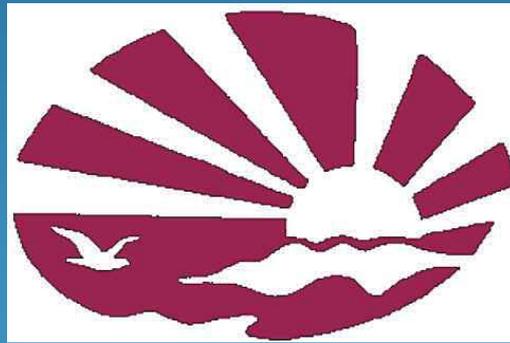


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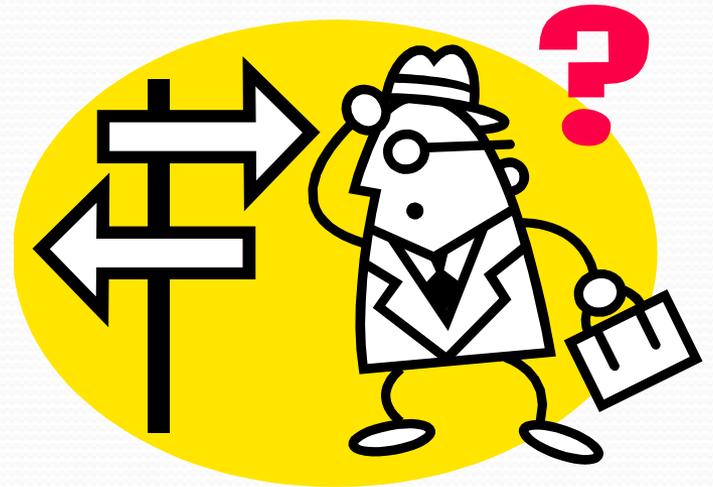
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- Non-residential
- Community-based
- Center for Independent Living
- Directed by and for people with disabilities



What is Independent Living?

- The right to choose:
 - A Lifestyle
 - An Education
 - A Career

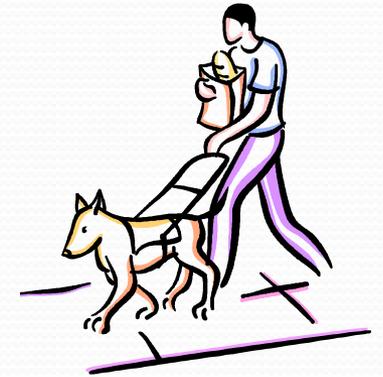


Just like everyone else...

Participant Services



- Peer Mentoring



- Peer Network
- Advocacy



- Independent Living Skills Training

Peer Mentoring

- Based on the belief that a staff with shared experiences is the best guide to independence:
 - Provides motivation as a role model
 - Assists with self-exploration
 - Provides information on community resources
 - Advocates and promotes community change

Peer Network

- Provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to explore common issues and share strategies for success:
 - Peer Support Groups



Independent Living Skills Training

- Disability Rights
- Self-Advocacy
- Housing Options
- Transportation Options
- Budgeting
- Recreation options



Community Services

- Systems Advocacy
- Individual Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Community Education
- Technical Assistance
- Housing Referral and Resources
- Linking to other services
- Planning for needs





Community Based Waiver Services

Medicaid Waivers provide
supports
for
community
living.

Virginia Waivers

- AIDS/HIV
- EDCD (Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction)
- DD (developmentally disabilities)
- ID (Intellectual Disability)
- Technology Assisted
- Day Support
- Alzheimer's

Waiver Services Provided through the Endependence Center

Case Management for the DD waiver

Assist with planning and
coordinating services.

Service Facilitation for the EDCD waiver

Assist with planning
services and providing
information about hiring
your own staff.

Social Security Work Incentives through:

- Information and Referral
- Problem Solving and Advocacy
- Benefits Planning and Advisement
- Benefits Support Planning
- Benefits Management
- Independent Living Supports

Ticket to Work

- Social Security Administration
- Employment Network
- Support Services
- To obtain and maintain employment

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