WORK Independent Living Counseling Services

Independent Living Counseling (ILC) is a service offered under the Kansas Working Healthy/Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) Program and is available to qualified persons with disabilities who are employed in the state of Kansas.

Our Independent Living Counselors are available state-wide and are committed to working shoulder to shoulder with you as you navigate the program. ILC's can assist as you:

- Develop an individualized budget and emergency backup plan
- Choose quality, cost-effective service workers
- learn skills to self-direct your WORK services
- comply with Working Healthy/ Work Program requirements
- Identify funding sources for home modifications, equipment, etc.

Independence, Inc. promotes independence and quality of life, honors personal choice, values individual differences and respects cultural diversity. These core values are evident and exercised throughout all of our services.





Independent Living Counselor Territories

Our WORK Independent Living Counselors cover every county in Kansas with services! View the territory map here

Central and Southwest Kansas Counties

Hamilton, Stanton, Morton, Kearny, Grant, Stevens, Finney, Haskell, Seward, Gray, Meade, Hodgeman, Ford, Clark, Kiowa, Comanche, Pratt, Barber, Kingman, Harper, Marion, Sedgwick, Sumner, Chase, Butler, Cowley For the Central and Southwest Territory Counselor, please call 785-371-0888

Central & Northwest Kansas

Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace, Greeley, Rawlins, Thomas, Logan, Wichita Scot, Decatur, Sheridan, Gove, Lane, Norton, Graham, Trego, Ness, Phillips, Rooks, Ellis, Rush, Pawnee, Edwards, Smith

Osborne, Russell, Barton, Stafford, Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Rice, Reno, Republic, Cloud, Ottawa, Saline, McPherson, Harvey, Sedgwick

For the Central and Northwest Kansas Territory Counselor, please call 785-414-5022

Southeast Kansas

Lyon, Greenwood, Elk, Chautauqua, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Anderson, Allen, Neosho, Labette, Linn, Bourbon, Crawford, Cherokee For the Southeast Territory Counselor, please call 785-371-1642

Northeast Kansas

Washington, Clay, Dickinson, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley, Geary, Morris, Nemaha, Wabaunsee, Osage, Shawnee, Jackson, Brown, Doniphan, Atchison, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Douglas, Johnson, Franklin, Miami

For the Northeast Territory Counselor, please call 785-371-0888

WORKING HEALTHY

The Kansas **Working Healthy Program** is a Medicaid buy-in program to purchase KanCare healthcare insurance, designed for those whose health care needs are significant but whose income may exceed the Medicaid limit.

Working Healthy is designed as a work incentive program, encouraging people to work, increase their income and accumulate assets, while not jeopardizing health care coverage. To receive coverage through Working Healthy, participants pay a monthly insurance premium based on income. There is no spend down or client obligation.

To qualify for Working Healthy, one must:

- Be 16-64 years of age
- Meet the Social Security definition of a disability
- Have verified earned income subject to FICA/SECA taxes
- Earn a minimum of \$65.01/month & earn at least minimum wage
- Be a Kansas resident not receiving
 SSI
- Have countable resources that are less than \$15,000

WORK PROGRAM

Work Opportunities Reward Kansans

(WORK) is a program designed to provide additional services for eligible Working Healthy participants. WORK participants must demonstrate eligibility for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Through individualized assessments, participants may be approved for additional services such as Personal Assistance (including transportation to and from work); Employment Supports (including job coaching and on-the-job support); Assistive Services (funding for equipment, supplies and modifications to aid in independence) and Independent Living Counseling Services.

Of the WORK services listed above, Independence, Inc. offers **Independent Living Counseling (ILC) Services.** Our ILC's are experienced, knowledgeable, caring professionals ready to help you navigate the Working Healthy and WORK programs, listen to your goals and provide supports to help achieve those goals. Independent living, selfdirection and inclusive workplaces are the philosophies that guide our work. We are ready to put those values to work for YOU!