



Navigating Toward Independence and Freedom

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Compass IL is a community based, nonresidential, private nonprofit 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 in responding to the needs of people with disabilities.

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Note from the Executive Director

CILWW is Rebranding

After nearly 45 years, the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, or CILWW is changing our name and logo to Compass IL! After staff and Board unanimously approved rebranding the name of the Center, we contracted with Shop Class Creative to begin finding a new name and logo. It was a long process, with staff and board trying to decide on three different names. However, in the end, it came down to being able to trademark the new name and logo.

With the name "Center for Independent Living," becoming associated with senior care services and Assisted Living Centers, the staff and board felt it was time for a new name and tagline. We will begin marketing the name change after January 1, rolling out our new website, and conducting outreach with all the agencies we

work with to let them know about the name change. We are still the same Independent Living Center providing the five core services to persons with disabilities in our service area, with the mission to provide services and opportunities for persons with disabilities to exercise their right to full participation in the community.

In other news, we were fortunate to receive grants for the New Freedom Transportation Program from the Wispact Foundation and the United Way of St. Croix and Red Cedar Valleys totaling \$13,500 to provide no-cost medical, nutrition, and social rides to eligible persons who use New Freedom for transportation. This funding will go a long way toward assisting persons struggling to cover the cost of transportation.

We also received grants from Wistech and the Wispact Foundation to purchase two all-terrain adaptive trikes with power assist, a trailer for transporting the trikes, and

some bike helmets. This summer we plan to collaborate with two groups in our service area, the Chippewa Outdoor Recreation and Biking Activities and Limitless Biking, to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in outdoor biking activities using the adaptive trikes. I wrote a grant to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation for a third adaptive all-terrain trike that we are hoping to get. The trikes will also be available for loan so that persons with disabilities can take them out on their own or go on biking activities with friends and family. We are looking forward to providing additional recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities in the future.

Finally, we are looking forward to the New Year. This will be our 45th year of providing services to persons with disabilities in Western Wisconsin, and we are looking forward to our 45th Anniversary event in October to celebrate the occasion.





Thank you to our donators!

- Lake Wissota Event Center
- Costco
- Devon and Ink n Threads
- Dicks RV
- Dunhams Sporting Goods
- Eau Galle Cheese
- Fishing Hot Spots
- Fleet Farm
- Green Bay Packers
- Home Town Ice
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- Markquart Toyota
- Mattison Contractors
- Mayo Health Clinic System
- McDonalds
- Premium Waters
- Royal Credit Union
- Sams Club
- Scheels
- Strike King
- Tackle Direct
- Target
- The Big Minnow
- Walmart
- Westconsin Credit Union
- Zebco

Chippewa Valley Fishing Has No Boundaries '24

Fishing Has No Boundaries provides recreational fishing opportunities for all anglers with disabilities, regardless of age, race, gender, or disability.

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc. (FHNB) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to opening the great outdoors to individuals with disabilities through the world of fishing. FHNB has evolved into a national organization with 18 chapters across 9 states, enabling thousands of individuals with disabilities to engage fully in this uplifting and accessible recreational activity.

CILWW proudly supports the Chippewa Valley Chapter, with two staff

members serving as chair and co-chair, along with several other staff and community volunteers who dedicate their time to prepare for and assist with the event.

This year, the Chippewa Valley Chapter hosted its event on September 14th at the Lake Wissota Event Center, with approximately 20 participants, alongside several caregivers and volunteers who played a vital role in the event's success. Most participants did catch fish, with a few notable large catches that enhanced the day's enjoyment for everyone in attendance.

Chippewa Valley Chapter along with CILWW would

like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Lake Wissota Event Center, as well as all the businesses and individuals who generously contributed donations. Our thanks also go to those who provided pontoons, boats, and their time, making this day truly memorable for all participants.

Please continue to check our social media channels and this newsletter for updates on FHNB 2025. If you would like more information about Fishing Has No Boundaries, please contact Amanda Miller or Bobbi Hegna at 715.233.070, or via email at amadam@cilww.com or craigb@cilww.com.

Compass IL Staff Highlight



Jennifer Preusse
Personal Assistant Services (PAS) Data Systems Specialist

My name is Jennifer, but most people call me Jenny. I started at CILWW in 2016, half the day at the front desk and half the day as the PAS support staff, which led to me being full time in the PAS department. I now prepare our caregivers' payroll and do billing. I have a husband and a 4 year old son who keeps me very busy.

Annual Driver's Training

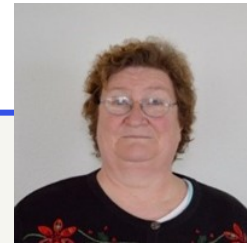


New Freedom Transportation staff: (left to right) Melissa, Kendra, Brooke, Michelle, Kristen, Nancy, Bobbi, and Ruth.

New Freedom Transportation held our Annual Regional Driver Training on Friday, October, 11, 2024 at our Menomonie office. This year at our training topic was Defensive Driving which was

two fold. The first half was more about professionalism and topics included: vehicle safety inspection, defensive driving tools, rules of the road, following distance, braking, merging, rail crossings, hazards, intersection etiquette, passing, and more. The second half of the training came to us from a State Trooper Knutson which included real life scenarios, photos and short clips

from actual events that have happened on Wisconsin roads. The defensive driving topic was to Improve Safety, Accident Prevention, Refresh Veteran Drivers, Learning something new, Reduce Risk, and Reduce Insurance Cost. Not only do drivers that attend receive training but they also receive a goodie bag to take home, a prize and a delicious lunch as well as the chance to meet and mingle with other drivers. Thank you to our donors as well as everyone who attended and those who helped make this year's training successful!



Shirley really enjoys helping people whether it is taking people on her own time to the food pantry or to a wedding when they cannot get a ride.

Volunteer Driver Highlight

Meet Shirley Hermanson!

Shirley was born in Chicago, Illinois and went to high school in Indiana. Shirley's dad is originally from Wisconsin and eventually Shirley ended up back in Wisconsin herself. Shirley was originally a CNA, and after having a knee surgery she could no longer do most of her job as she could before; she

needed some sort of income so she started driving for Price Co. ADRC in 1999 and New Freedom since 2012. Shirley found out about our New Freedom Transportation program through Price Co. ADRC. Shirley is married and has 1 son, 2 step sons, and 1 step daughter, and 6 grandkids total. In Shirley's free time she

enjoys gardening, she loves flowers, and her favorite flowers are the ones that pop up in the Spring: Tulips, Crocuses, and Daffodils (because then she knows winter is ending!). Shirley really enjoys helping people whether it is taking people on her own time to the food pantry or to a wedding when they cannot get a ride.

Thank You Shirley for all you do!!

Thank you to our sponsors for a great Annual Training!

- 3M
- Ace Hardware
- ADRC of St. Croix County
- Advance Auto Parts
- Anderson Bridges
- Avenue Orchard
- Buckshots
- Carquest Auto
- C&C Creations
- C&J's Candy Shoppe
- Curvue Hideaway and Trees
- Custer's Cones and Candy
- DJ's Restaurant
- Dunkin' Donuts

- Farmhouse Café & Gifts
- Great Escape
- James Fuchs
- Kitt Anderson
- Kwik Trip
- La Tienda Tricolor
- Lah Dee Dah
- Logghe Trucking
- Markquart Motors Massage Envy
- Melissa Mann (lap quilt)
- Menomonie Market and Food Co-Op
- Mercantile 85
- Napa Auto Parts
- Nilseen's Foods

- Pampered Chef – Krista
- People's State Bank
- Ruth Alf
- Scheels
- Shadick's Price-rite Foods
- Shadick's Sporting Goods and Hardware
- Silver Springs
- Starbucks
- Stencils and Stuff by Stacy
- Sweet Ollia Designs
- Synergy (Cenex)
- The Arena
- The Glass Orchard
- TMS Auto

- Trends by Tasha
- Trend Stone
- True Value – Glenwood Hardware
- Visionary Eyecare
- Xpeditions Coffee Company

Caregiver Highlight



Caregiver: Sue Brunette

Sue Brunette has been a caregiver with the Center for Independent Living since early 2023. She's always ready to help out and is super dedicated to her role as a caregiver. When she's not working, Sue loves spending her weekends at her cabin with her family. Thanks Sue, for being such a valuable part of the CIL team!



*Help empower
our community
members to live
an independent
lifestyle within
their own
homes!*

Become a Caregiver

All services are completed within the consumer's home:

- Supportive home care
- Assist w/daily safety
- Respite/Mentoring
- General Cleaning Activities
- Assistance w/daily living activities
- Medically oriented tasks

CILWW's Personal Assistant Services program offers:

- competitive wages,
- flexible scheduling,
- paid travel for qualifying consumers,
- and paid training.

Interested individuals please contact Samantha Lotts at slotts@cilww.com for further information or call 715.233.1070.





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 almost 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 out our new Assistive Technology devices!

Liquid Level Indicator

Never worry again about overfilling your beverage glass or coffee mug. Simply attach the convenient Vibrating Liquid Level Indicator to the rim of your cup or glass and pour with confidence. The indicator vibrates to alert you when the liquid level

approaches the top, preventing accidental overfilling and messy spills.

The liquid level indicator is a thoughtfully designed device intended for individuals who are blind, deaf, or have low vision. It hangs on the side of a cup or mug and emits a beep when the liquid

reaches a designated level, helping to avoid overfilling or spilling. Its compact, pocket sized design makes it easy to carry, and it operates using a standard 9 volt battery.



This device retails for approximately \$20 and can be purchased from online retailers such as Amazon and Walmart.

Compass IL offers the opportunity for individuals to borrow or try out items mentioned in our articles before making a purchase.

To learn more about this assistive device or other devices that can improve your independence, please contact CILWW at 715.233.1070 or 800.228.3287. Our services are provided free of charge. However, we do not directly fund the purchase of assistive technology. Through the WisTech Assistive Technology Program, CIL provides a variety of services, including information on alternative financing options like WisLoan, Telework, and TEPP, upon request.

AT Programs & Services

TEPP

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?
- Deaf and blind?



WisLoan + Telework

Loan programs designed for
Wisconsinites with disabilities



Independence First
The Resource For People With Disabilities

If you answered yes, you may be interested in finding the AT you need to access telephone services. Equipment could be amplified phones, captioning phones, neck loops, and other devices. Schedule an appointment to try a variety of equipment 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. CIL'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.



Disclaimer

For a complete list of our For Sale and Donation items, please visit our website at: www.compassil.org or check out our facebook: Compass IL

For more information on the items on this list, please contact the person listed directly. To get on or be removed from this list please contact Deb at Compass IL at 800.228.3287 or 715.233.1070 extension 202.

Compass IL does not warrant the condition or terms of the sale of any device or equipment offered for reutilization by any seller or buyer. CIL is not liable for claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, expenses, maintenance and penalties arising from items being purchased or sold. It shall be the responsibility of the seller or donor to provide accurate and detailed information about the device and equipment specifications and condition to buyer. CIL functions solely on sharing the information with other parties.



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For Sale

ACCESIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE: 2014 Dodge Caravan SXT. 72,000 Miles. True Blue exterior, light gray/white interior Price: \$15,000. Drop conversion with in floor ramp, Rollx Conversion, electronic kneeling system, electronic Door and Ramp. For more information call Jane @ 715.529.4371

SCOOTER: Mini Traveler Mobility Scooter Supreme. Swivel Seat with Chair Arms. Good condition. Easy to Operate, easy to transport, comes with front basket (only 55 pounds). Folds down in seconds for easy Transportation. Asking \$450. Contact Cindy @ 920.323.6044

WHEELCHAIR: Permobil M3 Corpus Motorized Wheelchair. Asking \$5,000. Contact Kay @ 715.581.4721



For Donation

ALL FROM ONE DONOR:
 Crutches
 Shower chair
 4 wheeled walker with seat
 (2) standard walkers with wheels
 Contact Doug @ 715.931.0797

HOSPITAL BEDS:
 Hospital bed. Electric head and foot remote. Bed is raised and lowered with a hand crank. The bed is located at the Kinnear Adult Family Home in New Auburn.
 Contact Melissa @ 509.899.0771

SCOOTERS:
 Motorized Scooter. Located at the Eau Claire Public Library. Contact Shelly @ 715.839.5063



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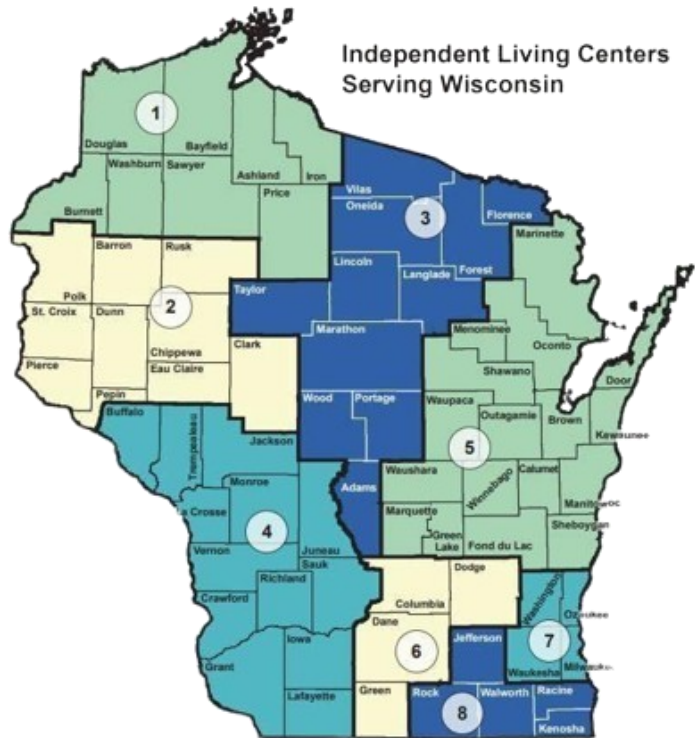
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Find your local Independent Living Center

Did you know that Wisconsin has 8 Independent Living Centers? Independent living centers (ILCs) are consumer controlled, community based, cross disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities, and provide an array of independent living services.

Need help finding a personal care attendant? Looking for advice or support from someone with the same disability as you? Want to find an accessible form of recreation? All this and much more is available at your local independent living center.



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