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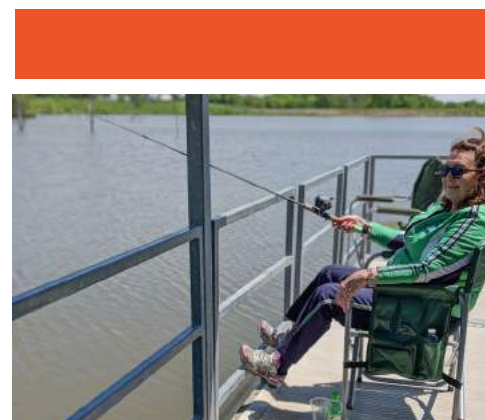
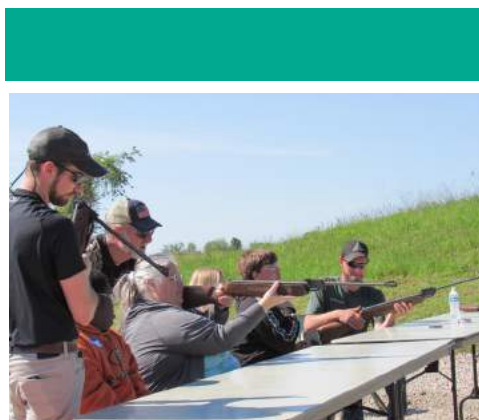
WILS HOSTS OUTDOORS WITHOUT LIMITS event at Hazel Hill Lake in Johnson county.

West-Central Independent Living Solutions partnered with Warrensburg Parks and Recreation, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the National Wild Turkey Federation to offer fishing, archery, target shooting, and a picnic lunch to guests with disabilities.

consumers and meet new faces as they interacted with individuals trying their luck and skill at archery and at the shooting range. Thanks to our partnerships, experts were on site offering tips and ensuring safety and a positive experience for all.

For many attendees, the fishing wasn't what lured them in. It was the chance to get outdoors, visit with friends, and try something new. There weren't any trophy winning whopper catches on the line, but there were many giant grins.

WILS staff enjoyed the opportunity to visit with their





Deb's Desk

A note from WILS Executive Director

Greetings WILS Consumers! This month I will complete the end of my second year as Executive Director of WILS. Time has flown by so quickly! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our consumers who are currently taking part in the many programs offered through our Independent Living Center. I continue to be amazed by all of you and by my talented staff on a daily basis!

offerings in July as we Celebrate ADA day at the K! I look forward to seeing you at the tailgate parties in Warsaw, Warrensburg, Odessa, and Sedalia. We have lots of free food and prizes to give away. We will also be offering several Independent Living classes in July, so check out the web page calendar for more details.

As always, continue to reach out to WILS' Staff with your questions and comments. It truly is our pleasure to empower you in your quest for independence.

Our programs will be going through some changes over the next several months. We are in the process of restructuring our ramp building program to attempt to control skyrocketing costs. We will be continuing the FAR Program for mileage reimbursements for medical appointments. The response to FAR has been so positive we are looking for ways to expand it in the near future.



Please make the most of the summer activity

Respectfully,
Deb Hobson,
Executive Director

WILS Word Search

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INDEPENDENCE
INCLUSION
ACCESSIBLE
EMPOWERMENT
CONTROL
PETTIS
DISABILITY
HENRY
ASSISTANCE
CHANGE
SALINE
PEER
VOLUNTEER
GOALS

- 7/16- Clinton Summer Cinema
- 7/24- Henry County Back to School
- 7/29- Johnson County Back to School
- 7/30- Warrensburg IL Skills Training
- 7/31- Sedalia IL Skills Training
- 8/2- Lafayette back to school event
- 8/6- Marshall Project SHARE
- 8/6- Benton County Smart Start
- 8/12- Holden Transition Fair
- 8/14- State Fair Seniors Day
- 8/16- State Fair Access Day

Call 800-422-7883 for more info.

WILS will not host Peer Support Craft Days in July or August. Classes will resume September 27 from 10:30am - 12 pm for Pettis, Saline, & Benton and from 1:30pm - 3pm for Johnson, Lafayette, & Henry.

Legislative Updates

Hello All! The first regular session of the 100th Missouri General Assembly in 2019 came to a close on 5-19-2019 at 6:00 p.m. Some highlights that affect WILS consumers are outlined below.

- Consumer Directed Services received a 1.5% restore to reimbursement rates. We had advocated for a “restore plus more” since our rates used to be at 3%.
- Additional monies were added to the Independent Living Waiver for 200 additional slots.
- The Non-Medicaid Eligible (NME) program was due to sunset June 30, 2019. This program was extended with the next sunset date of June 30, 2025. The bill includes an emergency clause.
- A Structured Family Caregiver program was established as an agency-directed model to the MO HealthNet Program. It allows a Medicaid participant who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or a related disorder to live at home in the community of his or her choice and to receive support from a caregiver of his or her choice. The bill specifies that the structured Family Caregiving waiver must include a cap of 300 participants.
- Improvements to the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) Program: The MAHC CDS Task Force, of which I am a part, has worked tirelessly

over the last 3 years on a bill to help bring more credibility and improvements to the CDS program.

Background on CDS Bill:

- The CDS program has seen enormous growth in both vendors and consumers over the last 10 years.
- The number of providers continues to grow at an alarming rate.
- Unfortunately, this program has also been MIS-LABELED as “wrought with fraud”.
- There is a lack of authority and capacity of Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) to provide required oversight to the current providers.
- There is a growing concern about the lack of operational knowledge of new providers entering the program.

Highlights of the bill include:

- Works toward supporting the true intent of the CDS program
- Supports MMAC in their ability to provide oversight and provider accountability
- Ensures quality services are delivered by requiring a Certified Manager Training and bi-annual face-to-face visits with each consumer
- Ensures consumer responsibility related to falsification of condition, functional capacity, or level of care need
- No barriers to small business owners or access to care issues
- Works toward reinforcing intent to establish a strong

business model pursuant to state and federal regulations and current contract proposal requirements with professional standards and credibility that promotes ethical and responsible use of Medicaid tax-payer dollars

- Establishes a higher level of accountability for both the provider and consumer
- Reinforces federal, state, and local business location requirements (such as ADA accessible)
- Works toward removing certain potential conflict of interests by requiring partial separation of duties and gives consumer a voice



WILS Associate Exec. Director, Allison, with Rep. Dan Houx.

How can Consumers get involved? Look up legislators contact information at www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup Email, call, or write to state your concerns. They work for you, so make sure your voice is heard! The most important thing you can do is stay knowledgeable about policies that impact you as a consumer and exercise your right to vote.

WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

WILS is a consumer driven, non-residential, 501(c)3 non-profit resource center that serves people with physical disabilities in Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline counties.

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