



# RESOURCE CENTER

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## Office Closures

Nov. 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 23 & 26 - Christmas

Jan. 2 - New Year's Day

## Consumer Christmas Parties

The holiday season is here! RCIL will have their annual consumer Christmas parties during the month of December. Below is a listing of the dates and locations of the parties. Pick the event you would like to attend and RSVP to the RCIL office hosting that event at least one week prior. Please be sure to request special accommodations when you RSVP if necessary.

The Christmas parties are being held in conjunction with the December RCIL Friends meetings. There will be fun activities and prizes. Food is provided at all Christmas parties. If you have questions or would like more information, feel free to contact your local RCIL office.

RCIL staff would like to wish you a

Happy Holiday Season and safe travels.

### Christmas Parties Schedule

**Eureka** - Dec. 13 at the Magic Circle Apartments in the South Community Room 301 Magic Circle Rd. from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Emporia** - Dec. 19 at the Broadview Towers Apartments 110 W. 6th Ave. from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Online Friends** - Dec. 20 by Zoom Video Conference on computer or by phone from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**El Dorado** - Dec. 21 at the RCIL Office 615 1/2 N. Main St. from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Osage City** - Dec. 28 at the Park Place Apartments 207 S. 6th St. from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



## Iola Office Holiday Open House

Stop by and visit us December 19th between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for a holiday open house! Meet the staff and learn more about RCIL services at this come and go event. Snacks and drinks will be provided as well as a drawing for door prizes! Call us with any questions or to request accommodations at 620-

365-8144! We hope to see you there!  
104 S. Washington St. in Iola





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## Alternate Formats

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

## It's Tax Time - Update Your Mailing Address!

Tax season is almost upon us so please remind your Direct Support Workers and Personal Care Attendants to update any changes to their address if they have moved.

Employee W-2 forms will be mailed in January 2023 and RCIL often receives many undeliverable W-2 forms which keeps the worker from being able to file their taxes.

Please have your workers contact RCIL at 1-800-580-7245 to ensure we have their correct address. Address changes for Direct Support Workers and Personal Care Attendants must be submitted to RCIL in writing, either by mail, email or fax.

Workers can submit their address change (please include the old address) in the following ways:

- Mail: RCIL P.O. Box 257 Osage City, KS 66523
- Email: payrollhelpdesk@rcilinc.org
- Fax: 785-528-2938 or 785-528-3665



## SPIL Outreach Workgroup Updates

The Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) has four areas to focus on to help remove barriers for people with disabilities in Kansas. Those four areas turned into SPIL workgroups and they are Employment, Housing, Outreach, and Transportation. Today we are going to give you updates on the SPIL outreach workgroup.

The SPIL outreach workgroup is working on developing a Center for Independent Living video. The purpose of the video is to spread awareness about what Centers for Independent Living (CILs) can do for people with disabilities in Kansas. The video will include information on where CILs are located in Kansas and about their independent living services.

If you are interested in joining the SPIL outreach workgroup, call Beth at the Osage City office at 785-528-3105.

## Meet Our Staff!

Marcella Reynolds, Information Specialist, started at RCIL on September 6, 2022 in the Osage City office. Her focus will be providing Information and Assistance services for individuals who receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). Information and Assistance services include teaching individuals who self-direct their personal care on how to recruit, hire, and manage their Direct Support Workers.

Veta Moffitt (picture to right), Receptionist, started at RCIL on March 7, 2022 in the Iola office. She will be providing a variety of office functions and directing incoming calls to appropriate RCIL staff. She will also be assisting RCIL staff in the office with a variety of projects.





## Achieving More Help In My Home

JoAnne had previously applied for KanCare a few years back and was denied because she was told she would have a large spend down. She was receiving 3-4 hours per week of housekeeping services through the Senior Care Act (SCA) program. JoAnne felt that she needed more assistance with the house. She contacted RCIL about getting help with applying for KanCare so that she could get in home services. She started receiving Core services with a Peer Specialist, Regina. She identified



her goal that said, "I want to see if I qualify for KanCare and then see about getting Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) by 5/24/2023."

Regina assisted Joanne in completing and submitting a KanCare application with the supporting documents. Joanne was approved for KanCare and she received her insurance cards in the mail. She told Regina, "I was excited to find out that I was approved for KanCare without a high spend down because of the

new protected income limits." She also said, "I had an interview with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). I was told that I would now get the services under the KanCare waiver for the frail and elderly rather than the SCA that I had been receiving." Joanne was happy that she had achieved her goal. She chose RCIL to be her Financial Management Services (FMS) provider and she is in the process of hiring a direct support worker. JoAnne is now receiving 6-7 hours per week of help around the house. She told Regina, "The few extra hours should make quite a difference in keeping things done around the house." 📖

## Greenwood 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 Greenwood 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
Community Bread Basket	Food pantry in Madison: Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm for residents who reside in northern part of Greenwood County.	620-437-6699
CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness	Counseling services, Medication services, Therapy services	620-343-2211
Eureka Area Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	Food Pantry in Eureka: 1st and 2nd Monday of each month from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm for residents in Greenwood County.	831-524-4465
Greenwood County General Public Transportation	Provides transportation for medical needs, shopping, etc. for residents who reside in Greenwood County.	620-583-5453
Greenwood County Health Department	Immunizations, Screenings, WIC, Emergency Preparedness	620-583-6632
Harvest House	Food pantry in Severy: 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for residents in Elk and Greenwood counties.	620-736-2342
Mid-Kansas Community Action Program	Rent and Utility assistance, Education, and Job Training Skills	316-775-3000 ext. 100



# 2023 FRIENDS GROUP SCHEDULE

Friends are groups of individuals who have, or have experienced, a disability. We meet monthly to share and learn about disability related topics, to advocate for change in our communities, and to have fun!



Online Friends		Time	Topic
Jan	17th	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Advanced Life Planning (Wills, DPOAs, etc.)
Feb	21st	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	LIEAP!
Mar	21st	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Hospice 101
*Location: Zoom – Video Conference by computer or phone			



El Dorado		Time	Topic
Jan	17th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	LIEAP program
Feb	21st	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Service animals vs. Emotional Support animals
Mar	21st	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	KanCare Ombudsman
*Location: To Be Determine. Call RCIL El Dorado Office at 316-322-7853 for details.			

Emporia		Time	Topic
Jan	30th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	ABLE Accounts
Feb	27th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Self-Love Building Your Self-Esteem
Mar	27th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Health/Exercise
*Location: Broadview Towers Apartments 110 W. 6th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801			

Eureka		Time	Topic
Jan	10th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	LIEAP program
Feb	14th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Service animals vs. Emotional Support animals
Mar	14th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	KanCare Ombudsman
*Location: Magic Circle Apartments 301 Magic Circle Rd., Eureka, KS 67045			

Osage City		Time	Topic
Jan	25th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Osage County Resources
Feb	22nd	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Online Safety/Spam Calls
Mar	22nd	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Emergency Preparedness
*Location: Park Place Apartments 207 S. 6th St., Osage City, KS 66523			

**Iola, Paola and Fort Scott Friends group meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

**RCIL Offices are CLOSED on**

**December 23-26, 2022 and January 2, 2023!**

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

For more information about RCIL Friends group or

To request accommodations 2 weeks prior to a meeting

Contact RCIL at: **1-800-580-7245** or **[info@rcilinc.org](mailto:info@rcilinc.org)**  
*In cases of inclement weather, please call ahead!*



## 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 December 12, 2022 in the following ways:

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

The winning ticket will be drawn on December 14, 2022 and the prize will be mailed to the winner.



✂ Cut Here.....

Fill in the Blanks

1. RCIL is hosting \_\_\_\_\_ Consumer Christmas parties.
2. RCIL Iola Office Open House is on December \_\_\_\_\_ from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
3. The deadline to submit all nominations for RCIL's DSW of the Year Award is \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### Nominate a Direct Support Worker For RCIL's DSW of the Year Award



The services Direct Support Workers (DSWs) provide are crucial to the health and independence of Kansans with disabilities that receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). RCIL wants to provide an opportunity for HCBS consumers and their families to recognize DSWs for their outstanding service and dedication with a "DSW of the Year" Award. This is your opportunity to nominate a Direct Support Worker that you feel is deserving of this recognition. All nominations will be considered. The RCIL Board of Directors will select a Direct Support Worker for the award and then all other nominees will be entered in a drawing for a prize. The winner will be announced after January 23, 2023.



Pictured: The 2021 DSW of the Year Award Edwina Ware (seated on the left) and her DSW Jola Casey (standing on the right).

**Deadline: All nominations must be submitted by December 31, 2022.** Please submit the following information listed below by email at [info@rcilinc.org](mailto:info@rcilinc.org) OR by mail at RCIL P.O. Box 257 Osage City, KS 66523.

1. Your Name:
2. Name of Nominee (Direct Support Worker):
3. What my Direct Support Worker means to me:



## You Asked for It

### What is LIEAP?

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that helps qualifying households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit. LIEAP applications are available at your local Department for Children and Families (DCF) office from mid-January through the end of March 2023. For more information, contact DCF at 1-800-432-0043.

### What is the Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP)?

It is a federally funded program to help qualifying households pay past due drinking water and/or wastewater bills to allow services to be reconnected or prevent disconnection. This is a one-time benefit so the program will end once the funding is exhausted. EWAP applications will be available on December 1, 2022 until the funding runs out. Contact DCF at [dcf.waterapplications@ks.gov](mailto:dcf.waterapplications@ks.gov) if you have questions about the program.

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





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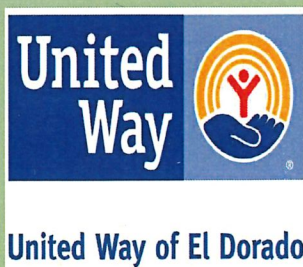
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## HIPAA Privacy Notice

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](mailto:info@rcilinc.org).



## RCIL Home Office

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1-785-528-3105 Voice  
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### Fax

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1-785-528-2938

## Satellite Offices

### El Dorado

615 1/2 N. Main St.  
El Dorado, KS 67042  
1-316-322-7853 Voice  
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