

The WILS Way

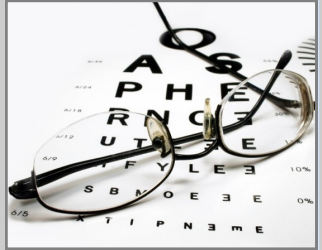
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Did You Know?



The WILS office in Warrensburg has low-vision resources for those age 55 and older who are having visual problems, such as difficulty reading ordinary print.

Free low vision aids are available for loan by contacting WILS at 660-422-7883.

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 and Amazon will make a donation to:



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Get started



TAP Program

Don Hall has been a Peer Support Consumer of West - Central Independent Living Solutions since December of 2015. In January it was brought to our attention that Don was in need of a T.A.P. home phone because he is hard of hearing. Don does not use a hearing aid and was looking for a cordless phone because he does a lot of work out in his shop at the house. Don and his wife came to our Warrensburg office for a demonstration. Don liked the way the XLC2 worked because of the bright light it flashed when the phone would ring. It was easy for him to grip the phone while holding it as well as also being able to hear and understand clearly the caller on the other end.



Once the XLC2 arrived, our TAP Coordinator Sam drove out to his house and helped set the phone up. Once we had the phone adjusted for Don and he practiced a phone call, his eyes just lit up. You could see the joy on his face now being able to clearly hear on the new phone. At one point he said "it is almost too loud". Don's wife Betty was stunned that something could actually sound too loud for Don. They were both so excited to now have a way that Don could communicate without difficulty. Don and Betty joked that they could use it as a pager if he was in the shop, so she could call him to come inside. They were both so appreciative of receiving the phone and services, and the positive impact it is making on their everyday lives."

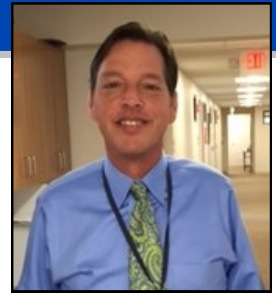


On October 25th the University of Central Missouri and West-Central Independent Living Solutions (WILS) will be collaborating on "Take Back Your Time Day". Take Back Your Time Day is an event designed to help people slow down their busy lives and take time out to relax and have some fun.

Activities will be starting at 9:00 AM on the University campus and will be held in front of the Recreation Center. There will be a guest speaker at 10:00 AM with activities resuming at 11:00 AM.

Activities this year will include adaptive games for people with disabilities and highlight accessible games such as, a cake walk, wheelchair race and so much more. WILS and UCM will use all money raised at this years event to help fund the accessible playground at Cave Hollow Park in Warrensburg. We would love for you to come out and join us for a day of fun activities and to educate the UCM students and the public about individuals with disabilities and how we can have FUN!!

From the desk of Steve Estopare, Executive Director.



Hi All,

We are extremely excited to announce our Leadership Staff – yes, we’ve made some changes, but these changes will better serve our consumers with effective and efficient services.

Listed are the names and positions held at WILS:

Steve Estopare	Executive Director
Allison Easterwood	Associate Executive Director/Director of Consumer Directed Services (CDS)
Ralna Purdy	Director of Finance
Kathy Kapfer	Director of Human Resources
Travis Snell	Director of Information Technology
Jackie Kabler	Coordinator/Supervisor CDS
Jay Johnson	Supervisor, CDS & ILS/ADA Coordinator
Lindsey Sanders	Supervisor, CDS & ILS
Kathy Wyatt	Administrative/Director of Transportation Services

These leaders will be able to assist any and all of your needs. Here at WILS we want to uphold our Mission to empower people with disabilities to achieve and maintain their independence. These leaders will be much more visible in satellite offices as well as the communities we serve; ultimately, more engaged to the needs of our consumers.

In coordination with the Board of Directors, we have completed our Strategic Plan – outlining where we want to be with our organization in three years and how we will get there. A few details of the Strategic Plan include more community engagement and rebranding our organization. Stay tuned for more details as we move forward with our Plan.

Also, if you know of a business that needs comprehensive ADA building/parking lot compliance evaluations; please call our ADA Coordinator Jay Johnson in our Warrensburg office. We provide comprehensive ADA compliance evaluations to businesses for a nominal fee.

We look forward to your feedback as we strive to provide exceptional services to consumers in our communities. Please, if you have any questions about WILS please contact me directly at 660-422-7883 extension 101.

Onward,

Steve Estopare
Executive Director

Need’s Assessment Survey 2016

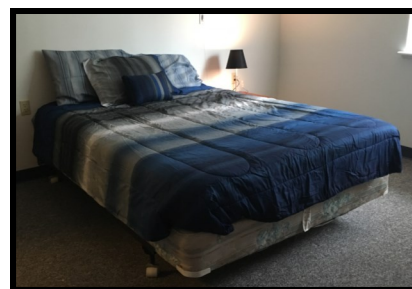


WILS is conducting a need’s assessment survey to determine which services are needed for individuals with disabilities that live in our service area. We need your help, please consider participating in a short online survey that can be found on our website @ www.w-ils.org and completing the short survey. Once on the website click on “How to Help” from the top menu bar then click on the needs assessment survey button.

The survey will help us to better understand the needs in our local community.

Money Follows the Person (MFP)

My name is Skyler and I am the Money Follows the Person Transition Coordinator at WILS. The MFP program is a grant funded by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and is designed to help Missouri Medicaid eligible individuals move from the nursing home back into the community. The goal is to assist individuals with resources that will allow them to live independently with the help of community based services, such as the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) program or in-home services. The grant money the consumer receives (\$2,400) is used to move them into their own home, covers the first month rent and deposit, helps with utilities, living essentials, and anything else that allows the consumer to live independently. This summer has proved to be quite a busy time for the MFP program here at WILS. We have transitioned several consumers already this year and will be transitioning many more this fall. If you have a loved one living in a nursing home and you feel they could potentially live on their own but just need a little help getting there, please contact me in the Warrensburg office at 660-422-7883. We want everyone to be able to live and age in place where they feel the most comfortable!



New Peer Support Groups Offered

WILS is now offering a support group for individuals with mental and physical disabilities in the Sedalia and Warrensburg service area. In the future, WILS plans to extend this opportunity to all of its offices.

Weekly painting groups now being offered in our satellite offices.

Warsaw

Tuesdays at the WILS Warsaw office.

Clinton

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the Clinton office.

Odessa

Thursdays at 2:00 PM at Trails Regional Library-Odessa Branch

Sedalia

Fridays at 10:00 AM at the WILS Sedalia office.



For more information on the above groups please contact Brittany Hamilton at 660-422-7883.

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Sedalia

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(866) 558-5588

Odessa

110 W. Mason
(816) 565-4470
(866) 574-8931

Clinton

116 Jefferson St
(660) 383-4745
(866) 806-5191

Warsaw

225 West Main St
(660) 223-0001
(888) 840-6987

West-Central Independent Living Solutions is a non-profit Center for Independent Living that works to help people with disabilities by offering services and programs to help them achieve and maintain their independence.

WILS' five core services are information and referral, independent living skills training, advocacy, peer support and transition.

For individuals, WILS offers supportive programs including accessible ramp construction, low cost accessible transportation, Consumer Directed Services, assistive technology, and help to transition from an institution to independent community living. We can also assist eligible participants to obtain adaptive telephone and computer equipment through Missouri's Telecommunications Access Program.

In addition, WILS staff can guide businesses and organizations through the process of performing accessibility surveys and implementing transition plans to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



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