

NICIL

Northwestern Illinois
Center for Independent Living

Serving NW Illinois since 1985
Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living
412 Locust St.
Sterling, IL 61081
815-625-7860 or visit our website at www.nicil.org

NICIL History and Facts

Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL) is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities live the independent life that they choose. We have served the Northwestern Illinois area since 1985 and we are growing! Here are some fast facts about NICIL:

Name: Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL)

Offices:	Main Office	Branch Office
	Sterling	Oregon
	412 Locust St.	810 10 th St.
	Sterling, IL 61081	Oregon, IL 61061
	815-625-7860	815-732-0045

Website: www.nicil.org

Service Area: Carroll County
Jo Daviess County
Lee County
Ogle County
Whiteside County

NICIL Incorporation: November 26, 1985

Status: 501 (c) 3 Not for Profit Corporation in good standings
NICIL is a State of Illinois-Department of Human Services contractor

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.

Annual Budget: Fiscal Year 2015 all programs - \$475,000 approximately

51% 51% of NICIL Management, Team Members, and Board of Directors are e people with disabilities. NICIL has met or exceeded that percentage.

Leadership: NICIL Board of Directors
Executive Director – Michele Miller
Fiscal Manager – Amy Jo Reed
Program Manager – Emily Witt

Number of Employees: Nine (9) full time employees

Volunteers: Seven dedicated volunteers with over 1,450 hours for FY 15

Programs: Programs Offered at NICIL:

- Personal Assistance Program
- Community Reintegration Program
- Independent Living Program
- Education and Outreach Programs
- Deaf Services Program

Detailed information regarding Programs is located under separate cover.

Services: Services Offered at NICIL:

- Advocacy
- Peer Support
- Information and Referral
- Independent Living Skills
- Transitional Services

Detailed information regarding Services is located under separate cover.

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History

NICIL began in November 1985 as one of the original five (5) Centers for Independent Living (CIL's). It was a very proud moment to mark that history for the disability movement in Illinois. Many, many people dedicated to the rights for people with disabilities work hard to make this happen. Meanwhile the Americans with Disability Act (1990, ADA) were underway and it would take another five (5) years before that landmark legislation would get passed. If you have never experienced the Independent Living Movement history, we encourage you to search for the video "Capital Crawl" and watch the heroic and brave efforts of the history of the ADA.

NICIL has had three (3) offices in our 30 years with two locations in the Rock Falls area, and one at our current location 412 Locust Street, in downtown Sterling. Our historic building recently remodeled reminds of our long history of structure in northwestern Illinois.

Many people have worked at NICIL since the start in 1985; the list would go on for pages! We thank every one of those dedicated people for the contributions to the past and future of NICIL.

Programs and services have changed but our core has always been to serve our consumers with care, dedication, and support for the life they choose to live. We may assist in many areas, with each experience for the NICIL team rewarding and worth the effort. It is an honor and a privilege to work with our consumers.

Where do we go from here?

We have learned a lot in 30 years! 2015 proved to be a challenge on to itself with the budget impasse. We learned that we need to continue to serve but we need to look for new programs that can contribute to our revenues. We are working on those ideas now and what to you see what we have planned for the next few years!

Our biggest lesson learned from the budget impasse of 2015 was how important our consumers are to us and we are to them. Letters emails, and phone calls with our consumers have been inspiring, heart wrenching and often left us speechless on the impact we have been a part of in their lives. We thank you for that support, it means everything to us!

A word from our sponsors...

Programs and services offered at NICIL are funded through a contract from the State of Illinois- Department of Human Services under the Division of Rehabilitation services.