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# THE WILS WAY

4th QUARTER 2020

MAIN OFFICE - 612 N. Ridgeview Drive, Warrensburg, MO

## WILS is bringing MO Assistive Technology

to a demo room near you! (Top photo taken pre-COVID.)

WILS has officially been approved as a Missouri Assistive Technology Demo site, and we are so excited! Soon, our Sedalia office will showcase AT.

What is a MO AT Demo Center? It is a place where we will empower you to find the best device for your individual needs.

The world of assistive devices

to help with everyday tasks is vast and varied. By asking questions and trying different options during the demonstration, you will gain knowledge to make a more informed decision.

Options include simple tools, such as a magnifying glass, reacher, or play-doh pencil gripper, high tech tools, such as visual and vibrating elements to replace sound, and mobility aids, like walkers.

It's important to understand the technology that might work best for you. WILS will work with you to find the assistive tools needed to maintain, increase, or improve your participation in everyday life. Become more independent than you ever thought was possible.

Contact WILS at 855-WILSWAY to learn more about assistive technology that can help you maintain independence AT home. Stay tuned for updates on an open house in Spring 2021!



Standard walker



Rollator walker with seat



Walker with two wheels



WILS provides options that can make Independent Living a **choice**. WILS encourages participants to take **control** by setting & accomplishing their own personal goals. Learning to make informed decisions allows participants to **change** from unnecessary dependency to full inclusion in community life.



## Address Updates

IF YOU'VE RECENTLY MOVED OR HAD AN ADDRESS CHANGE, LET US KNOW!

855-WILSWAY

# Deb's Desk

## A note from WILS Executive Director

Dear WILS Consumers,

I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season, even with the restrictions and limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to all who participated in our Holiday Parking Lot Parties! It was such a blessing to see so many smiling faces! Many of the staff commented on how much they have missed seeing our consumers.

We are launching many new programs in 2021 and refining old programs. Watch your mail and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram at THEWILSWAY. If you do not follow us on any social media, please do so at your earliest convenience.

One of the programs I am most excited about is our new mobile internet hotspots. We will be equipping all of our WILS vehicles with the technology to provide you with free wifi access. We hope you

will utilize this for your telemedicine appointments and just connecting with the outside world. Information on how to schedule the free wifi access will be coming your way very soon.

We at WILS all look forward to empowering you to live more independently in the New Year!



With Warmest Regards,  
Deb Hobson,  
Executive Director

## EVV Compliance

Per the 21st Century Cures Act, WILS was required to have an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) System in place by 1/1/2020. Now WILS is working towards Missouri's goal of EVV compliance.

To provide EVV services in Missouri, all systems must verify: type of service performed, individual receiving the service, date of the service, location of service delivery when it begins and when it ends, individual providing the service, and time the service begins and ends.

Clocking in/out via telephony must be done from a landline phone to be compliant. If you have been doing so from a mobile phone, you need to transition to the Ascend EVV app to meet the compliance requirements. If you have a landline phone, you may continue to use telephony. If attendants have multiple consumers, the Ascend EVV app would be the most efficient. Discuss EVV compliance with your attendant and work with WILS staff for the best solution for you!



## HOTSPOT!

- 1 • Call Samantha at 855-WILSWAY
- 2 • Screening device, tablet or PC, not provided
- 3 • Requests scheduled in the order received

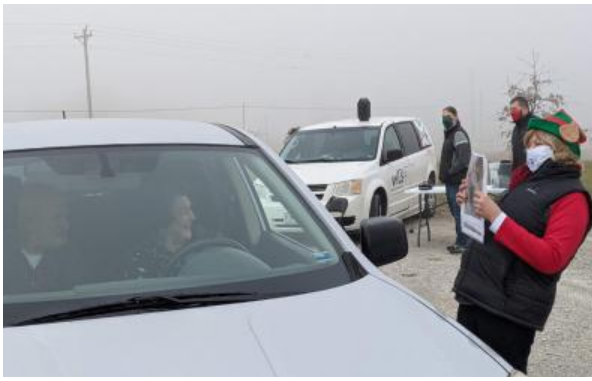
## MOBILE TEXT ALERTS

Receive information about remote activities, independent living, advocacy, & peer support. Consumers can opt-in by texting the phrase:



**ILPEER**  
to **74121**





**WILS hosted** four holly jolly holiday hang out parking lot parties in December. Even with masks, it was so great to be able to see our consumers again! **This next quarter, watch for:** KMOS-TV American Portrait Project on January 26 at 9pm. One WILS consumer has been chosen to be part of the national story! Stay busy with IL Connect Crates. They're available each month in all counties. Call 855-WILSWAY to request yours. Limited quantities .

## KMOS American Portrait Project

WILS was able to partner with KMOS and SIL to participate in the American Portrait Project. Watch for some familiar faces to appear!

On January 26 at 9:00 PM, KMOS-TV in conjunction with PBS, will premiere THE STORY OF US: A KMOS AMERICAN PORTRAIT SPECIAL, a half-hour documentary special showcasing inspiring stories from across America featured in the national crowdsourced storytelling project PBS AMERICAN PORTRAIT, the signature content initiative of PBS's 50th anniversary.

The special will highlight stories submitted by members of the KMOS viewing area, woven in with moving and thought-provoking personal stories

from across the country.

To help make this initiative possible, KMOS-TV applied for and has been awarded a \$15,000 American Portrait grant to showcase a population that often goes under served and under seen; KMOS-TV has partnered with West-Central Independent Living Solutions (WILS) and Services for Independent Living (SIL) of Columbia to help gather user generated content for this special by highlighting individuals with disabilities in central Missouri.

Since its launch in January 2020, the PBS AMERICAN PORTRAIT website has collected thousands of stories by Americans that, together, hope to create a diverse and colorful mosaic

of life in our country today.

The initiative has drawn millions of users to the site to explore the personal, firsthand stories submitted from people all over America, and has experienced increased engagement in recent months with people processing our unprecedented current moment in American history, in real time.

THE STORY OF US will feature responses to some of the prompts offered by the site, including "I was raised to believe...", "I took a risk when...", "What gets me out of bed in the morning is...", "I never expected...", and more.

To learn more about the project, visit [kmos.org](https://kmos.org)



WILS continues to grow and evolve during the midst of this pandemic. Samantha "Sam" Jarvis was promoted to Independent Living Program Coordinator. Sam joined WILS in 2015 as a CDS Specialist at WILS Sedalia office. Brandy Wirtz who has served as Consumer Service Assistant in our Sedalia office since 2015 has been promoted to Quality and Compliance Specialist. WILS will also be welcoming two new employees very soon!

Sam Jarvis & Brandy Wirtz

# WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

## SAY Hello!

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

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follow @thewilsway  
or visit w-ils.org

## Enrollment Process

# w-ils.org

### West- Central Independent Living Solutions



**START**

Do you have a significant disability that affects daily living?

YES

Do you have Missouri Medicaid?

NO

Are you interested in becoming a Personal Care Attendant?

Call 855-WILSWAY or visit w-ils.org to complete a basic form.

Speak with WILS staff about next steps.

sign paperwork.



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