

Philosophy

Independent living is based on the idea that we, as people with disabilities, have rights and responsibilities as first-class citizens to control and direct our own lives, including exercising the choice about where, with whom, and how we will live.

Mission

An organization of and for people with disabilities, advocating human and civil rights, community options and empowering people to live the lives they choose.

Our Commitment

We are committed to addressing disability issues by staying alert to the latest policy developments and laws that affect the lives of persons of all ages and all types of disabilities.

About Volar CIL

- ♿ Volar CIL is a consumer controlled non-profit organization.
- ♿ Headed by a Board of Directors from diverse sectors of the El Paso community. At least 51% of the Board are persons with disabilities.
- ♿ At least half of the decision-making staff are persons with disabilities.

Funding Sources

- ❖ Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- ❖ Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- ❖ Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)
- ❖ United Way of El Paso County
- ❖ The City of El Paso Department of Community and Human Development



CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
...of and for people with disabilities



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Programs and Services

Accessibility Advocacy – Individual or Systematic

Services that seek to represent the rights and interest of people with disabilities by addressing instances of discrimination, abuse and neglect and assist to develop a plan of action.

Accessibility Information and Referral – Volar CIL serves as the hub for disability related information to persons with disabilities, families, organizations and businesses.

Accessibility Independent Living Skills Training – Giving support and information to encourage and maintain community integration and independent life styles

Accessibility Peer Counseling – Person-to-person support. Sharing information provided by persons with disabilities offering help to individuals with or that recently acquired a disability and their families. Services provided in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Rehab Centers, Homes, etc.



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Accessibility Support Services on Benefits

Assistance and advocacy with Social Security, disability benefits, discrimination involving housing, and providing information on state and federal programs.

Accessibility Transportation Services & Information

Assist persons with disabilities to have access to accessible transportation services such as “The Lift” paratransit system, fixed route bus system, etc.

Accessibility Independent Living Services

Providing services and purchasing equipment and technology to assist people with disabilities including those who have Hearing or Vision disabilities, to function more independently in their homes, families and community.

Accessibility Home by Choice Program (HBC)

Assisting with relocating out of nursing facilities and into the community with helpful funds for moving expenses.

Accessibility Personal Assistance – Providing information on how to coordinate and access personal care attendant services.



Accessibility Virtual Independent Living Services

A virtual space where people with disabilities develop skills that enhance self-determination, meet various professionals that provide services and supports and are able to meet with other individuals with disabilities to talk about common interests and/or challenges.

Accessibility Health & Wellness Program

Exercise at your own pace based on your needs

Accessibility ADA Technical Consultation

Information on Architectural barriers removal and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in both private and public facilities to provide better service to customers with disabilities. Access to Technology, Workplace Accommodations, Sensitivity trainings and getting tax credits

Accessibility Lending Closet – Assistance in acquiring durable medical equipment and supplies for consumers with limited resources. All donations are welcome and tax deductible.



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