

ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE, INC.



A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER
SERVING THE COUNTIES OF
COLUMBIA, DANE, DODGE
AND GREEN IN SOUTH
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Who is ATI?

Access to Independence (ATI) is a non-profit, consumer-controlled Independent Living Center (ILC) that provides an array of services to people of ANY age and with ANY type of disability in the counties of Columbia, Dane, Dodge and Green in south-central Wisconsin. If we do not serve your county, give us a call and we can refer you to the right center.

ILC's are a nationwide network of consumer-controlled agencies, where the majority of board and staff are people with disabilities. Through our Independent Living (IL) Philosophy, we assist people to develop the tools and skills to make informed choices for themselves and work to increase the choices available to people with disabilities.

ATI provides its services under the principles of the Independent Living Philosophy that explicitly provides for the right of a person to:

- ◆ Make their own choices
- ◆ Manage their own affairs
- ◆ Live as independently as they choose in the community

Who can receive services from ATI?

- ◆ People of ANY age and with ANY type of disability (no screening or eligibility tests)
- ◆ Friends, family members and others who assist people with disabilities
- ◆ Businesses and the general public
- ◆ Anyone who may need disability services or information about disability services

How Services are Provided?

ATI Staff provides an array of services to assist people with disabilities in making informed decisions about their disability-related needs, as well as providing empowerment to meet those needs. All of our services are consumer directed as the individual decides which services they wish to participate in. For consumers who choose, they may work with staff to establish goals and determine the steps to meet those goals.

If you require an interpreter, materials in alternative formats, or any other accommodations to access our programs and services, please contact us at least 72 hours prior to allow for arrangements. Thank You!

How to Reach Us

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OUR MISSION

Access to Independence advocates and educates to support and empower people with disabilities.

CORE SERVICES

Information and Referral

Information about disability-related issues, resources and services are available to people with disabilities, families, professionals and the general public.

Peer Support

Staff and trained volunteers are available to persons with disabilities who are looking for support and assistance. Peer support volunteers can assist an individual to learn how to cope with his/her disability through sharing of real-life experiences.

Independent Living Skills Training

Staff provides both group and one-on-one assessment and training in areas including budgeting, transportation, computer skills, cooking and much more!

Advocacy

Individual: Teaching individuals how to communicate to obtain necessary support services from the community, as well as providing advocacy services.

Systems: ATI directly advocates for changes in local, state and federal systems that impact people with disabilities.

Grassroots: ATI offers anyone in our 4-county region the opportunity to be informed and empowered about disability issues at any level, as well as the chance to be a part of a local group to bring change on local issues. We do this through our ActionNet program (see brochure)

OTHER SERVICES

Assistive Technology

Demonstration and Loan Closet: ATI is home to hundreds of devices that are available for demonstration in our office or in a person's home or place of employment. Many of the items in the closet are also available for short-term loan.

Funding for Assistive Technology: ATI can assist people with finding funding sources to pay for AT, and offers three funding sources through our office. These funding programs include Wisloan, Telework and TEPP (see brochures).

Accessibility Assessments: ATI can provide informal assessments to individuals who wish to make their homes accessible or improve accessibility. Government entities and businesses can also hire ATI for a formalized assessment of their programs, services and physical accessibility, including 504 assessments.

Youth Programs and Services

Peer Power: Provides youth with disabilities in high school the skills to actively participate in planning for their future, including identifying goals and steps to achieve those goals.

Recreation: ATI facilitates and supports a wheelchair ice hockey and a wheelchair basketball program for youth of high school age.

Services for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Individual assistance and group classes available for IL skills and educations, interpreter information, and specialized assistive technology information.

OTHER SERVICES

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Public Benefits Assistance

ATI staff are able to assist people with the complicated world of public benefits. Staff can assist people with applying for Social Security benefits including SSI and SSDI. Assistance is also available for completing the application materials for programs such as Medicaid, MAPP or Foodshare. Work incentives benefits analyses are also available.

Nursing Facility Transition & Diversion

ATI will work with individuals and their formal and informal supports to ensure that a person is able to live in the setting of their choice, and that barriers are overcome and independence maintained.

Disability Awareness and Community Education

ATI strives to build fully inclusive communities that value people with disabilities and respect our differences. ATI educates the communities in our region through presentations on disability awareness and etiquette, federal laws and pending legislation, and other independent living issues.

Fee-For-Services

ATI has a menu of specialized services that are available for a flat fee or at an hourly rate. Please see our separate brochure for more information, or contact ATI today!



HELP SUPPORT



Access to Independence provides a significant number of programs and services, to a large and growing number of citizens in our region. Help ATI meet the needs of our communities throughout the region by making a donation of any size. All contributions are used to further our mission, and are tax-deductible..

You can pay by check or money order, or visit our website at www.accesstoind.org and make a safe and secure payment through your PayPal account

Please make checks payable to:
Access to Independence, Inc.

Mail to our address on this brochure.

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THANK YOU!