Meet The Staff

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Services ILS Provides

Independent Living Skills (ILS) Training services develop, maintain, and improve the community living skills of a person.

List of services that ILS does provide including but not limited to:

- **Interpersonal skills and communication** - Learning how to respond to people in a socially appropriate way. Learning what touches are ok like handshakes, hugs, etc...
- **Safety and self-defense** - Learning how to report abuse, and defend against abuse.
- **Leisure and recreation** - Find activities both at home and in the community that the individuals enjoy doing, and make them happy.
- **Help finding affordable, accessible housing** - Search apartments, and resources for place the individual can feel at home, and best fits their personal needs.
- **Problem solving assistance** - Assist individuals to work through problems in their personal lives, work, staffing, and other issues that arise.
- **Household management and organization** - Ensure that the individuals live in a home that is safe for them and for outside visitors.
- **Transportation resources** - Assist in learning how to use public transportation, Metro Mobility, Medical transportation, and Airlines when needed.

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Are designed to empower individuals with brain injury and/or other physical disabilities reach their highest level of independence through personalized training.

- **Time management** - Assist individuals to use resources that will ensure that they arrive on time to appointments, special occasions and work related activities.
- **Meal planning, grocery shopping and cooking** - Assist individuals that have special dietary needs to plan menus that fit into the diet plan. Write out lists for grocery shopping, assist with cooking as needed.
- **Housing stability** - Assist individuals in recertification's for housing, assisting to report damage, or maintenance issues to appropriate persons. Make lists for things that need to be done before inspections.
- **Money Management** - budgeting for personal needs, food, and activities. Assisting in paying bills, such as rent, electricity, credit cards. Assist in budgeting to pay off debts.
- **Memory compensation strategies** - Assist in designing ways for individuals to remember important dates, medical, dental, and other appointments. Assisting in remembering who people are, and places they have been or need to go.
- **Coordination and connection to community services** - Assist individuals in finding resources in the community to help them be independent as possible. Connecting with Fire, and police departments, finding volunteer opportunities, Grants and emergency assistance when needed.
- **Health management** - Assist individuals to find medical professionals that best suit their needs. Set up medical rides as needed.