

**Independence, Inc.** is a Center for Independent Living serving Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson counties by offering guidance, support, information, programs and services that assist people with disabilities to live independently in the community and homes of their choosing.

We do this through our Core Services of advocacy, peer support, training, transportation and community education along with additional programs and services like information & referral; Financial Management Services for those wishing to hire personal care attendants; Independent Living Counselor services through the Working Healthy/WORK program; transition services that assist in moving from an institutional setting to community-based living; a computer lab; durable medical equipment loan bank and much more!



**Maximizing the independence of people with disabilities through advocacy, peer support, training, transportation and community education**



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**for people with disabilities**

**advocacy  
peer support  
training  
transportation  
community education**



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Independent Living Skills Training

We offer one-on-one or group training in important life skills like budgeting, shopping, household management, meal planning, cooking and cleaning

## Advocacy

Equipping individuals with self-advocacy skills so that they may negotiate with landlords, employers, local officials, city employees and others to advocate for their rights, request reasonable accommodations and work for systems changes in the community

## Peer Counseling

Individual or group support lead by volunteers with disabilities to mentor or offer peer support activities to those who are newly disabled, are just beginning services or just want a space to connect

## Information & Referral

I & R Specialists offer guidance, answers and referrals to requests for information on community resources and programs

## Transition Services

Support services for those wishing to transition from institutional living to community-based living; Diversion assistance to those at risk for entering an institution and Youth Services assisting with Independent living skills, employment preparation and transition from high school to college, technical training, or workforce



## Transportation

Our General Public Transportation offers in-town multi-purpose rides and out-of-town medical rides in fully accessible vans for people with or without disabilities

## Financial Management (FMS)

Facilitating payroll, worker's comp and tax form processing for the personal care attendants of eligible consumers wishing to self direct their services under the KS Medicaid Home and Community Based Services waiver program

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### Equipment Loan Bank

Lending program of donated durable medical equipment including wheelchairs, shower benches, walkers and much more

### Computer Learning Center

Adaptive software and self-paced instruction in popular computer programs

### Braille Services

Individual and organization/business braille services

### Kansas TAP Program

Telecommunications Access Program provides specialized equipment for Kansans with disabilities in order to access basic home telecommunication services. We can assist with applying for services and trying out equipment.



## Accessible Housing Program

The Independence, Inc. Accessible Housing Program is a grant program funded through the City of Lawrence Affordable Housing Trust Fund offering home modifications to Lawrence, KS residents with low incomes and a disability related to the modification.

## Independent Living Counseling

We offer Independent Living Counseling Services to participants of the Working Healthy/WORK program who need assistance navigating the program, supports in identifying and achieving goals, compliance with program requirements and more.

## We also offer:

- Accessible Meeting Rooms
- Community Education & Outreach
- Disability Awareness
- Systems Advocacy
- Technical Assistance