist them in removing barriers to their employment. Their services include, but are not limited to:

- MEDICAID BUY-IN FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (MBI-WPD) APPLICATION
 - HOUSING
 - HEALTH CARE SELF-MANAGEMENT
 - PEER SUPPORT
 - LINKAGES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES
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