

THE WILS WAY

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SECOND QUARTER 2018

Celebrating the 28th Anniversary of the ADA

Join WILS in celebrating the 28th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

When: July 30th, 2018, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Where: University of Central Missouri Multipurpose Building, Warrensburg, MO

An event for individuals with a disability living in Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline Counties.

Lunch will be served at 11 am followed by magician/comedian Devin Henderson at 11:30 am. Bingo will start after Devin's show.



Transportation to this event may be available. Call the WILS transportation coordinator at the number below by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 20th to discuss transportation arrangements.

To RSVP contact WILS at (660) 422-7883 or (800) 236-5175

From the desk of Deb Hobson, Executive Director

As of July 16, 2018 I will have been at WILS for a full year! It has been an amazing journey filled with so much learning. I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people across all of our six counties! What a blessing it has been to be part of an amazing team that provides services that empowers people in their own homes.

My focus this past year has been to get to know the staff and visit the communities in which they work as often as possible. Each branch office has its own personality and style but the common thread is the commitment to consumers and the independent living philosophy. I have also met with civic and community leaders and attended many events across the six counties. One of my goals for this next year is to have more informal interactions with our consumers. I need to hear directly from you how we can better serve you.



Please check out the details of this year's ADA Celebration! It is truly going to be magical. We are also planning more events than ever this year so watch for our newsletters, check out our calendar on our website, and ask your CDS Specialist for details. Remember your Center for Independent Living is here to help!

With Warmest Regards,

Deb Hobson

Executive Director



Telephony Books

The new telephony books will be delivered at the end of July.



Join WILS for a Pool Party!

When: August 10th, 9:30 am to 12 pm

Where: Liberty Park Pool in Sedalia

Lunch will be served.



Open to anyone with a disability and their family members living in Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline Counties.

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New Inclusive Playground Coming to Clinton

Henry County's first inclusive playground is being planned to make its debut in Clinton, MO. The playground's committee—comprised of various city employees, WILS staff and other knowledgeable community individuals—have been working together since March 2017 to research, plan and apply for grants to make the playground a reality.

The committee was careful to take many disabilities into consideration when choosing equipment, to ensure that it would be truly inclusive and allow every individual play on the structures and interact with each other, regardless of their abilities. In September 2017, the group toured 5 inclusive playgrounds in the Kansas City area, to better understand layout, structure and surfacing options.

After much consideration—for safety, access and convenience—the committee voted to have the playground built at The Benson Center. This complex already includes the community's dog park, skate park and, inside The Benson Center, are basketball/volleyball courts, indoor walking track, weightlifting area, indoor pools and play area and an aerobics area. An inclusive playground with outdoor accessible restrooms will pair nicely with the amenities already offered.

Currently, the City of Clinton is applying for grants and collecting funds for the project. WILS was one of the first to contribute money to help make this playground a reality, as independence is important to the organization on every level.



Ramp Donation Check

WILS donated approximately \$1,300.00 to Saline County Habitat for Humanity to cover the cost of materials to build two wheelchair ramps and one widening of a door; this generous donation allowed three individuals to have safer access to their home and their Marshall community.

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Did you know?

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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