

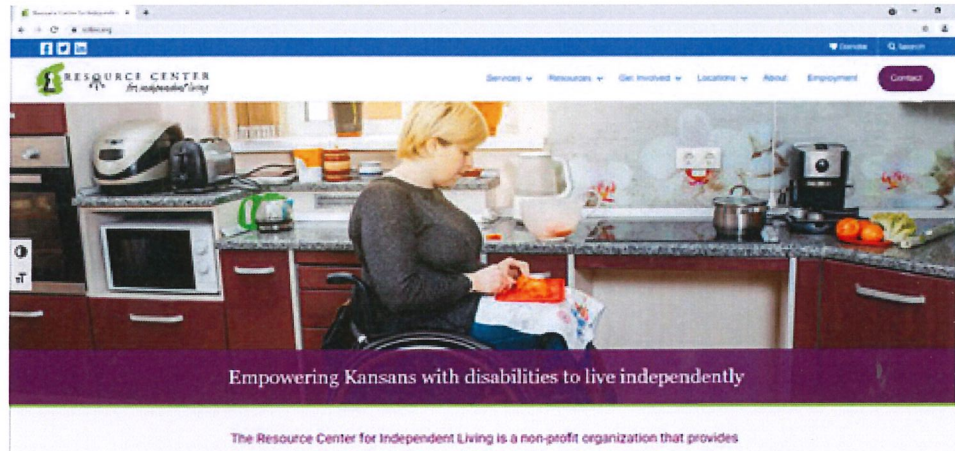


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Consumer Newsletter • Summer 2021

RCIL New Website!



RCIL has redesigned their website! It has a whole new look that is crisp and contemporary. The website was thoroughly tested for accessibility and it is easy to navigate on mobile devices. On the website, you will find information

about our programs and services that we offer for people with disabilities, a list of resources, how to get involved at RCIL, and the latest news at RCIL. Check it out at www.rcilinc.org and let us know what you think! 📧

Protected Income Level

On May 8, 2021 the Kansas Legislature passed a budget that included an appropriation of funds to be used for an increase to the Protected Income Level (PIL) for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waivers.

The PIL is the amount of monthly income protected from medical expenses to allow consumers to meet their needs. Currently, the PIL is \$1,157 per month. This means that if a consumer receives the HCBS waivers, any income over this amount must be paid to the State of Kansas. This is referred to as a "client obligation."

In the budget for fiscal year 2021 that has passed, the PIL will increase from \$1,157 a month to \$2,383 a month which is 300% of federal Supplemental Security Income. We have been informed that the change will go into effect on July 1, 2021 and that consumers who currently have a client obligation will be receiving official notice from the State of Kansas and/or their Managed Care Organization regarding their client obligation.

For more information about the protected income level contact RCIL at 785-528-3105. 📧

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Check out the
Independence
Celebration flyer
between pages 2 and 3!

Office Closures

July 5 - Independence Day

September 6 - Labor Day

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Alternate Formats

To receive a copy of this newsletter in an alternate format, please call 1.800.580.7245.

Attention Youth In Lyon County!

Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) is inviting you to join Youth Transition Club! This group is for youth and young adults ages (14-24) with disabilities in Lyon County. In this group you will have the opportunity to learn independent living skills such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and employment skills. Youth Transition Club meets on the last Monday

of each month (except on holidays) at 5:00 p.m. Although we've been doing all meetings virtual via Zoom, we are trying to start transitioning back to in person meetings. For the month of July we are giving the option to do it in person or via

Youth Transition Club

Zoom.

Youth Transition Club is organized and led by Crystal Barbary, RCIL's Youth Transition Specialist. This is a free event for youth ages 14-24 with disabilities and their families. Upcoming dates for Youth Transition Club are July 26th, August 30th, and September 27th.

If you want to join us, have any questions or need more information please email Crystal at crystal.barbary@rcilinc.org or you can direct message RCIL via Facebook and/or Instagram. You can also contact Crystal at our Emporia office, 620-342-1648. Hope to see you there! 🐾

Freedom!

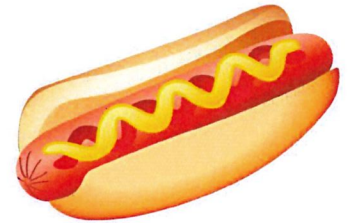
RCIL Independent Living Specialist (ILS), Macy Collins, assisted Charla in obtaining a power chair carrier for her vehicle. She had a carrier at one time, but it was stolen off her car. Macy taught her the different funding organizations and resources available, how to request use of her assistive technology funds through her Managed Care Organization (MCO), and how to explain the third party funding reimbursement process to vendors. Macy assisted Charla with completing funding applications with Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation and Friends of Man. She was awarded \$1,700 of the \$2,800 needed. Macy then encouraged Charla to advocate with her MCO. Macy also taught her about the \$7,500 in funds a person on the

Home and Community Based Services Physical Disability waiver can use for assistive technology, so she would have the information going into the conversation with MCO. Charla, with support and encouragement from Macy, called her MCO multiple times to show the seriousness of the need in her life. The MCO finally agreed to cover the rest of the cost. Charla stated that she learned getting funding help is a lot of paperwork, but that she knows more about getting things funded and how to speak up for her needs. She also now knows vendors such as Kansas Truck Mobility whom worked with her in the Wichita area. Finally, she stated that she will now be able to go shopping and to her daughter's events. She added "I'll just be able to get out! Freedom!" 🐾



Independence Celebration!

You are invited to attend RCIL's Independence Celebration! RCIL plans to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary at several locations. Hot dogs, pizzas, or other snacks will be provided.



Come and join us at one of our Celebrations listed below.
We hope to see you there!

July 13, 2021

Magic Circle Apartments
301 Magic Circle Rd.
Eureka, KS 67045
1:00pm — 3:00pm

July 26, 2021

Emporia RCIL Office
215 W. 6th Ave. Suite 201
Emporia, KS 66801
1:00 — 3:00pm

July 21, 2021

El Dorado RCIL Office
615 1/2 N. Main St.
El Dorado, KS 67042
1:00pm — 3:00pm

July 28, 2021

Osage City RCIL Office
1137 Laing St.
Osage City, KS 66523
1:00pm — 3:00pm

For more information or to request an accommodation, please
contact RCIL at 785-528-3105.

SPIL Employment Workgroup Update

The Statewide Plan for Independent Living Plan (SPIL) Employment workgroup would like to invite you to their next workgroup meeting. The group welcomes anyone who is curious about getting a job, anyone actively seeking employment, and all who would like to increase employment opportunities for Kansans with disabilities.

The group is currently learning about employment resources such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Working Healthy, and Social Security work incentives. Many of these resources allow people with disabilities to work AND keep the benefits they need such as Medicaid. The

group is now meeting every other month to hear from experts on these and other topics. The next meeting will be held via phone and Zoom on July 13th at 2:00pm.

Many of the group members are also planning and preparing for 2021 Disability Mentoring Day (DMD). DMD is a national event that provides persons with disabilities an employment experience. All DMD events are unique to local communities. A consumer might be able to job shadow their dream job, they may get training to learn job skills, or perhaps tour a local business. Please contact Adam at the Osage City office at 785-528-3105 if you are interested in participating in Disability Mentoring Day or the Employment workgroup or just learning more about these opportunities. 📞



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

RCIL currently has PPE supplies available for consumers who are receiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). The supplies include gloves, face masks, hand sanitizers, disinfectant sprays, sanitizing wipes, face shields, and non-contact thermometers. RCIL staff are contacting consumers who are receiving HCBS and making arrangements to provide the PPE supplies to them. If you are receiving HCBS and haven't received a call about PPE supplies, please call RCIL at 785-528-3105 for more information. 📞



RCIL Friends Group Updates!

RCIL is excited to resume Friends group meetings in person again! We will also continue to have the online Friends group meetings as well. RCIL Friends are groups of individuals who all experience disability and meet monthly to address disability needs and issues in the community. They also share information about disability related topics such as health and wellness, safety, transportation, and direct support worker concerns. The groups also use their time together to do crafts or other recreational activities.



Come and join us at one of our monthly RCIL Friends group meetings listed below. We hope to see you in person or online!

Eureka RCIL Friends Group

When: Second Tuesday
Where: Magic Circle Apartments
South Community Room
Address: 301 Magic Circle Rd.
Eureka, KS 67045
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Online RCIL Friends Group

When: Third Tuesday
Where: Zoom
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

El Dorado RCIL Friends Group

When: Third Wednesday
Where: RCIL El Dorado Office
Address: 615 ½ N. Main St.
El Dorado, KS 67042
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Osage City RCIL Friends Group

When: Fourth Wednesday
Where: Park Place Apartments
Address: 207 S. 6th St.
Osage City, KS 66523
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

For more information about RCIL Friends Groups, contact RCIL at 785-528-3105. 📞

Need Help Self-Directing Your Care?

Help is available! The RCIL Consumer-Directed Handbook is now on our website!

Some of the information you can find in the RCIL Consumer-Directed Handbook includes:

- ▶ Hiring a Direct Support Worker
 - Tips on advertising, interviewing, what questions you should ask and what questions you cannot ask when interviewing a potential Direct Support Worker (DSW)
- ▶ AuthentiCare Kansas
 - Instructions for Using the AuthentiCare Kansas/EVV System

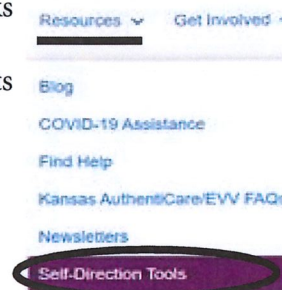
- Services and Activity Codes for each waiver
- Frequently Asked Questions for DSWs
- Frequently Asked Questions for Consumers
- ▶ Durable Power of Attorney, Power of Attorney, Guardian, Conservator or Authorized Representative Information
- ▶ Client Obligation
- ▶ Background Checks
- ▶ FMS Agreements
- ▶ Consumer's Rights and Responsibilities
- ▶ HIPAA
- ▶ Confidentiality
- ▶ Harassment

- ▶ Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation
- ▶ Medicaid Fraud and Abuse
- ▶ Emergency Planning

And much, much more!

Go to www.rcilinc.org and click on Resources to get the dropdown box and Self-Direction Tools. Not only will you find the RCIL Consumer-Directed Handbook, but also many other useful tips and tools to help you successfully self-direct your services.

If you do not have access to a computer, contact RCIL at 785-528-3105 and information can be provided to you by another method. ☎



Bourbon County Resource Guide

Information and Referral (I&R) is a Core Service that RCIL offers to anyone with or without a disability. RCIL staff receive calls from consumers with questions about available community resources in their county. Below are a few resources available in Bourbon County.



Contact RCIL at 785-528-3105 if you have questions or need assistance to locate resources in your area. ☎

Agency Name	Services	Phone Number
Beacon Food Pantry of Bourbon County	Food Pantry	620-223-6869
Bourbon County Senior Citizens	Transportation, Food Pantries, Meals and Wheels	620-223-0750
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas	Medical Clinic, Prescription Assistance, Family Practice, Women's Health, Laboratory	620-223-8040
Fort Scott Compassionate Ministries	Rent and Utilities Assistance, Gas Vouchers, Prescription Assistance	620-223-2212
Fort Scott Housing Authority	Housing	620-223-4570
Kansas Equipment Exchange Program	Medical Equipment Loaner Program	620-421-6551
Southeast Kansas Community Action Program	Early Childhood Services, Housing Resources, Section 8 HUD	620-724-8204
Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center	Therapy and Counseling, Crisis Intervention, Peer Support Group, Medication Management	620-223-5030
Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department	Dental, Immunizations, Health and Wellness, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program	620-223-4464

Kansas Voter Registration Instructions

For further information, contact the Office of the Secretary of State,
1-800-262-VOTE (8683) V/TTY. This form is available at www.sos.ks.gov.

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

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

Kansas Voter Registration Application

Warning: If you submit a false voter registration application, you may be convicted and sentenced to up to 17 months in prison.



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

Last Name (please print)		First Name		Middle	Jr. Sr. II III	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Residential Address (include apt. or space number)		City		County	Zip	
Mailing Address (if different than residential address)		City		Zip	Date Residence Established (MM/DD/YY)	
Birth Date (MM/DD/YY)	Daytime Phone Number (if available)		Naturalization Number (if applicable)		Driver's License Number or Last 4 Social Security (see instructions)	
Party Affiliation: Choose one of the following: <input type="radio"/> Democratic <input type="radio"/> Republican <input type="radio"/> Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Not affiliated with a party						
Complete if previously registered (please print)		Previous Name		Previous Residential Address (Street, City, State, Zip, County)		
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 if 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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Barton County 1400 Main Rm 202 Great Bend, KS 67530	Decatur County P.O. Box 28 Oberlin, KS 67749	Gray County P.O. Box 487 Cimarron, KS 67835	Labette County 501 Merchant / Box 387 Oswego, KS 67356	Morton County 1025 Morton / Box 1116 Elkhart, KS 67950	Rice County 101 W. Commercial Lyons, KS 67554	Stevens County 200 E. 8th Hugoton, KS 67951
Bourbon County 210 S. National Fort Scott, KS 66701	Dickinson County 109 E. First / Box 248 Abilene, KS 67410	Greeley County P.O. Box 277 Tribune, KS 67879	Lane County 144 S. Lane / Box 788 Dighton, KS 67839	Nemaha County 607 Nemaha / Box 186 Seneca, KS 66538	Riley County 110 Courthouse Plaza Manhattan, KS 66502	Sumner County 501 N. Washington Wellington, KS 67152
Brown County 601 Oregon St Hiawatha, KS 66434	Doniphan County P.O. Box 278 Troy, KS 66087	Greenwood County 311 N. Main Eureka, KS 67045	Leavenworth County 300 Walnut Leavenworth, KS 66048	Neosho County 100 S. Main / Box 138 Erie, KS 66733	Rooks County 115 N. Walnut Stockton, KS 67669	Thomas County 300 N. Court Ave Colby, KS 67701
Butler County 205 W. Central El Dorado, KS 67042	Douglas County 1100 Massachusetts St Lawrence, KS 66044	Hamilton County 219 N. Main / Box 1167 Syracuse, KS 67878	Lincoln County 216 E. Lincoln Ave Lincoln, KS 67455	Ness County 202 W. Sycamore Ness City, KS 67560	Rush County 715 Elm / Box 220 LaCrosse, KS 67548	Trego County 216 Main WeKeeney, KS 67672
Chase County Courthouse Sq / Box 529 Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845	Edwards County 312 Massachusetts St Kinsley, KS 67547	Harper County 201 N. Jennings Anthony, KS 67003	Linn County P.O. Box 350 Mound City, KS 66056	Norton County 105 S. Kansas / Box 70 Norton, KS 67654	Russell County 4th & Main / Box 113 Russell, KS 67665	Wabaunsee County 215 Kansas / Box 278 Alma, KS 66401
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Cherokee County 110 W. Maple / Box 14 Columbus, KS 66725	Ellis County P.O. Box 720 Hays, KS 67601	Haskell County 300 Inman / Box 518 Sublette, KS 67877	Lyon County 430 Commercial Emporia, KS 66801	Osborne County 423 W. Main / Box 160 Osborne, KS 67473	Scott County 303 Court St Scott City, KS 67871	Washington County 214 C St Washington, KS 66968
Cheyenne County 212 E. Wash. / Box 985 St Francis, KS 67756	Ellsworth County 210 N. Kansas Ellsworth, KS 67439	Hodgeman County 500 Main Jettmore, KS 67854	Marion County 200 S. Third, Suite 104 Marion, KS 66861	Ottawa County 307 N. Concord Ste 130 Minneapolis, KS 67467	Sedgwick County 510 N. Main Wichita, KS 67203-3798	Wichita County 206 S. 4th Drawer 968 Leoti, KS 67861
Clark County 913 Highland St / Box 886 Ashland, KS 67831-0886	Finney County 311 N. 9th St., Box M Garden City, KS 67846	Jackson County 400 New York Holton, KS 66436	Marshall County 1201 Broadway Marysville, KS 66508	Pawnee County 715 Broadway Larned, KS 67550	Seward County 515 N. Washington Ste 100 Liberal, KS 67901	Wilson County 615 Madison Fredonia, KS 66736
Clay County 712 Fifth, Suite 102 Clay Center, KS 67432	Ford County 100 Guns smoke Dodge City, KS 67801	Jefferson County P.O. Box 321 Oskaloosa, KS 66066	McPherson County 117 N. Maple McPherson, KS 67460	Phillips County 301 State St Phillipsburg, KS 67661	Shawnee County 3420 SW Van Buren Topeka, KS 66611	Woodson County 105 W. Rutledge Rm 103 Yates Center, KS 66783
Cloud County 811 Washington Concordia, KS 66901	Franklin County 315 S. Main Ottawa, KS 66067	Jewell County 307 N. Commercial Mankato, KS 66956	Meade County P.O. Box 278 Meade, KS 67864	Pottawatomie County 207 N. 1st / Box 187 Westmoreland, KS 66549	Sheridan County 925 9th St / Box 899 Hoxie, KS 67740	Wyandotte County 850 State Ave Kansas City, KS 66101

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 16, 2021 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 19, 2021 and the prize will be mailed to the winner.



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Fill in the Blanks

1. RCIL is hosting four Independence Celebrations during the month of _____.
2. Youth Transition Club is on the _____ Monday of each month.
3. The Protected Income Level will increase from \$1,157 a month to _____ a month.
4. The Personal Protective Equipment is also known as _____.
5. RCIL's website address is _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

New Staff At RCIL



Crystal Barbary, Youth Transition Specialist, started at RCIL on May 25, 2021 in the Emporia office. She will be providing youth transition services to youth with disabilities ages 14-24 as they transition into adulthood. She will serve youth who reside in Lyon County.



Lori Keeffe, Accounting Clerk, started at RCIL on March 24, 2021 in the Osage City office. She will be providing a variety of payroll functions for consumers who are self-directing their personal care services through the Home and Community Based Services Waivers.

You Asked for It

How can I participate in Kansas elections?

To participate in Kansas elections, you must register to vote and then complete your ballot on election day.

To register to vote you will need to complete the Kansas Voter Registration Application form. A copy of the form is in this newsletter. You can complete the form and mail it to your local county courthouse. There is a list of all of the county courthouse addresses in Kansas on the back of the form.

If you are already registered to vote but you had a name change, or moved to a different address, or wanted to change your party affiliation for voting you must complete the Kansas Voter Registration Application form in order to vote at the next election.

If you need help completing the Kansas Voter Registration Application form, feel free to contact your local RCIL office and someone will assist you.

If you have any questions or need any resources contact an Independent Living Specialist at 1-800-580-7245.



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RCIL's Notice of Privacy Practices based on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is available in every RCIL office and on the RCIL website at <http://rcilinc.org/resources>. You can request a copy of the notice at anytime by contacting RCIL at 1.800.580.7245 or info@rcilinc.org.

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