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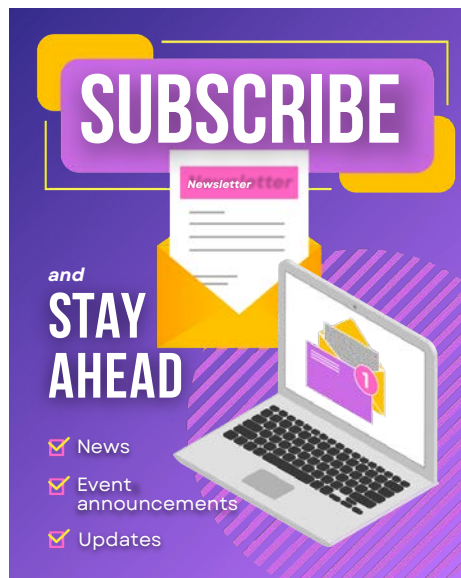
The Kansas Disability Caucus is coming back to Topeka again this August 12-14th! The Caucus is an opportunity for Kansans with disabilities, their families, and other stakeholders to come together and talk about important issues they are facing. All attendees have the chance to provide their personal input and suggestions on how we can all work together to make Kansas a better place for people with disabilities. There will also be about a dozen workshops to learn about advocacy and other skills and services that people with disabilities can use. If you are interested in attending the Caucus, RCIL may be able to assist with your registration. Please contact Adam at the Osage City RCIL office at 785-528-3105 by July 10, 2026.



Pictured: Kansas Disability Caucus logo "Empowerment In Action Shaping Our Future".

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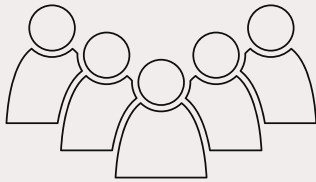
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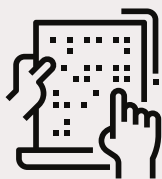
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Alternate Formats

To receive a copy of this newsletter in an alternate format, please call RCIL at 785-528-3105.

Director of Consumer Directed Services Retiring



Pictured: Becky smiling at the camera..

After almost 30 years of service to RCIL, Becky Brewer, Director of Consumer Directed Services, is retiring on July 10th. Becky has been a tireless advocate for Kansans with disabilities and a fountain of knowledge regarding the complex systems of Home and Community Based Services. She has had meaningful impact on the lives of the thousands of consumers she has worked with over the years. While we are sad she is leaving RCIL, let's all be happy for Becky and wish her the very best with her next adventure.

Celebrate the ADA!

The Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) will be celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) during their RCIL Friends Group meetings in July. Why? The ADA is one of the disability rights movements that became a part of American History since July 26, 1990. If we didn't have the ADA, we wouldn't have curb cuts, ramps, automatic doors, elevators, accommodations in the workplace, and accessible transportation that allow people with disabilities to be involved and independent in their communities. These are just a few examples of things supported by the ADA that everyone with or without disabilities benefit from every day.



Pictured: Logo of ADA with a person icon in a wheelchair. 36 representing the years of ADA. The date to celebrate is July 26, 2026.

What is RCIL Friends Group? RCIL Friends are a group of individuals who all experience disability and meet monthly with other consumers 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 host in person meetings in El Dorado, Emporia, Eureka, Fort Scott, Iola, Osage City and two groups in Topeka. RCIL also offers an online RCIL Friends Group meeting via Zoom once a month.

The ADA was a positive change for people with disabilities. However, not all places follow the ADA guidelines. Many RCIL Friends groups are working on community advocacy projects. Some of the projects they are advocating for are changes in their communities such as crosswalk button extenders and a few crosswalk safety projects. If you would like to get involved or learn more about RCIL Friends groups, contact your local RCIL office.

Cowley 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 Cowley County.



Pictured: A person dialing their phone to make a phone call.

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

Agency Name	Services	Phone Number
Cowley County Council on Aging	General Public Transportation.	620-221-7020
Eagle Nest, Inc.	Budgeting and Life Management Classes, Employment Assistance, Assistance with Taxes. Used, discounted clothing.	620-229-8282
Kansas Department of Children and Family Services	Cash Assistance (TANF), Income Based Child Care, Child Support Services, Food Assistance Program, Family Preservation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Prevention and Protection Services for Adult and Youth.	620-364-2117
Mid-Kansas Community Action Program	Pre-Employment and Job Readiness Training, Job Keeping Skills, Case Management Services.	316-775-3000
South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging	Long-Term Supports, Medicaid Home and Community Based Services.	620-442-0268
Winfield Housing Authority	HUD and Income Based Housing.	620-221-4936

Reminders For Self-Directed Consumers

The following are important things for the Consumer to remember when Self-Directing their Home and Community Based Services.

- Your worker cannot work, or be clocked in as working when you are out of the home (hospital, rehabilitation facility, nursing facility, incarceration).
- If your worker cannot clock in/out using the mobile app or consumer's landline, they must contact the RCIL Payroll Department immediately. Prior approval must be given to submit time worked that was not recorded in AuthentiCare.
- The Place of Service should either be 12-Home or 99-Other. "Other" should be used if the worker needs to clock in or out from a location other than the Consumer's home for approved activities.

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HIPAA Privacy Notice

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.



Have you Moved?

If you have moved or changed your phone number, name, or email address, call 1-800-580-7245 so we can keep in contact with you!



2026 Upcoming Events

RCIL will be having a booth at the following events below.

If you are in the area, stop by and see us!

August 27, 2026 Topeka

Community
Resource Expo

Where:

Location will be announced when closer to the date of the event.

Time:

3:00pm – 7:00pm

September 11, 2026 El Dorado

Senior Health Fair

Where:

El Dorado

Senior Center

Time:

9:00am – 2:00pm



Reminders For Self-Directed Consumers Continued

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- The worker must clock in and clock out from INSIDE of your home or apartment if services are being provided at your home.
- Comprehensive Support is a maximum of 12 hours per day unless an exception has been granted by the Managed Care Organization.
- Personal Services are a maximum of 12 hours per day unless an exception has been granted by the Managed Care Organization (MCO).
- A Direct Support Worker that lives with the Consumer cannot provide Enhanced Care Services (Sleep Cycle Support) unless an exception is granted by the MCO. Enhanced Care Services (Sleep Cycle Support) is a minimum of 6 consecutive hours per unit (night).
- The Consumer must have an annual Functional Assessment from Maximus and annual Medicaid renewal from the KanCare Clearinghouse.

How To Prepare For An Emergency

Many of us in eastern Kansas have had a close call or two with severe hail, wind, and tornadoes this Spring . Dangerous conditions like that don't care if we're at home, at a friend's, or on the road running errands - they can strike us anywhere. The unpredictability of emergencies is why many people with disabilities should have a good personal support network. We can all support one another in different ways, like calling to check on each other to ensure our wellness or to give assistance if needed. The American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) suggests having at least three people in your immediate support network and putting in place these seven items:

1. Arranging to immediately call or visit to check on each other after an emergency or disaster.
2. Exchange important keys.
3. Share where you keep emergency supplies.
4. Share copies of important emergency documents, plans, and information cards.
5. Agree on and practice ways to contact each other in a disaster - don't count on the phone working!
6. Notifying each other of travel plans and if you're going to be out of town.
7. Assistance flows both directions. Learn about each other's needs and how to help each other in an emergency.



Pictured: A group of four men in a circle supporting each other.

Contact RCIL if you'd like help setting up your personal emergency plan today.

2025 Highlights & Donors

RCIL 2025 Highlights

Throughout the year of 2025, the Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) accomplished several great things, including participating at Independent Living Day at the Capitol, offering emergency preparedness trainings, self-direction trainings, educating over 490 elementary students and faculty members about disability history and awareness, participating at Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, enhancing professional training and continuing education for staff, and having a ribbon cutting at the RCIL Emporia Office. While the accomplishments described below highlight some of the great things that happened at RCIL, there is great pride in the many accomplishments for 2025 and we are excited to see what opportunities and challenges RCIL will face in 2026!

Self-Direction Trainings



Pictured: Photo taken of Self-Directed Training at the El Dorado Train Depot in El Dorado.

RCIL hosted nine self-direction trainings between October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for Self-Directed Consumers and their Direct Support Workers. The trainings were held in El Dorado and Emporia. It was also held in Topeka seven times throughout the year. There were approximately 95 individuals that participated in the trainings. Some of the topics included how to recruit, interview, train and manage their Direct Support Workers, how to use AuthentiCare Mobile Application, and background checks requirements. RCIL is making plans to continue to offer this training in Topeka on a monthly basis in 2026.

IL Day at the Capitol

On March 4, 2025, RCIL and other Centers for Independent Living in Kansas gathered at the Capitol in Topeka for their Independent Living (IL) Day. RCIL staff Adam Burnett, Beth Burnett, and Deone Wilson attended this event. They set up a RCIL booth and visited with legislators who serve in RCIL's Core Services counties about Core Services.



Pictured: RCIL staff Beth Burnett posing at the RCIL booth at the IL Day at the Capitol.



Pictured: A fire extinguisher, weather radio, and a smoke detector displayed on a table.

Emergency Preparedness Kits and Trainings

In March 2025, RCIL hosted three emergency preparedness trainings. They were held in Emporia, Iola, and Topeka. At each event, RCIL presented emergency preparedness information, assisted consumers with developing a personal preparedness plan, and provided free items to start their emergency kits. Items included fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide/smoke detectors, and weather radios. There were ten consumers that completed the training. RCIL staff continued to offer the training individually with consumers throughout the year.

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Disability History and Awareness

RCIL went to three elementary schools in RCIL's Core Services counties in Kansas to educate students and faculty members about disability history and awareness in 2025. RCIL offered several disability awareness stations and educated approximately 490 individuals. RCIL held the events on:

April 24, 2025

- At the Sunflower Elementary School in Paola, the 4th graders and school staff participated in the event. There were five stations: a wheelchair maneuvering course, beep ball, accessible vehicles, a hearing loss activity, and accessible coding. RCIL staff partnered with the Kansas State School for the Blind to assist with the stations during the event.



Pictured: RCIL staff Adam Burnett presenting a wheelchair maneuvering course at the Disability Awareness event at Sunflower Elementary School in Paola.

May 8, 2025

- At the Marais des Cygnes Valley Elementary School in Quenemo, the 1st through 5th grade students and school staff participated in the event. The stations were a wheelchair maneuvering course, disability awareness video, beep ball, a Braille activity, and a hearing loss activity.

May 15, 2025

- At the Olpe Elementary School in Olpe, the Kindergarten through 5th grade students and school staff participated in the event. The stations were a wheelchair maneuvering course, disability awareness video, beep ball, a Braille activity, and a hearing loss activity.



Pictured: RCIL staff Kayla Lang directing students in a Braille activity.

By the end of the day at each school, students and faculty members were inspired and had a better understanding about people with disabilities. The overwhelming positive feedback from teachers and students has prompted RCIL to continue to make plans to educate on disability history and awareness in elementary schools in 2026!



Pictured: Dana Kiesling (left) and Macy Collins (right) wearing their KSYLF shirt and smiling at the camera at KSYLF.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KSYLF)

RCIL is proud to have sent two Independent Living Specialists (ILS), Macy Collins and Dana Kiesling, to be KSYLF volunteers for this event in July 2025. Macy shared that this is her favorite event of the year. She said, "It's amazing and so rewarding to see these delegates leave totally different youth. They leave with confidence and knowledge to become our next generation of advocates." Dana

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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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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	☐ 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: ☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ United Kansas ☐ Not affiliated with a party ☐ Libertarian							
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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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	Shawnee County 3420 SW Van Buren Topeka, KS 66611	Shawnee County 3420 SW Van Buren Topeka, KS 66611	Woodson County 105 W. Rutledge Rm 103 Yates Center, KS 66783
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attended the event for the first time. She said, “YLF was one of the greatest opportunities I got to be involved with so far during my time at RCIL. My favorite part was watching once shy and timid youth leave the forum as bold and courageous advocates. Watching young lives being transformed in front of your eyes has got to be one of my biggest privileges while serving YLF.”



Pictured: Judie Korbek (left) and Crystal Galton (right) posing at the CIL booth at the Real Life Affair event.

KSYLF is a motivational five-day forum in which a group of about 20-25 high school juniors and seniors, with various disabilities, come together to learn about leadership, advocacy, and goal setting. Delegates and volunteers from all over the state gather on a local university campus to experience this intensive, resourceful conference. In addition to having two ILS serve as volunteers at KSYLF, RCIL was honored to have other Independent Living (IL) staff participate on interview teams, the Real Life Affair event, and the Mentor Luncheon for KSYLF.

NCIL Conference

RCIL had the privilege to send five RCIL staff and one RCIL board member to the 2025 National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Conference. It was held from July 21 – 24, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington D.C. They attended workshop sessions to learn various topics relating to people with disabilities. Some of the sessions were about advocacy, emergency preparedness, the independent living



Pictured: A group of RCIL staff, a RCIL board member, and a SILCK member gathered for the “March to the Capitol” at the NCIL Conference.

movement, and Centers for Independent Living. They also participated in the “March to the Capitol” along with NCIL members and other participants who attended the conference. The march took place from the Grand Hyatt to Capitol Hill to demonstrate support for the independence of people with disabilities and funding for the Independent Living Program.

1,037

Total professional training hours accessed among all RCIL staff from 10/1/24 - 9/30/25.

RCIL Emporia Office Ribbon Cutting

RCIL had their ribbon cutting at their Emporia office on September 26, 2025. The event was hosted by the Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce. Several chamber of commerce members and community partners attended the event. Tours of the building and great snacks were provided.



Pictured: RCIL staff and local Chamber of Commerce members gathered for the event.

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RCIL 2025 Donors

RCIL serves more than 2,500 individuals through our many programs and services in 2025. While we receive funding from state and federal grants and waiver programs, many of our programs and services would not be as successful without the continued support of local businesses, organizations and individuals. In 2025, we were able to add new equipment to the Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program, build a ramp, and share issues concerning the disability community in person and virtually with community members. These are just a few of the great ways RCIL is able to use donations to serve Kansans with disabilities. We cannot thank our donors enough, but we would like to recognize the many businesses, organizations and individuals who helped make 2025 a successful year for RCIL.

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Total volunteer hours
RCIL received from
10/1/24 - 9/30/25.

RCIL accepts monetary donations for their general fund or the fund designated by the donor. RCIL also accepts gently used or new durable medical equipment for the Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program inventory to loan or to give away as needed or requested.

Futhermore, RCIL has a Volunteer Program to allow individuals who want to volunteer their time and have a meaningful experience at RCIL.

2026 RCIL 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!

El Dorado July 22 ADA Celebration Aug 19 Scams and Frauds Sept 16 Budgeting Tips Location: Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) 120 S. Gordy St., Suite 3, El Dorado, KS 67042		Emporia July 27 ADA Celebration/Emergency Preparedness Aug 31 Self-Advocacy Sept 28 Maintaining Mobility Equipment Location: Broadview Towers Apartments 110 W. 6th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801	
Eureka July 21 ADA Celebration Aug 18 Scams and Frauds Sept 8 Budgeting Tips Location: Magic Circle Apartments - South Community Room 401 Magic Circle Rd., Eureka, KS 67045		Fort Scott July 14 ADA Celebration Aug 18 Stress Management Sept 22 Staying Active Location: Fort Scott Housing Authority 315 Scott Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701	
Iola July 22 ADA Celebration Aug 25 Medication Safety Sept 22 Discussing Health Benefits Location: Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) 214 N. Jefferson Ave., Iola, KS 66749		Online July 14 Disability Rights Aug 18 Basic Budgeting Sept 15 Guardianship and other Alternatives Meeting Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm Location: Zoom - Video Conference by computer or phone	
Osage City July 16 ADA Celebration Aug 26 CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness Sept 23 Ecumenical Christian Action Team (ECAT) Location: Osage City Public Library 515 Main St., Osage City, KS 66523		Topeka July 17 ADA Celebration Aug 21 Kansas Specialty Dog Services Service Dogs Sept 18 Healthy Eating Location: Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) 2200 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604	
PLEASE CALL AHEAD to check the status of your meeting. All Friends Group meetings are subject to change.		Topeka July 24 ADA Celebration Aug 28 Midland Care Sept 25 Brain Food: Memory Health Location: Luther Place I Apartments 5000 SW Huntoon, St., Topeka, KS 66604 Meeting Time: 9:00am - 10:30am	
		For more information about RCIL Friends Group or to request accommodations two weeks prior to a meeting Contact RCIL at 1-800-580-7245 or info@rcilinc.org	

All Friends group meetings are from 1:00pm to 3:00pm unless otherwise noted on the schedule.



Permanent Advanced Voting vs.

Advanced Voting

Permanent Advanced Voting allows Kansans with a permanent disability to vote in their own home by receiving an advance ballot for every election in the mail. Individuals who are interested will need to complete a form called, "Application for Permanent Advance Voting Status". This form is good for every election you are eligible to vote in.

Advance voting is available for any registered voters. To receive a ballot in the mail, you must complete an application for an advance ballot and include your driver's license number or a copy of your photo identification card.

Contact your local RCIL office if you need assistance with the Permanent Advanced Voting application or the Advanced Voting application.

RCIL's New Full Time Staff

RCIL is excited to introduce their newest staff members to their team!

Lindsey Brewer, Payroll Clerk, started at RCIL on May 7, 2026 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 HCBS Waivers.



Jenifer Davidson, Payroll Clerk, started at RCIL on May 11, 2026 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 HCBS Waivers.

Suzie Woll, Receptionist, started at RCIL on May 13, 2026 in the El Dorado 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.



Stepping In The Right Direction



Pictured: A person with a prosthetic leg, walking.

Timothy reached out to RCIL in November 2025 for guidance and support in obtaining prosthesis after surviving a leg amputation three years prior. Timothy was lacking medical records and physical therapy was never offered after his surgery. He was skeptical moving forward with his Independent Living Specialist, Crystal, to develop a goal and did not trust that she would advocate for him after being left behind by others "like her". It took repeated visits with Timothy and consistency from Crystal before he finally began to realize he was on a solid path and may finally receive the support he so desperately had been hoping for years. Ultimately, with Crystal's assistance, Timothy was able to find a doctor who accepted

Medicaid, wrote him a prescription for the prosthesis, was fitted for the appropriate device, and received his prosthesis in time to send his daughter off to prom and walk into her graduation ceremony. Crystal was surprised when she went to his apartment for an appointment and he and his friend walked around the corner to greet her!

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 24, 2026 in the following ways:

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

The winning ticket will be drawn on July 27, 2026 and the prize will be mailed to the winner.



Pictured: A phrase "Enter to Win!" written on a red circle.



Fill in the Blanks

1. Contact your local _____ office if you need assistance completing the Kansas Voter Registration Application Form.
2. August 4, 2026 is the _____ Election.
3. The Kansas Disability Caucus will be in _____ from August 12 - 14, 2026.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Kansas Voting Registration Deadlines

To participate in Kansas elections, you must register to vote and then complete your ballot on election day. A copy of the Kansas Voter Registration Application 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. Contact your local RCIL office if you need assistance completing the form. Below are the important dates for the 2026 Primary and General Elections.

- July 14, 2026 - Register for 2026 Primary Election
- August 4, 2026 - Primary Election
- October 16, 2026 - Register for the 2026 General Election
- November 3, 2026 - General Election



You Asked For It

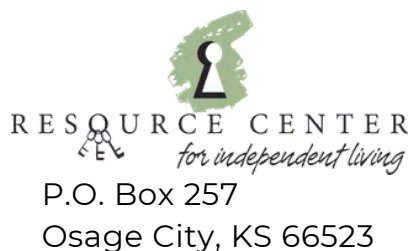
Does RCIL has an equipment loan program in each of their offices?

Yes! RCIL offers short term equipment loan programs in each of their offices located in Osage City, El Dorado, Emporia, Iola, and Topeka. Contact your local RCIL office if you need to borrow equipment or need assistance to locate resources in your area that offers equipment loan programs.

Does RCIL have a resource library?

Yes! RCIL has a resource library in each of their offices. The library provides valuable information on disability topics. It is available for anyone to use to look up resources. Stop by your local RCIL office to check it out!

If you have questions or need any resources call RCIL at 1-800-580-7245.



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