

OUR SISTER AGENCY: INDEPENDENT IN-HOME SERVICES

INDEPENDENT IN-HOME SERVICES FAQ

1) How many years has Independent In-Home Services been providing Services?

IIHS is in its 9th year of providing In-Home services to Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Douglas, Wright, Texas and Shannon Counties.

2) What kinds of services are offered through In-Home Services?

Through In-Home, individuals may be eligible for personal care, homemaker services, respite and nursing services. The personal care and homemaker services are medical-related and household tasks are provided as an alternative to nursing facility care. These services are designed to meet the maintenance needs of individuals with chronic health conditions. Respite services are maintenance and supervisory and may be provided to a participant in an individual's home to provide relief for the regular care giver(s). Nursing services are provided to the client on a weekly basis or monthly basis depending on the authorized service.

- **3)** Are there in-home services available for children? All in-home care recipients are required to be at least 18 years of age. There is a program called "Healthy Children and Youth" where children may be eligible. Call the office of the Department of Health and Senior Services in your county to inquire.
- 4) Why should I choose Independent In-Home Services as a provider?

We are committed to providing the best possible services to our clients. Our mission at Independent In-Home Services is dedicated to providing quality in-home services and will be an industry leader, committed to improving and enhancing an individual's quality of life. We believe that the elderly and disabled should have the right to remain independent in their home as long as their health allows it. Additionally, our in-home staff is provided with classroom training, on-the-job-training, along with having to pass a drug screening and background screening before they can be hired at Independent In-Home Service.

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"See the Ability in Disability"

If you are interested in receiving important information regarding disability issues from Jefferson City, MO, or Washington, D.C., please provide O.I.L. with your email address. Our office will place your email address on a list to receive immediate news regarding legislative disability issues. Please contact Cindy Moore: 256-8714 or 1-888-440-7500 or email: info@ozarkcil.com

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Waiting for the state budget to come together and get approved. Hopefully by the time

you get this the budget will be well on its way.

Recently I attended a meeting for the Missouri Arthritis Advisory Board. <u>www.moarthritis.org</u> is the website for this organization. Do you have, or know someone who has arthritis? There is so much activity assisting people with arthritis; besides basic information there are toolkits, exercise programs, nutrition programs etc. For more information call our office.

Rain, rain, go away . . . come again another day. Probably by July 1 it will turn off like a tap! Right when we need it! Seldom does summer weather close the office but I guess it could happen with the prospect of tornado season. If this office is ever closed due to weather PLEASE call and leave your information on the main phone line. If the weather is questionable and you have an appointment within the office that day, CALL to make sure that the office is open. I believe in 20 years we've only been closed a couple of days and possibly have been closed a dozen partial days.

Just remember that no matter how busy WE are, there's always time to talk to YOU. Between our **Independent Living Dept., Consumer Directed Services Dept.,** and our **In-Home Services** business this office has an answer for anyone dealing with disability issues – all under the umbrella of the **only** <u>Center for Independent Living</u> in this area. Call or come by!

Regards, Cindy

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What is the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council?

Independent Living Philosophy - The independent living concept is based on the philosophy that people with all types of disabilities should have the same civil rights as those without disabilities. They have a right to control their lives based on options that minimize their reliance on others.

History - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in Section 705, required the establishment of the Statewide Independent Living Council. The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) were created in the late 1960s at the University of California at Berkeley. Federal funding for operations for independent living became available in 1978.

Purpose - The purpose of the Statewide Independent Living Council is to:

- Develop, sign, and submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), in cooperation with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB).
- Monitor, review, and evaluate implementation of the SPIL.
- Support the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and advocate for disability rights and related issues.
- Gather and disseminate information, conduct studies, develop model policies, conduct training on independent living issues, provide outreach to unserved and underserved populations, and work to expand and improve independent living services in Missouri.

Membership - The Statewide Independent living Council meets quarterly (in February, May, August, and November) in Jefferson City and other locations around the state. Information on meetings, minutes, the SPIL, membership, etc., can be accessed on the SILC website or by calling the SILC. Meetings are open to the public and accommodations must be requested at least three days before a meeting.

Achievements - Since its inception, The Statewide Independent Living Council has:

- Established a network of 22 CILs in the state which brings independent living centers within a reasonable distance for the most people with disabilities.
- Created and maintain a comprehensive resource manual online to assist new centers in all phases.
- Collaborate and help plan ongoing annual training conferences for all CIL staff and board members, in cooperation with VR and RSB.
- Increased involvement of CIL staff in decision-making processes and committee membership.
- Established a website to inform the public of SILC activities.
- Instituted quality control measures through the use of outcomes measurement surveys.

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE IT TO TEE IT"



Guiding Eyes for the Blind is an internationally accredited nonprofit that provides guide and service dogs - offering individuals and families greater independence.



Hosted by Eli Manning

Although held in New York this is great support information

Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs and autism service dogs – enabling freedom for people to achieve life's goals. The dogs, training and lifetime support are free of charge to blind and visually impaired people and families with children with autism. The Golf Classic is Guiding Eyes' largest annual fundraiser and brings in significant revenue to support its work.

An amazing host . . . New York Giants quarterback and two-time Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning returns to host the June 8th Golf

Classic for the ninth year. Eli greets golfers during the day and attends the cocktail and dinner receptions in the evening. Manning shares, "Since I've been a part of this, I've learned so much about how these dogs affect lives. Every year, I listen to people tell their story about how they're able to accomplish so much more, and to fulfill so many different talents in their lives because of having guide dogs. That's been very rewarding for me."

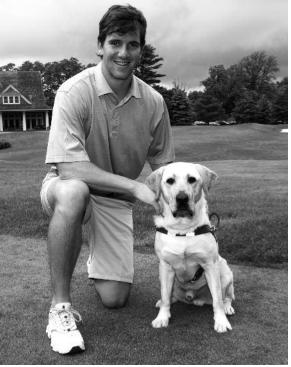
Inspiring athletes . . . On June 7th, some of the country's top blind golfers compete for the Corcoran Cup – considered the master's invitational of blind golf. The United States Blind Golf Association (USBGA) believes, **"you don't have to see it to tee it,"** and the talents of their golfers speak to this mantra. On June 8th, USBGA players circulate the golf courses, offering sighted golfers the chance to hit a ball blindfolded.

Extraordinary dogs . . . Guiding Eyes breeds and trains some of the most remarkable Labrador retrievers in the world. Both puppies and young adult dogs in training participate in the Golf Classic; they make friends with guests and pose for photographs.

Incredible support . . . The Golf Classic raises funds through sponsorships, raffle ticket sales and our live, silent and online auctions. Learn more about how you can get involved: contact info@guidingeyes.org or 914.243.2238.







MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES BEST BUDDIES PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Funded by a \$120,000 MGM Resorts donation, the partnership will support job placement while offering on the job support

LAS VEGAS, March 31, 2015 /PRNewswire? – Building on its commitment to workplace diversity and inclusion, MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is pleased to announce its partnership with Best Buddies Nevada to promote employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

With the help of a \$120,000 MGM Resorts donation, Best Buddies Nevada will support a candidate selection process that will provide persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) with opportunities for employment in jobs specified by MGM Resorts. For those candidates hired, Best Buddies Nevada will offer special on-the-job training and other workplace support in collaboration with the company.

The mission of Best Buddies Jobs program the nonprofit matches skilled and qualified persons with IDD with businesses that are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated employees.

For more information about MGM Resorts' Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, please visit: www.mgm.com/csr.

Tornado Safety

Visit: http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tornado

Tornadoes are violent by nature. They are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornado intensities are classified on the Fujita Scale with ratings between F0 (weakest) to F5 (strongest). Although severe tornadoes are

more common in the Plains States, tornadoes have been reported in every state.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate imminent danger to life

and property. Go immediately under ground to a basement, storm cellar or an interior room (closet, hallway or bathroom).



U.S Department of Veterans Affairs

VIDEO-ON-DEMAND CHILDREN'S TV PROGRAMMING Now Accessible for Thousands of Students with Visual or Hearing Disabilities

The US. Department of Education today announced the availability of free, video-on-demand children's television programming for thousands of students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing. Dozens of children's and family TV Episodes may now be viewed online featuring closed captioning and descriptions through the Education Department's Accessible Television Portal project:

(http://www.dcmp.org/accessible-television). Among the shows: "Oceans Mysteries," "Magic School Bus," "Bill Nye the Science Guy," "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," "Expedition Wild" and "Peg + Cat."

The portal is part of the Department-funded Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP) (http://www.dcmp.org/). It includes video-on-demand content provided at no cost by the major television networks, as well as producers and distributors like PBS Kids, Sesame Workshop, Cartoon Network, Sprout (NBC), the Fred Rogers Company, Scholastic Media, Litton Entertainment, Out of the Blue and Fremantle Television.

To view the content, teachers and school personnel, parents, and other professionals working with qualified students can visit www.dcmp.org (http://www.dcmp.org) and apply for access to the portal.

Once approved, accessible content can be used with, and by, students in the classroom and at home via the Web, mobile phones and tablets, mobile apps, and set-top boxes. The portal itself is fully accessible to those with sensory impairments. Children with disabilities can locate any featured program without difficulty.

Earthquake Preparedness

An earthquake is a sudden rapid shaking of the earth caused by the breaking and shifting of rock beneath the earth's surface. Earthquakes strike suddenly, without warning and they can occur at any time of the year, day or night. Forty-five states and territories in the United States are at moderate to very high risk of earthquakes, and they are located in every region of the country. Learn how to prepare for an earthquake with the following safety tips provided by the American Red Cross. Visit: <u>http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/earthquake</u>

Are You at Increased Risk from Earthquakes?

Contact your local emergency management office, local American Red Cross, state geological survey or department of natural resources for specific information about your community's risk. However, bear in mind:

Mobile Homes and homes not attached to their foundations are at particular risk during an earthquake.

Buildings with foundations resting on landfill and other unstable soils are at increased risk of damage.

Did You Know? Doorways are no stronger than any other part of a structure so don't rely on them for protection! During an earthquake, get under a sturdy piece of furniture and hold on, it will help shelter you from falling objects that could injure you during an earthquake.

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Missouri Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing 573-526-5205

MO HealthNet Service Center 888-275-5908

National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke 800-787-6537

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind 800-592-6004