

2016 Mission Statement

NICIL is committed to promoting and delivering the Independent Living Philosophy throughout Northwestern Illinois.

Our pledge is to cordially assist all persons with disabilities in an efficient compassionate and compliant manner while seeking out agency growth opportunities.

Frequently Asked Questions about NICIL

How did we come up with this mission statement? We (NICIL Board of Directors and NICIL team members) work for several months to determine the direction we wanted to go in while following the path that we needed to. Not an easy task!

What's it mean? It means that we are dedicated to doing everything we can to support the choices of independent living with our consumers. We are a consumer driven/focus organization. The consumer determines their direction and we come up with resources and guidance when needed to make that happen.

Who makes it happen? That is easy, yet difficult to put into words. Our consumer's select the goals they want to achieve, whether that is something like looking for employment or looking for housing and everything in between. We sit down with our consumer and together make a plan to achieve their goals. We don't work harder than our consumers, we work together to achieve goals.

Who pays for NICIL services? Our funding comes through a contract through the Department of Human Services under the Division of Rehabilitation Services. NICIL are not state of Illinois employees, we are our own independent corporation. We do follow our contract guidelines and in return we are reimbursed through our contract by the State of Illinois. There are no charges to our consumers for our programs or services. There may be a charge for some of our classes and workshops.

What happens if state funding is cut or eliminated? We hope and pray that does not happen, but if it does because we are our own corporation can see other revenue sources or sadly some services may have to be cut. That is why we advocate frequently about our services and you can help too by clicking on our Action for Advocacy page and support our efforts. We also accept donations!

If you have questions about NICIL services, programs, or are looking for information we haven't provided, please contact us at 815-625-7860 or at frontdesk@nicil.org