

You have a choice!

Need long term care? You have options. You may be able to live in the community utilizing in-home services and community programs.

We can provide information and referrals, advocacy, skills training, and peer counseling. We can help with housing, personal needs, meals, visiting nurse services, and case management. We empower people with disabilities to achieve and maintain their independence.



Domingos is a young man who was injured in a car accident. He was successfully transitioned from a rehabilitation facility and is now living at home.

SCIL does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, color, sexual preference, national origin, age or disability.



SCIL assisted Pat in finding resources for a ramp, so that she was no longer housebound and could remain living successfully in the community.

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SCIL is a member of the Aging and Disability Resource Consortium Southeast (ADRCSE).



Transition Into Community Living



Chris was another successful transition from a nursing home to his own apartment.

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What Can We Do?

The Southeast Center for Independent Living is willing to assist facility residents to return home or move into a new type of residence from the nursing home. We believe that people have the right to live in the least restrictive setting possible. In fact, this is what was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1999 in the Case *Olmstead v. L.C.*

We know that the majority of nursing home and rehabilitation hospital residents would prefer to return home or to some other residence if at all possible. The array of housing, medical and social service resources required to make this move a reality is complicated. It often takes a lot of time, patience, and perseverance to pull things together.

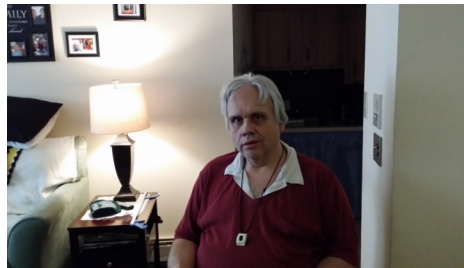
Southeast Center for Independent Living has staff who have the time and expertise to assist nursing home residents. Together we can determine what is needed and what is available for resources to make the move back into the community a success.

What is Independent Living?

Independent living is having control over your life and being able to make your own decisions. You control the direction of your life and pursue a more independent lifestyle.

Some Ways We Can Help

- ◆ Determine what kind of residential options are needed and available
- ◆ Assist with the housing search
- ◆ Make referrals for in-home care
- ◆ Explore and explain transportation options
- ◆ Assist in finding sources for medical supplies and adaptive equipment
- ◆ Explore and explain financial benefits
- ◆ Advocate for needed resources when obstacles arise
- ◆ Assist with home/vehicle modifications
- ◆ Provide or arrange for peer support
- ◆ Continue to be involved after the move takes place
- ◆ Empower you to live an independent life and make your own choices



Take control of your life-give us a call!

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What is The Southeast Center for Independent Living?

Southeast Center for Independent Living offers the following services to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve their independence. All of our services are free.

- ◆ Peer Counseling
- ◆ Skills Training-teaching skills necessary to be independent, such as money management, hiring and managing pca services, accessing public transportation
- ◆ Information and Referral
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Assistive Technology
- ◆ Social/Recreational Activities
- ◆ Money Follows the Person (MFP)

We also provide certain services to the communities in our service areas. Such services might include dealing with issues such as community access monitoring, consultation on the American with Disabilities Act, outreach and training to other service providers and systemic advocacy on a national, state or community level to make our environment more accessible to people with disabilities.

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