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# The WILS Way

## West-Central Independent Living Solutions

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### Did you know?

The ADA was the  
world's first  
comprehensive  
declaration of  
equality for people  
with disabilities. It  
was a collaborative  
effort of  
Democrats,  
Republicans, the  
legislative and the  
executive  
branches, federal  
and state agencies,  
and people with  
and without  
disabilities.



## WILS Names Hobson as Executive Director

Deb Hobson will assume the duties of Executive Director of West -Central Independent Living Solutions on July 17, 2017. She comes to WILS after serving as an administrator at the University of Central Missouri for 29 years and most recently as Director of the Elliott Student Union. Deb has extensive experience in budget management, human resources, strategic planning and marketing.

She earned her BS in Social Work from Evangel University in Springfield and her MS in Higher Education Administration at the University of Central Missouri.

Deb lives with her husband Tom ,a retired teacher and son Wesley, a Violence Prevention Specialist at UCM along with two spoiled dogs, Paco and Simon.

She has been an active member in the community, having served on the Warrensburg Chamber and Tourism boards as well as volunteering for Downton Main Street events. Deb was instrumental in the building of the Old Drum's Best Friends Dog Park and continues to serve as a committee member.

Deb is very excited to be part of the amazing WILS team and is looking forward for an opportunity to truly make a difference. Welcome Deb!



## WILS Summer Fun Event

**WILS and Sedalia Parks & Recreation are hosting a pool party at Centennial Park on August 8th, 9:30 to Noon.**



Transportation to this event may be available. Call the WILS transportation coordinator at the number below by 5pm Tuesday July 25th to discuss transportation arrangements. Open to anyone with a disability living in Pettis, Johnson, Lafayette, Saline, Benton and Henry County.

**Call WILS at 660-422-7883 or toll free at 800-236-5175 to RSVP.**

Lunch will be served.

## 2017 WILS Events - Save the Date



**27th Annual ADA Celebration**  
**July 18th from 11am to 2:00 pm**  
**Sedalia - Liberty Hall**  
**Lunch will be served.**



**Pool Party with**  
**Sedalia Parks & Recreation**  
**August 8th 2017**  
**Lunch will be served.**



**Consumer & WILS Staff Pet Calendar**  
**Photo Contest**  
**Email your photo to [skraus@w-ils.org](mailto:skraus@w-ils.org)**  
**Entries are due by September 30th.**



**Fall Fishing Trip September 20th at**  
**Clover Dell Park in Sedalia from**  
**10 am to 1 pm.**  
**Fishing equipment is supplied and**  
**lunch will be served.**



**Riders4WILS Second Annual Poker Run - October 7, 2017.**

Call WILS at 660-422-7883 for event information or email [skraus@w-ils.org](mailto:skraus@w-ils.org).

# Peer Support Group Meetings



**The Old Drum Chapter of the NFB  
meets the third Thursday of the month at  
West-Central Independent Living Solutions  
612 N Ridgeview Drive  
Warrensburg, MO 64093**

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) is an organization that has been around for 76 years. Our local chapter called the “Old Drum” Chapter of the NFB has been in Warrensburg for a year and a half. Our members range in different levels of vision loss and age. We have members who live not only in Warrensburg but in Knob Noster and Odessa as well. Our meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. At each meeting we have a potluck dinner before we discuss business. We use this time to celebrate birthdays and other accomplishments of our members. It’s also fantastic to catch up with each of our members, share stories and enjoy fellowship.

Our chapter is planning a rafting trip for August 25-27. We will stay two nights and raft for one day. For some of our members this will be their first experience rafting. If you are interested please contact us. Cost will be broken down per person. We also have descriptive movie night and some other fun activities planned throughout the rest of the year. We will be having our chapter picnic in October to celebrate two years of being a chapter. Anyone is welcome!

If you or someone you know is experiencing vision loss we would encourage you or them to come to our local meeting. The support we give one another is wonderful. It’s also a great time to share information with one another about what helps us. You don’t have to be totally blind to come. Most of our members have some vision. If you are not able to get transportation, no worries, WILS provides us with transportation to and from the meetings. Please contact Amy Wilson at 660-441-1907 with any questions about meetings, events, transportation or vision loss. Remember you can live the life you want, blindness does not define you or your dreams.

**Amy Wilson**  
**Old Drum Chapter President of the NFB**



## **WILS Peer Support Acrylic Painting Group**

Meets Mondays at 10 am to 12 pm at the WILS office in Warrensburg. All supplies are provided at no charge.

## **WILS Peer Support Craft Group**

Odessa Senior Center: meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. All supplies are provided at no charge.  
WILS Warrensburg Office: meets the fourth Thursday of the month. All supplies are provided at no charge.

## **ASPEN**

Support group for parents or caregivers of an individual with a disability or special need. The group meets at the University of Central Missouri Elliott Student Union, Room 219 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month. For more information contact Kathryn McCormick at 660-543-4359 or by email at [mccormick@ucmo.edu](mailto:mccormick@ucmo.edu)

## West-Central Independent Living Solutions

### Warrensburg

612 N. Ridgeview Drive  
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### Sedalia

1800 W Main  
(660) 829-1980  
(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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