Vote From Home!

Did you know you can vote in every election without even leaving your house? The primary election is August 4th and that seems like a long way away, but to cast your vote you must be registered by July 14th!

Registering to vote is easy. You can register online at www.sos.ks.gov or you can complete the Kansas Voter Registration application in this newsletter. All you need is a State issued ID or driver's license. If you need help registering online or completing the application, call RCIL!

If you think you are registered, you can check your registration status by visiting www.myvoteinfo.voteks.org or by calling your local county election office. Remember – If you’ve moved or changed your name, you need to update your voter registration with your new location or your new name. Even if you just moved across the street.

While you’re at it, you can

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SPIL Workgroup: Employment

The Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Employment workgroup continues to meet quarterly to work towards achieving their three main goals which are: 1) Providing opportunities for people with disabilities to learn about work incentives, 2) Providing opportunities for employers to learn the benefits of hiring persons with disabilities, and 3) Preparing or partnering with other agencies to support Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) efforts.

Currently, the members are developing updated goals and objectives focusing on increasing employment opportunities for Kansans with disabilities. These new goals will be in place for the next three years.

The workgroup consists of persons from different agencies and disability services providers. It is open to anyone who is interested in joining. We need consumer and employer input and membership! Persons with current or previous employment experience can be especially helpful. If you are interested in joining the workgroup, or learning about your employment options, contact Adam Burnett at the Osage City RCIL office at 785-528-3105.
Online Friends Group Meeting

If you’re like me, being stuck at home and afraid, or unable, to go out and visit with friends and family has become kind of depressing. I never realized how important that social interaction was to me. As we all learn to navigate our new circumstances, RCIL is offering you a new and fun way to connect with the Independent Living staff and with other RCIL consumers.

RCIL has recently started an online Friends group! RCIL Friends groups usually meet in person and play games, learn about a topic, and share information with other consumers in attendance. The online group is the same except you can do it wherever you are via your computer or phone. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. All participants who attend will be entered for a door prize!

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th. You can join us by phone or by computer / video. **If you are interested in participating in the online Friends meeting please contact the Osage office.** You will receive an email or phone call with the instructions on how to join the meeting.

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Am I Committing Medicaid Fraud?

Are you unknowingly (or knowingly!) committing Medicaid fraud?

You are committing Medicaid fraud if you, or your Direct Support Worker (DSW), are submitting time for payment under your Home and Community Based Services for any of the following:

- DSW did not actually work for the consumer
- Consumer is out of the home. You **cannot** claim any time worked if the consumer is:
  - In the hospital, rehabilitation facility, nursing facility or any other inpatient facility
  - If the consumer is in jail or prison
  - If the consumer is out of the home

**for any other reason** (unless the DSW has been approved to accompany the consumer to provide their care while on a trip)

- Providing unauthorized activities (for example: lawn care, gardening, pet care - unless it is a service animal)
- Claiming activities were provided that the DSW did not actually provide

Other types of Medicaid fraud include:

- Claiming time worked for the consumer while actually working at another job
- Claiming time worked for two or more Medicaid beneficiaries for the same time period (over-

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Kansas Voter Registration Instructions

You can use this application to:

- register to vote in Kansas
- change your name, address, or affiliation with a political party

To register to vote, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the state of Kansas.
- have reached the age of 18 years before the next election.
- have received final discharge from imprisonment, parole, or conditional release if convicted of a felony.
- have abandoned your former residence and/or name.

How to register to vote:

- Return your completed application to your county. Addresses are on the back of this application. Your county election officer will mail you a notice when your application has been processed.

Voter registration closes 21 days before any election. In order to be eligible to vote in that election, your application must be postmarked on or before that date.
- If you decline to register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only. If you do register to vote, the office where you apply will be kept confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only.
- If this form is incomplete, it may be rejected.

Identification number requirements

Enter your current Kansas driver’s license number or nondriver’s identification card number. If you do not have either one, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have any of these numbers, write “none” in the box. The number will be used for administrative purposes only and will not be disclosed to the public. K.S.A. 25-2309

Print in blue or black ink, fold on the center line, seal, and return.

Kansas Voter Registration Application

Qualifications: If you mark “no” in response to either Question 1 or 2, do not complete this form.

1. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  
   - Yes  
   - No

2. Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day?  
   - Yes  
   - No

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Party Affiliation: Choose one of the following:  
- Democratic  
- Republican  
- Libertarian  
- Not affiliated with a party

Complete if previously registered (please print) 

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Signature: I swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States and a Kansas resident, that I will be 18 years old before the next election, that I have not been convicted of a felony, I have had my civil rights restored, that I have abandoned my former residence and/or other name, and that I have told the truth on this application.

Signature | Date (MM/DD/YY)

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Do you have a mobility-related disability? Looking to lose weight?

We are offering a research weight management program that provides:
- diet plan
- physical activity
- social interaction without leaving your home!

All participants must be over the age of 18 and willing to:
- Be randomized to either
  - Individual home visits
  - Group participation via video conferencing
- Track food and beverage intake
- Participate in physical activity according to randomization

Participants will learn behavioral strategies from a trained health educator. Participants will receive compensation for their participation in the study. No travel is required.

For more information contact:
Trish Smith at mighty@ku.edu or call 785-764-1312 or visit www.ebl.ku.edu/mighty.
Individuals must live within 50 miles of Kansas City or Lawrence. This program is 18 months and takes place in the home.
Am I Committing Medicaid Fraud? Continued

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- Lapping time
- Receiving pay from Medicaid and accepting private pay from another source for the same service
- Giving or accepting “kickbacks” (something of value in return for receiving services)
- Splitting the DSW’s pay with your DSW
- Knowingly submitting false information
- Using another person’s Authenticare ID # to submit time worked
- Providing incorrect dates and times for services performed

There are serious consequences for committing Medicaid fraud and may include:

- Arrest and prosecution, criminal penalties, fines and jail time
- Civil damages and monetary penalties
- Termination of Medicaid services
- Exclusion from working in any facility receiving federal health care funds
- Loss of certification (example: CNA, LPN, RN, etc.)

To report suspected Medicaid fraud, call 1-866-551-6328.

Retaliation against any individual who reports suspected fraud, or participates in an investigation of such reports, is strictly prohibited by law.

As the employer for your Direct Support Worker(s), you are responsible to ensure you and your Direct Support Workers are not committing Medicaid fraud.

5 Apps for People who have Vision Loss

I get questions many times about available apps for people who have vision loss. I thought I would write a brief description of five apps that have great features for people who are blind or visually impaired.

1. LookTel Money Reader – This app uses the camera on the back of the phone/tablet and then says out loud, along with large print on the screen, what denomination the bill is. This allows easy money identification at home or while out.

2. Tap Tap See – This app also uses the camera to take a picture of an object the person needs to identify. Using an internet search, Tap Tap See will give an audio description of the item.

3. Be My Eyes – Be My Eyes is similar to Tap Tap See, it uses the camera but you connect to a live person. This person is a volunteer so they do not have any training with working with people with vision loss. The person with the vision loss uses their camera to show what item they need identified or read and the volunteer assists them.

4. KNFB Reader – While this app is not free like the others, it has a purpose most would find priceless. This app converts text to speech and/or Braille for users. It can read documents long and short by taking a picture using the camera on the phone/tablet and using ocular character recognition (OCR) to read the document out loud.

5. Seeing AI – This is one of my favorite apps. Seeing AI has multiple purposes, again using the phone/tablet’s camera. This app can identify text such as KNFB Reader using OCR for short and long text. And unlike any other OCR it is able to read some handwriting! It can also identify money like the LookTel Money Reader. It has a barcode reader to give product descriptions and read labels. It can also give a description of people and the scene/ surroundings indoors.

These apps are not a one size fits all or needed for everyone but a great tool for a person’s tool kit. If you have questions on how to download an app or need additional resources, please contact Mandy Smith at 785-528-3105.

RCIL Consumer Newsletter
# 2020 FRIENDS GROUP SCHEDULE

**RCIL Offices are CLOSED on**
July 3, 2020 and September 7, 2020!

Due to COVID-19 ALL Friends group meetings are subject to change.
PLEASE CALL AHEAD to check the status of your meeting.

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Friends are groups of individuals who have, or have experienced, a disability. We meet monthly to share & learn about disability related topics, to advocate for change in our communities, and to have fun!
Enter For Your Chance to WIN a FREE Prize!

To be entered into a drawing for a FREE prize, complete the quiz below and turn it in to RCIL by July 17, 2020 in the following ways:

- By mail: RCIL P.O. Box 257 Osage City, KS 66523
- OR e-mailing your answers to info@rcilinc.org

The winning ticket will be drawn on July 20, 2020 and the prize will be mailed to the winner on the same day.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Lawn care, _______________________, and pet care (unless it is a service animal) are examples of providing unauthorized activities when submitting time for payment under the Home and Community Based Services.

2. Online Friends Group meets the ____________________ Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm via Zoom.

3. Advance voting is available for ________________ registered voter who signs up by July 28, 2020.

4. Be ________________ is one of the five apps available for people who have vision loss.

Name: _______________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________________

Vote From Home! Continued

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sign up for advance voting and vote from home! Advance voting is available for any registered voter who signs up by July 28th. Advance voters receive a ballot in the mail as early as 20 days before the election. Just complete and mail the ballot to your county election office by (or drop it off before) Election Day.

Advance voting is a good option this year because many locations are struggling to find poll workers due to concerns about COVID-19. A lack of workers may mean elimination of polling sites and long, long lines at sites that are open. Not only does advance voting reduce your exposure to COVID-19, it also eliminates last-minute barriers such as bad weather, not having transportation, being sick, or simply wanting to avoid the crowd.

Only 1 out of every 4 Kansans voted in the 2018 primary election. So your vote DOES make a difference. If you have questions or need assistance, contact RCIL at 1-800-580-7245.

Voter Registration Deadlines

- July 14th – last day to register for the August primary election
- October 13th – last day to register for the November general election

If you have any questions or need any resources contact an Independent Living Specialist at 1-800-580-7245.
Moved?
If you've moved or changed your phone number, name, or email address, call 1.800.580.7245 so we can keep in contact with you!

We're on the Web!
Visit us at: www.rcilinc.org

Find us on:

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El Dorado, KS 67042
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1.316.322.7888 Fax

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Emporia, KS 66801
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1.620.342.1821 Fax

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