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.rcillinc.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. 😊
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 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!"
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!

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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!

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

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

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/EV2 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.

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<td>Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department</td>
<td>Dental, Immunizations, Health and Wellness, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program</td>
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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
- 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.

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.

Identification number requirements

Enter your current Kansas driver's license number or non-driver'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.

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.

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

Kansas Voter Registration Application

Last Name (please print)  First Name  Middle  Jr. Br. II III  ○ Male  ○ 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:  ○ Democratic  ○ Republican  ○ Libertarian  ○ 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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Allen County: 1 N. Washington, Atchison, KS 66002
Isa County: 423 N. 5th, Wathen, KS 67156
Anderson County: 111 E. Forest & Box 249, Girard, KS 66743-0249
Cowley County: 201 S. New York & Box 77, Winfield, KS 67156
Comanche County: 201 S. New York & Box 77, Coldwater, KS 67029
Cowley County: 321 E. 10th Ave., Cowley County, KS 66743
Cowley County: 111 E. Forest & Box 249, Girard, KS 66743-0249
Cowley County: 201 S. New York & Box 77, Coldwater, KS 67029
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 into 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.

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.

RCIL Consumer Newsletter
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:

HIPAA Privacy Notice
RCIL’s Notice of Privacy Practices based on the Health Insurance Portability 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.

RCIL Home Office

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Osage City, KS 66523

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1.785.528.3105 Voice
1.800.580.7245 Toll Free
1.877.929.7655 Payroll Help Desk

Fax
1.785.528.3665

Payroll Fax
1.785.528.2938

Satellite Offices

El Dorado
615 1/2 N. Main St.
El Dorado, KS 67042
1.316.322.7853 Voice
1.800.960.7853 Toll Free
1.316.322.7888 Fax

Iola
104 S. Washington Ave.
Iola, KS 66749
1.620.365.8144 Voice
1.877.944.8144 Toll Free
1.620.365.7726 Fax

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1.620.342.1821 Fax

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