



Advocate November 2011

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.

Our Commitment to Systems Change

We at CILWW spend time talking to legislators, serving on committees and boards, working to make meaningful changes for individuals with disabilities in their lives. Throughout the years we have learned the impact that personal stories make. We need your story.

It can be about barriers to finding housing, transportation, health care or about trying to stay in your own home.

It can be about how CILWW programs and services have made a difference in living more independently.

Would you be willing to write your story or can staff assist with writing down your experiences with CILWW?

Contact us please 800-228-3287 or email cilww@cilww.com

Voter Photo ID Bill

On May 24th 2011 Governor Scott Walker signed into law, The Voter Photo ID Bill. This bill requires all Wisconsin voters to show a valid ID in order to receive a ballot. This disproportionately affects several subpopulations: ethnic and racial minorities, high school and college students, senior citizens and people with disabilities, women, and those with low incomes.

During the July special session, 10% of voters did not show up to the polls with a valid ID, while 18% of voters did not have a valid ID during the August special election. We feel that it is unacceptable to allow this law to stand in the way of your right to vote. It is our goal to assist you and make sure you are able to exercise this important right.

What is considered a valid ID?

- Wisconsin Driver's License
- Wisconsin Photo ID issued by Department of Transportation
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID card
- Unexpired Wisconsin Driver's License/State ID receipt
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian Tribe in Wisconsin

- Unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college. This must contain issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within 2 years of issuance, along with proof of current enrollment

How do I obtain a free valid ID?

The Department of Transportation will begin to issue Free State issued identification cards to any eligible voter who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and; requests the ID card for the purpose of voting.

A free ID card is not available under the following circumstances:

If you currently have a valid, unexpired driver license, you are not eligible under Wisconsin law to obtain an ID.

If you will not be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election.

If you already have a Wisconsin ID card that is not eligible for renewal (you may renew your ID card up to one year prior to its expiration date).

If you are not eligible to vote in Wisconsin

Go to dmv.gov or go to your local DMV to get your free Wisconsin ID.

You will need the following items:

Proof of Identity (social security card, military papers, marriage papers)

Proof of Residency (utility bill, pay stub, mortgage papers)

Proof of name, date of birth, proof of citizenship (certified birth certificate, valid passport, certificate of naturalization)

Your social security number

For additional information on this bill and how it will affect the voter turnout in Wisconsin, visit: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id>

Assistive Technology Day

Sponsored By:

Center for Independent Living For Western Wisconsin

Come browse current technology to assist in greater freedom for daily living

See and try equipment that aids hearing, vision and mobility

Ask questions during demonstrations on computer accessibility and software downloads

**November 28, 2011 9am-3pm
The Center's Office
202 Eau Claire Street, Ste 102
Eau Claire, WI
715-514-4200 v/tty
877-577-8452 (toll free)**

**December 2, 2011 9am-3pm
The Center's Office
312 W. Knapp St
Rice Lake, WI
715-736-1800 voice/tty
866-419-1260 (toll free)**

**December 5, 2011 9am-3pm
The Center's Office
2920 Schneider Ave, SE
Menomonie, WI
715-233-1070 Voice/TTY
800-228-3287 (toll free)**

Laws and Policy Changes you need to know about!!!

This new monthly report from The Center for Independent Living Western Wisconsin has been created to keep you up to date with policy changes, changes in law, political issues, and other important information pertaining to our world of disabilities.

Issue #1 Voter ID's

- **How may this affect you?** All potential voters must have a valid photo ID to vote. How will this affect your absentee ballot?
- **What can you do about it?** Find out now if you need to acquire a Wisconsin identification card to vote in the next election

Issue #2 Medicaid Budget Cuts

- **How may this affect you?** Existing services may be cut. No new enrollment.
- **What can you do about it?** Make contact with state representatives and tell your story.

Issue #3 Managed Care and IRIS

- **How may this affect you?** Enrollment caps and waiting lists. Concerns about services offered
- **What can you do about it?** Learn about self advocacy. Join the CILWW community action team.

Issue #4 Mental Health Services

- **How may this affect you?** Will you have continued insurance coverage? Concern for the future of recovery centers.
- **What can you do about it?** Join the CILWW community action team and tell your story.

Our goal is to inform and empower you to stand up for your rights, fight to have a level playing field, pursue your dreams, and live a prosperous life!!!

Do you want to affect change in your community, your state, or at the federal level? We are here to help you advocate for what you believe in.

Don't know how to advocate or what to advocate for? Come to one of our CCAT advocacy groups and learn some of the most effective advocacy skills and methods being used today. Connect with others who are fighting for the same cause.

Call us to receive more information on how this group may help you change your life situation.

1-800-228-3287

CCAT Meetings:

Eau Claire:
every 4th Monday 1-3pm
202 Eau Claire St, Ste 102

Rice Lake:
every 4th Tuesday 1-3pm
312 W Knapp St

Menomonie:
every 4th Wednesday 1-3pm
2920 Schneider Ave E

We meet once a month for about 90 minutes.



WisTech Loan and Demonstration Program

By Kay Sommerfeld

New items in the loan and demonstration program! If you are interested in trying or learning more about the devices in our program please call us!

Baggie Rack: This holder keeps the bag open and upright for easier filling



Cool Touch Microwave Bowl: The interior ceramic bowl heats food while the exterior plastic bowl with easy grip handles let you grab meals straight out of microwave

Battery Operated Stirr: three speed Stirr has soft blades and paddles. It puts less stress on your hands due to not needing to be holding and stirring at all times.



Ergonomic DuoGlide™ Kitchen Knives: Chef-quality, ergonomically designed blade gives you greater control; handle reduces discomfort and fatigue. DuoGlide™ Knives have soft textured handles that make them easy to grip at any angle for comfortable control.

Kulu Knives Round blade rolls over, rather than saws, to cut, mince or chop, making it less stressful to prepare food. Blade is made with high carbon stainless steel; thanks to the one-handed rocking motion, it retains a sharp edge longer than a straight edge



Mini Tongs: After a stroke or hand injury, a fork can be difficult to manage. The mini tongs have gripping ridges that help you pick up food and bring it to your mouth without spilling. Free of sharp edges, it has a soft, nonslip grip. Polypropylene. 5 1/8" L. Dishwasher safe.

Rotating Turbo Whisk: Unique design allows you to rotate whisk by pushing in a downward motion on the handle. Just grasp the whisk firmly by its handle and press it down into the bottom of your mixing bowl. As you apply direct downward pressure and release it back up, the whisk automatically spins.



Livescribe Echo Smart Pen: The Echo smartpen from Livescribe records everything you hear, say and write, while linking your audio recordings to your notes. Quickly replay audio from your Livescribe paper, a computer, or a mobile device - all with a simple tap on your handwritten notes. It's never been easier to take notes and stay organized. Record and Play Back; Save and Search; Send and Share; customize with downloadable applications.

Pebble Portable magnifier 3.5" :Pebble's small lightweight design makes it the perfect companion whether you're traveling or at home. This portable, handheld video magnifier can be carried in your pocket, purse or strapped onto your belt, and the only time you'll know Pebble is there is when you need it



New Apps for the I PAD: We have both a I pad and IPod that is for demonstration only. There are apps installed to help with communication. Some examples are Proloquo2go, Tap to talk and Assistive chat. We also have apps to help with organization including Shopping List, Grocery List, Organizer: to do, and Pill Tracker. Feel free to contact us to try out the apps listed above along with other ones we have.

Adaptive equipment needed.....

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc is an educational, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to opening up the great outdoors to individuals with disabilities through the world of fishing. Adaptive equipment is an essential piece to providing this opportunity. If you or someone you know have adaptive fishing equipment, **especially electric reels**, and would like to donate to provide an opportunity for someone else, please contact our National office at 800-243-3462.

Fishing Has No Boundaries®



Help Make the Rice Lake Area United Way Fund Raising a Success

Holly Auction & Taste of the Holly Days for the Rice Lake Area United Way

A Fun Holiday Affair
Wednesday, December 7, 6-9 p.m.
Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441
Sponsored by Toboggan Run Dental

The 14th Annual Holly Auction for the Rice Lake Area United Way joins with the Taste of the Holly-Days to bring a unique FUN holiday affair. The evening includes the popular silent auction of gifts, collectibles, art work, crafts and certificates for dinners, things to do and places to go. There will be sampling of the holiday 'flavors' of Northwest Wisconsin -- food, wine, cheeses and beers, as well as chefs and catering services offering their specialties. The evening will be capped off by the drawing for the Grand Door Prize of a \$2011 Travel Voucher generously donated by Century Link. And during the bidding, sampling and mingling -- the acoustical pop sounds of Maven.

And Have Fun Too!

National Disability Employment Awareness Month The Bureau of the Census has compiled a series of statistics for National Disability Employment Awareness Month regarding individuals with disabilities. These include:

- In the U.S. 54 million people have a disability
- Of that, 12.3% are women, compared to 11.6 % of men
- West Virginia has the highest percentage of people with a disability at 18.8% of the population
- Utah has the lowest percentage of people with a disability at 8.9% of the population
- Difficulty hearing is experienced by 10.2 million people, 5.8 million of these are 65 or older
- Visual difficulties account for 6.5 million people
- Approximately 13.5 million people have trouble concentrating or making decisions, 2.1 million of these are 5 to 17 years of age
- Roughly \$35.3 billion has been received by veterans for service connected disabilities for 2008
- Around 21% of the population ages 16 and older with a disability are below the poverty level
- Nearly 72% of disabled people 16 and older are not in the work force

For additional information on these statistics, please visit:

http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb11-ff14.html

3rd Annual Youth Transition Conference For Teens And Young Adults With Disabilities And Their Families



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for teens and young adults with disabilities and their families.*

*A new look,
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Alcohol and Drug Abuse Project Focuses on People Who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing

By Denise Johnson, AODA Coordinator

I am the Project Coordinator to improve AODA outcomes for persons who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing in Wisconsin. This project is funded by the State of Wisconsin and operated through the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC). I work out of Independence *First*.

I want to inform you about the educational materials that are available for anyone to borrow FREE from our resource library.

We have many materials available, including books, videos, DVDs and visual aids on topics such as: Deaf Culture, Hard of Hearing, Mental Health, HIV Prevention and Sexuality, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention/Education and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Legal Rights to name just some of the materials available.

Persons who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing will find many excellent learning materials, and AODA treatment providers and interpreters will find numerous resources for working with these populations.

How can you access these great resources?

1. Log onto the website www.wisconsinat4all.com
2. Click on "Request for New Account" and fill in the requirements and the agreement terms.
3. Once you are signed up and logged on, click on "Items," then find "Program," and then click on DeafAODAwI. This will automatically lead you to all of the DeafAODAwI lists. You are also welcome to explore many other resources on this site.
4. If you find something you'd like to borrow, please click on "Request for Loan."
5. We will send you the item to the address that you set on your account, along with a self-return stamp sticker for you to return the item back to us at no charge to you!

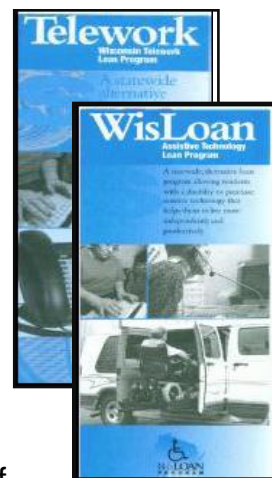
Please note that we also loan Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) for FREE. These devices can be used for free by any person with hearing loss who is participating in AODA residential or outpatient treatment services, AODA counseling, AA/NA/CA, Al-Anon or other peer recovery groups, meetings, workshops, conferences and trainings.

For more information, contact me at (414) 226-8319 Direct TTY, (866) 716-3481 VP Relay, (414) 937-5910 Direct VP or djohnson@independencefirst.org.

Wisloan and Telework Programs

The Wisconsin Telework 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 Telework 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST?

THE CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALISTS GOALS ARE TO:

- ◆ FOCUS ON MENTAL ILLNESS RECOVERY
 - ◆ PROMOTE WELLNESS
 - ◆ FACILITATE SELF-DIRECTION
 - ◆ FOSTER INDEPENDENT LIVING
- ◆ ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR CHOSEN GOALS

PEER SPECIALISTS ARE EXAMPLES OF RECOVERY WITH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING. CONSIDER A REWARDING CAREER EXPERIENCE BY BECOMING A WISCONSIN CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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FOR SALE:

Shoprider Scooter Model Sovereign, 1 year old, used about 10 days. New \$2300, asking \$1000. Call Judy 715-637-5741

Scooter Power Chair one year old used about 2 months. Reduced from \$4,000 to \$1,000 and is negotiable. Call Teresa at 715-828-5417 or 715-658-1454.

2 Electric hospital beds with mattresses. \$125.00 each OBO. Call Roger at 715-836-9150

Wheelchair/Scooter carrier with removable tri-fold ramp. Like new! \$100, Firm. Call Kari Ann at 715-828-3718

LX Chair lift for stairs used about 2 years. \$3,000 or make an offer. Call Glenn at 715-271-0759 (cell phone)

2002 Endres Akkulift electric **bath tub lift.** Needs a new battery. (about \$150). Call Kari Ann at CILWW 715-233-1070 ext. 207 and leave message.

Quickie Freestyle heavy duty wheelchair, **Model F11**, 14" drive wheels, joy stick, 5 speed, 2 new batteries (were \$200 each). REDUCED TO \$1,000 Please call Dory at 715-514-4002.

Two twin **adjustable beds w/mattresses & box springs**, adjusts head/foot & vibrates and remote. 4 years old. Great condition. Paid \$1500 for each. Asking #1350.00 for both or \$750.00 each. Will be available after 9/11/11 in Independence WI. . Call Dori,- 715-836-9390 Leave message and she will return your call.

Bruno SRE 1550 **stairs chair lift**. Was \$4,000. Sell for \$950. 2 sections, 8 foot and 6 foot, can be used together for 13 foot stairs. Call M. S. T. at 715-723-2107 or cell phone is 715-529-4078.

Lift Chair (med brown fabric) gently used. Asking \$275, Call Kathryn 715-458-4133

Power Scooter Chair (from Scooter Store but not a Hoveround) Model AE244000:A24030-9C \$1,100. Used about a week. **Folding Ramp**, 4 ft, aluminum \$150. Never used. Call 715-296-5073 or 715-822-8687

Hospital bed with gel foam mattress \$100 (like new). Call Dan 715-566-0700

Jazzy GT Power Chair, used about 1 ½ years \$400.00 call Sue 715-879-4443 or 715-590-4028 cell phone,

Large Bicycle playing cards, \$10 per pack, have 4 packs, Call **CILWW** 715-233-1070 ext. 201

Medical Equipment: **brown** reclining lift chair \$100, 2005 red Jazzy elevating power chair &800, 1999 tan Jazzy power chair \$200, commode \$10, forearm crutches \$10, walker \$10, Bruno curb side lift for Ford Windstar \$1000, black lt wt Kuschall wheel chair \$100, Vista metal wheel chair \$100, 6 ft multifold ramp \$100
Call Fond du Lac 920-923-2190

DONATIONS:

Model 110 Easy Pivot Lift with manual. 6-7 years old, needs few adjustments. Pick up in Hudson, WI Call Carolyn at 715-386-1409

Scooter, call Bonnie at 715-829-2291

Stand up Lift (Model RPS 350-1) contact Alfred at 715-234-3224

LOOKING FOR:

2 wheeled walker, call Joann Phernetton at Northern Bridges 715-646-1477 101111-011112

Manual lightweight wheelchair, (not a transport chair) to fit 5'3", 200 lb. person. Call 715-514-2659
091411-121411

Used van with wheelchair capabilities. Call Clyde 715-837-1856 091411-121411

Wheelchair **ramp for car**. Call Marlene 715-924-4691 062011-092911

Electric bed, queen size, bed must move up and down and headrest must move up and down 715-595-6260 063011-093011

CAMP QUEST 2012

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR CAMP QUEST 2012 BROCHURES!

Our next annual 2012 Camp Quest will be held in a new location at Kamp Kenwood in Chippewa Falls towards the end of August.

Camp Quest is a cross disability camp for young adults with disabilities ages 14-21 from the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk and St. Croix. It is a two day, one overnight camp

Activities include but are not limited to: Fishing, swimming, crafts, dance with DJ, sports, and much more!

We are always looking for volunteers! Please contact our center for more information!



Fishing has no boundaries inc.

The event of 2011 proved to be a great success. With 57 anglers and over 80 volunteers, many fish were caught and great times were experienced. The Lake Holcombe School and community were again are greatest volunteers along with many other contributor's including; Paradise Shores , Cabela's (reel totes), Zacho Sports Center (pontoon), Holcombe Sports Shop (bait), Premium Waters (bottled water), Big Minnow (minnows), FHNB Hayward Chapter (pontoon & ramps), and many others.



The event demonstrated that individuals with disabilities enjoy actively participating in the sport of angling.

Save the date for next year's event. August 18th & 19th, 2012!!!



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



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
The Pieces Together



*Signs Available at CILWW
Disabled Parking Sign \$25
Van Accessible Sign \$15
1-800-228-3287 or 233-1070*

The Advocate is available upon request in various formats including Braille, large print, e-mail notice, computer disk and audiotape.

Our website also displays a text version of our most current version issue.

If you are receiving more than one copy of the Advocate or wish to be removed from the mail list please call our Menomonie office.

If you are currently on our Advocate mailing list and have Internet access please consider being notified by e-mail and contact cilww@cilww.com

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.

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