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Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.

CILWW Community “Action” Team (CCAT)

Greetings from The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin!

We are developing a grassroots advocacy network called The CILWW Community Action Team (CCAT) in our communities.

We are inviting you to be a part of this group to discuss issues that are important to you and how we as a group can make change happen in our world. Are these issues important to you?

- Do you have concerns with public accessibility?
- Do you understand and have concerns with long term health care in Wisconsin?
- Do you feel our communities need to be more educated on what it is like to live with a disability?
- Do you want to learn how to contact legislators?
- Do you want to learn how to write an effective letter? Learn where to get the facts



CCAT wants to focus on issues important to you. We want you to be a part of directing what issues to focus on and what steps need to be taken to start making positive change in our communities.

We are hoping you will join us to learn more about this group and other legislative advocacy options we have at the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (CILWW)

For more information please contact:

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Medicaid is a vital safety net for over 1.1 million Wisconsinites: working families, older adults, and adults and children with disabilities including mental illness, developmental disabilities and physical disabilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am on Family Care/IRIS. Will my Medicaid go away if the Governor's budget is passed?
2. What does a “freeze” on Family Care mean?
3. When will the Medicaid audit occur? What will happen as a result of the audit?
4. My county has not yet gotten an Aging and Disability Resource Center. Will we still get one in spite of the “freeze” on Family Care?
5. What do the Medicaid changes in the past budget repair bill mean?
6. Is Medicaid scheduled to be cut as part of the Governor's proposed budget?
7. Will I lose my prescription drug coverage through Medicaid if the budget passes? (con't)

8. Will people with disabilities lose their long-term care supports through Medicaid if the budget passes?
9. Does the Governor's budget call for people with disabilities to pay more for Medicaid?
10. How do I share my concerns about potential changes to Medicaid with policy makers?

Are these questions you or someone you know have asked? Do you want to find the answers? Join CCAT to meet and work with other advocates on these state issues and local issues in your communities.

WEBSITES:

WI Certified Peer Specialist Program

Greetings Everyone! Spread the good news! Please visit the new WI Certified Peer Specialist Employment Initiative website: www.wicps.org



CREDIT SCORE INFO

This very cool site offers free scores, guidance on how to improve them, and tools with which you can test certain scenarios' impact on them. creditkarma.com

"We Came Together: Wisconsin Reflects on the ADA's 20th Anniversary"

on Employment Network. To view this video, visit:

<http://employmentnetwork.ning.com/video/video/show?id=5136248%3AVideo%3A1576>

Save the Date

3rd Annual Youth Transition Conference

Jan 4, 2012

Located at UWEC Davies Center



WisLoan and Teletwork Programs

The Wisconsin Teletwork Loan Program is a statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites away from the office, such as work on the road or at a Teletwork center. The WisLoan program offers loans for assistive technology. The loans help people buy equipment such as hearing aids, modified vehicles, wheelchairs and ramps. The program is open to Wisconsin residents of all ages who have a disability. There are no income requirements, and individuals are not required to exhaust



personal or public funding. Under the program, banks provide loans at a fixed rate of 6.5% to qualified borrowers. Loan amounts depend on the item purchased and the ability to repay the loan.

Staff at the Center for Independent Living can answer your questions and take applications. For either program, contact CILWW at 800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070.

Fishing Has No Boundaries[®]



Chippewa Valley Chapter 2011 Fishing Event



Who : *Persons with disabilities, friends, family, guests, attendants*

What : *Two day event **PACKED** with fun, fishing, boating, eating!*

When : *August 20st & 21nd, 2011*



Where : *Paradise Shores, Lake Holcombe, Holcombe WI*

Why: *To open the world of fishing to people of all abilities!*

Provided: *Rods, reels, life vests, adaptive fishing equipment, bait, fish cleaning, boats, pontoons, guides, Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday cookout!*



Join us for a weekend of fun, fishing and camaraderie!

No Fishing license or experience needed!



Cost: \$50 for participants. 25 for guests, family and attendants.

For more information, donating or to register contact Tammy at:

1- 800- 228- 3287v/tty

715- 233- 1070v/tty

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Volunteers with Boats & Pontoons needed!!!

WisTech Loan and Demonstration Program

Some of our new equipment was purchased from memorials received in honor of **Grace Wood**. A huge thank you to her many friends and family for remembering CILWW with their generous donations. I had known Grace for many years. She was a wonderful woman and a great friend of our Center.

New items in the loan and demonstration program! If you are interested in trying or learning more about the devices in our program (over 2000 devices) please call the Center

The Wilson Recorder: Simple to use (only 3 buttons) digital recorder can store an unlimited number of messages up to 5 hours of recording time. Messages can be easily added or deleted and can be transferred to your computer using an included USB cable.

Vision Booster Magnifier for low Vision: Read fine print more easily and see family photos clearly. Easily connects to any computer monitor and allows you to view text and pictures magnified up to 24x on the screen. It's a handy, yet inexpensive device that makes it easier for those with low vision to view maps, recipe cards, crossword puzzles, medicine bottles, pictures, newspapers, books and magazines. Simply plug the Vision Booster into the USB port of your existing computer and place the mouse-shaped device on top of the print or image you want to view. It will magnify 12-point type to 1" high on a 17 monitor. The zoom function increased it up to 3" high. Requires USB 2.0 and Windows XP or Vista operating system; not compatible w/Windows 7.

EZREAD Electronic Magnifier: Simply place the ezRead directly on top of your reading material to display the magnified image in full color right on your television screen. Easily connects to the video input of your television in seconds using the supplied video cable. Internal LED illumination ensures that the image on the screen is bright and easy to read. The size of your television monitor determines the actual magnification of the item. The larger the monitor, the greater the magnification. Extra-long (nearly 11' video cable) allows you to sit a comfortable distance from the TV.

Easy Slice Folding Mandoline: Makes slicing all of your favorite vegetables and fruit quick and easy. It features a serrated stainless steel blade that is adjustable at the simple turn of a knob to provide four slicing thicknesses (1/32, 1/16, 3/16 and 1/4), plus an additional julienne option (5/16) gives you the perfect matchstick (french fry) cut. The included food holder gives you better control and keeps hands and fingers safely away from blade. A non-skid rubberized base and built-in stand keep the mandoline secure and in optimum cutting position.

Clarity® XL2™: Cordless phone provides loud and clear sound while keeping things simple. 50dB of amplification, tone control, speakerphone in handset, large buttons, loud 95dB ringer with visual indicator, talking caller ID/ talking keypads and more.

Amplicom Power Tel 680™ Amplified Corded Phone with Cordless Handset and Wrist Shaker: DECT 6.0 technology, 50dB of amplification, answering machine in corded base, tone control, speakerphone, loud 90dB ringer with visual indicator, and more. Wrist shaker vibrates in the event of an incoming call.

Apple iPad 2: It is a touch screen tablet that one can use to read books on, surf the internet, watch movies and many other things. We have purchased applications for it to assist a person for speech communication, budgeting, taking notes, organizing shopping lists, taking medications and more. This item is for demo only, we would be happy to spend a few hours with you to explore its uses.

TEPP OUTREACH GRANT 2011

The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin received a grant from Wisconsin's Universal Service Fund program. The purpose of this grant is to promote awareness of the Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP) and to demonstrate specialized telecommunication equipment to people with disabilities, service providers and the community at large. CILWW maintains a device Loan and Demonstration Program which has specialized telephones and communication devices available for a person to try out to determine what works best for them. Staff will assist with TEPP applications or provide information on purchasing equipment.

We are ordering new phones and accessories to offer more options. If you are interested in trying specialized telephone equipment, please give us a call at the Menomonie office 1-800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070 v/tty. Rice Lake office numbers are: 716-736-1800 or 866-419-1260 v/tty Eau Claire numbers are: 715-514-4200 or 877-577-8452 v/tty

The Medicaid Purchase Plan: What is Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP)?

The Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) offers people with disabilities who are working or interested in working the opportunity to buy health care coverage through the Wisconsin Medicaid Program. Depending on an individual's income, a premium payment may be required for this health care coverage.

What are the eligibility requirements? To qualify for MAPP, the following requirements must be met. The participant must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Reside in Wisconsin
- Have individual countable assets of less than \$15,000. (Countable assets including savings, life insurance policies, stocks or bonds. Non-countable assets include a home, a vehicle, and personal property.)
- Be determined (by the Department of Health and Family Services' Disability Determination Bureau) to have a disability.
- Have an adjusted family income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level.
- Be employed in a paid position or be enrolled in a certified Health and Employment Counseling (HEC) program.

What is the work requirement for MAPP?

A person meets the work requirement for MAPP if engaged in a work activity at least one time per month for payment. Payment for work activity can be money or an "in-kind" benefit. An "in-kind" benefit is an item that may be used to meet a person's food or shelter needs

What is the Health and Employment Counseling (HEC) program?

The Health and employment counseling (HEC) program is a way to gain Medicaid healthcare coverage while planning for employment. MAPP_HEC Specialist are available to help develop an employment plan. By developing a plan that is approved by the Department of Health Services (DHS), a HEC participant can enroll in MAPP for 9 months. Application for MAPP must be made prior to developing a HEC plan for employment.

What if I want more information on MAPP / HEC? (con't)

You may contact Denise Westin, MAPP / HEC Specialist with questions or for more information about the MAPP / HEC programs.

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New Freedom Volunteer Driver Program Volunteer Drivers Needed

Volunteer Drivers needed in your area to transport elderly and consumers with disabilities for shopping, medical, social, education, employment and other transportation needs. Reimbursement is at the current federal rate and includes mileage to and from your home. Requirements include: 1) Proof of auto insurance. 2) Valid driver's license. 3) Ability to keep detailed and accurate mileage records 4) Must be able to pass a background check. For more information contact Cliff at the Eau Claire CILWW satellite office 877-577-8452 or 715-514-4200.

The New Freedom Transportation Program would like to thank its financial supporters for 2010. They include: Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, United Way of St. Croix County, Luther Midelfort Foundation, Menomonie Community Health Fund, and the Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation. Through their support, our program was able to assist 765 individuals and make a grand total of 8,119 one-way trips. We greatly appreciate their support for this highly successful program.

Thank you!!!

New ADA Regulations are now In Effect

The Department of Justice's revised Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, which apply to businesses of all sizes that serve the public, took effect on March 15th.

The amended regulations contain many new or revamped provisions on general nondiscrimination policies. The new nondiscrimination provisions, except for those addressing hotel reservations, take effect immediately. Compliance with the hotel reservation provisions is not required until March 15, 2012. The rules also include the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards), which provide new and revised technical requirements for building accessibility. Newly constructed and altered facilities must be built in compliance with the 2010 Standards beginning March 15, 2012.

The Department has developed a guide to assist small businesses to understand their obligations under the revised rules. *ADA Update: A Primer for Small Business* is an illustrated guide with easy-to-understand language that provides an overview for complying with the revised regulations.

This publication is available at www.ADA.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm.

We encourage everyone to pass on this information and to call the toll-free ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY) with any questions regarding the revised regulations.
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We have also updated our [Disability Law Index](#) with the Department of Justice's new ADA Title II & Title III regulations that have now come into effect. The index was also updated to include the regulations that will become effective March 15, 2012.

The Disability Law Index contains federal statutes, regulations organized by subject and include court case opinions, and legal articles that help interpret federal disability-related laws. To view our index click on the link above or you can copy & paste the following link into your browser:
<http://www.swdbtac.org/html/topical/index.html> .

The DBTAC Southwest ADA Center is a program of ILRU (Independent Living Research Utilization), at TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston, Texas. The DBTAC is funded by a grant (H133A060091) from the Department of Education's [National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) (NIDRR).

For Sale:

Sit & Stand Lift, Invacare Reliant RPS-350, 2 years old. Was over \$3,000, sell for \$1,500 May 25th REDUCED TO \$500.00
OBO Call John at 715-595-6260.

Electric **Hospital bed** with **side rails** and very clean **mattress**, used 14 months. Asking \$160 Please call Marcy at 715-234-6059

Invacare **Sit & Stand Lift**, about 2 years old, \$5,000 new, sell for \$1700. Call Donna 715-790-7396

Tracer 5X5, manual, **Wheel chair**, condition is like new, one arm drive system, molded foot rest, etc. \$850 Call Ruth at 715-234-7292 to view.

Large Bicycle playing cards, \$10 per pack, have 4 packs, **Expanding Door hinge sets of two**, adds two inches to most doorways, have 6 packs, \$23.15 per set. Call Della at **CILWW** 715-233-1070 ext. 10, afternoons only.

DONATIONS:

Electric **hospital bed**, with rails and mattress, the second **hospital bed** has rails, mattress and overhead bar **with trapeze**, an **electric chair**, used twice by quadriplegic, chair will stay in place and turn 360 degrees, tilt, has head rest, but needs two new batteries which will cost \$150 - \$200 each. Call Hazel at Comfort of Homes in Menomonie Mon-Fri from 8 AM -4 PM or leave a message on weekends with person taking calls. 715-235-4980

CPAP portable machine, paid \$1800. Call Sandy at 715-458-4964

Electric hospital **bed** Call Tammy at 715-637-0117

2 **Nebulizers** Call Pam at 715-835-6976

2 **shower chairs**, **hospital bed** call Diane at United Way 715-235-3800

10 gallon **portable oxygen tank** and oxygen **concentrator**.
Call David 715-404-0339

Roll in Shower Chair and **Raised Toilet Seat**. Call Jessica at 715-222-6139

Hill-rom electric **hospital bed with mattress**. Equipped with electronic scale. Located in Chetek area. Contact Terry at 715-790-6328

LOOKING FOR:

Looking for a **Sit And Stand**, reasonably priced. Please call Don at 715-590-2888 (cell phone)

Are you helping your parents who are struggling to maintain their independence? Do you have a disability and need information on what program or services are available?
We can help



**aging & disability
RESOURCECENTER
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Eau Claire County Courthouse
721 Oxford Avenue, Room 1550
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715.839.4735 or 888.338.4636
tty: use Relay (711)
adrc@co.eau-claire.wi.us
www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/adrc

Helping You Put
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CILWW Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. is to empower persons with a disability to achieve full participation in society. The mission embodies the philosophy that this may be achieved through advocacy and provision of quality consumer controlled service.

