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# THE WILS WAY

1st QUARTER 2022

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

## WILS Assistive Technology Demonstration Center

celebrates grand opening and ribbon cutting with Sedalia Chamber of Commerce.

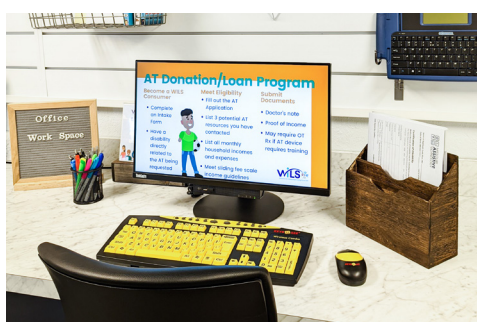
A ribbon cutting on March 9 hosted by the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the expansion of WILS with its long-awaited Assistive Technology Demonstration Center.

A \$10,000 grant from UMKC's No Wrong Door helped fund the 459-square-foot project. It features a wide variety of mobility, vision, and hearing assistive technology so you can discover, try, and learn what works best for you.

Daily living tasks can become difficult as mobility needs change or disability progresses. Assistive technology can provide a new way for you to be independent again.

The demo center allows consumers to come in and find new ways to button a shirt, put on socks, read small print, and much more!

Schedule an AT demo consult by calling 855-945-7929.







# Deb's Desk

## A note from WILS Executive Director

Dear Friends of WILS,

Happy Spring!

I hope you have been enjoying some sunshine between the rain storms during this time of freshness and renewal. Our staff is excited to get out and about and be visiting some of your homes for the first time and others for the first time in two years due to pandemic restrictions. These home visits are a requirement of the CDS Program. You can make it successful by making sure that your attendant has completed the tasks outlined in your plan of care. Your ability to self-direct your own care is the key to its success and you living your best life.

We have cautiously, but joyfully, began hosting events at all three WILS locations! We have big plans for upcoming events and activities.

Please follow us on social media for updates! Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Share the good news of what WILS is doing to support the disability movement with friends and family.

I personally want to thank you all for choosing WILS! As always, reach out if we can assist you in any way as you live your best life independently!



Warmly,  
Deb Hobson,  
Executive Director

Be sure you're getting WILS mobile text alerts. Text ILPEER to 74121



WILS welcomed a new board member, Ashley. She has been in banking for 16 years and currently works at F&C Bank. She is also a new grandma! Ashley says, "I am looking forward to supporting and assisting a wonderful organization to help members of our community live a more independent lifestyle."

## Dear Advocate,

### Your voice is needed!

Governor Parson's proposed FY23 budget needs to include increased funding. We must let the Governor know how important Consumer Directed Services (CDS) and Independent Living programs are to Missourians with disabilities.

We have already shared over 70 letters from WILS consumers and attendants. Please keep them coming!

We are asking advocates like you to reach out to Governor Parson to ask him to include additional funding for CDS providers in his FY23 budget.

Contact Governor Parson:  
Office of Governor Michael L. Parson  
P.O. Box 720  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Facebook: @GovMikeParson  
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**Calendar Updates! Details found at W-ILS.org**  
 Acrylic Painting: Fridays 10am – 12pm, in Warrensburg  
 Candle Making: April 18, 19, & 20  
 Energy Assistance: May 11, 9am – 3pm, in Sedalia  
 Healthy Hearts: May 16, 17, & 18  
 Memorial Day observed: May 30 – WILS offices closed  
 Juneteenth observed: June 20 – WILS offices closed  
 Youth Career Camp: June 21-24

## Win up to \$5,000 in prizes

Ramp Up Your Independence The WILS Way.

Have you received your COVID vaccine or booster shots yet? If not, now's the time to get your vaccine or booster and enter to win up to \$5,000 in disability aid prizes of your choice.

Examples include: an ADA ramp, hearing aid, scooter, wheelchair, walker, and more! Your COVID vaccine or booster card qualifies you for entry. Prize drawings will be held monthly in April, May, and June 2022 and winners will be notified by phone and by mail.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR  
COVID-19 VACCINE?

**Ready To Go?**

**YOUR COVID VACCINE CARD  
COULD BE YOUR ENTRY TO  
WIN UP TO \$5,000 IN PRIZES.**



WILS consumers can schedule appointments for accessible transportation services so they can access health and wellness needs, including medical visits, grocery shopping, and more. WILS continues to provide free accessible transportation to COVID-19 vaccine or booster appointments. You can schedule a ride by calling



# 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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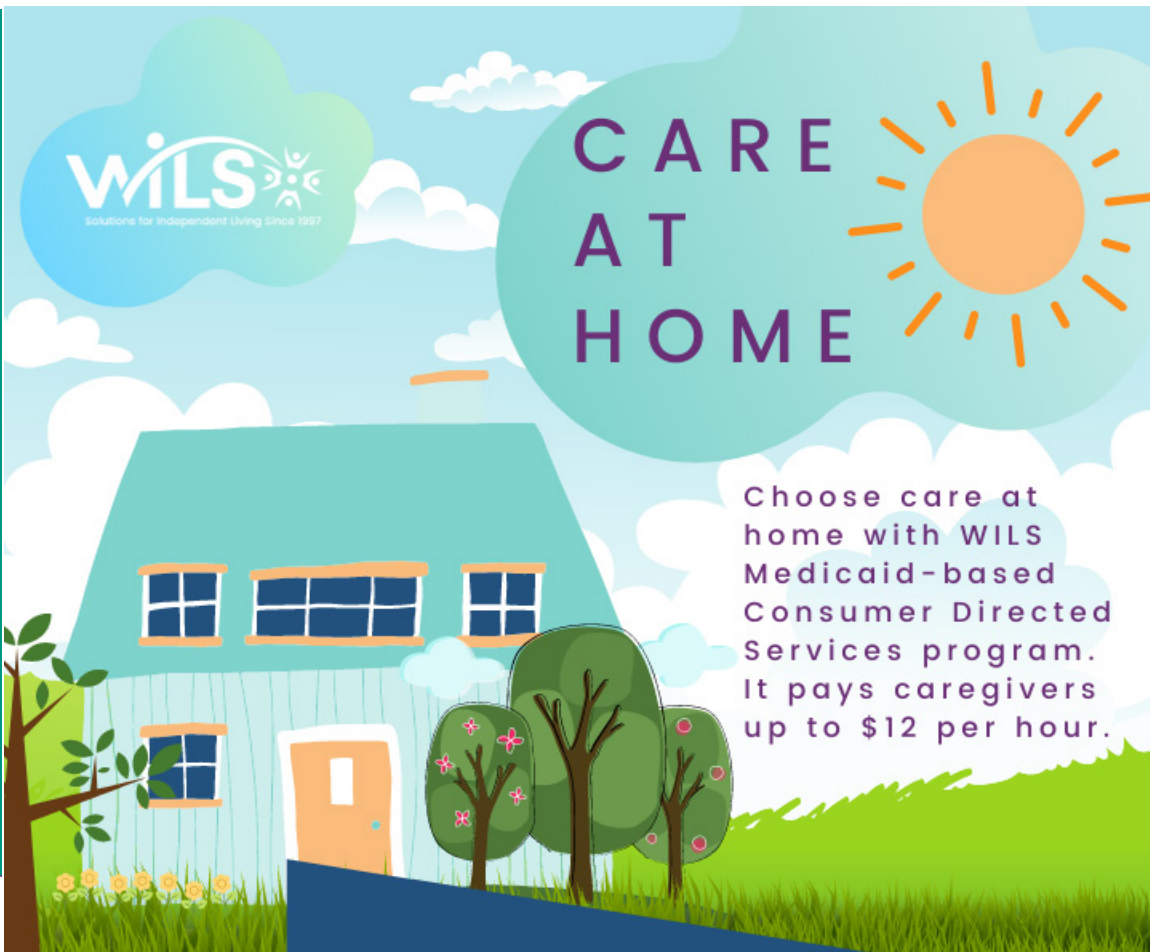
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