

## WE BELIEVE

- That all of the citizens of our community have value and worth.
- That our community is made stronger through the contribution of its diverse citizenry.
- That as an agency we must be “Agents” on behalf of those persons who ask for our support.
- That we must build partnership and coalitions that support the interdependence of community members.
- That mutual and freely give friendships and relationships give meaning to our lives.

### **Grounded in these beliefs:**

Independent Living, Inc. provides the following services and supports.

## SUPPORTED LIVING

ILI's Supported Living includes a variety of person-centered approaches designed to help adults receiving supports to live meaningful, contributing lives.

### **Personal outcomes often include:**

- A home that reflects personal taste and lifestyles.
- Interesting and meaningful daytime activities (ex.: work, volunteering, organizational memberships).
- Safe guards that include attention to health and safety.
- 24 hour availability of an call direct support and management staff.
- Relationships and friendships with others who share interest and talents.
- Involvement of persons supported in interviewing selecting, training, scheduling, managing, and dismissing of staff.
- Participation in ILI staff development and policy review.
- Freely made informed choices.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

ILI's Family Support include the use of person-centered principles of self direction and family empowerment by providing.

- Skilled direct support professionals.
- Involvement of families in interviewing, selecting, training, scheduling, managing, and dismissing of staff.
- 24 hour on call management staff.
- Information and referrals, regarding additional supports and services.
- Assistance and advocacy when interacting with other agencies and/or organizations.
- Supports determined by the wishes of family member often including personal assistance, participation in community events and transportation.
- **Independent Living, Inc. provides the following Department of Health and Hospital Services:**  
NOW Waiver  
Personal Care Services-  
(LT-PCS and ESPDT-PCS  
Elderly and Disable Waiver (EDA)  
Department of Health and Hospital Help  
Line 1-800-660-0488

## SUPPORT OF SELF-ADVOCACY

ILI believes that, "Those who wear the shoes know the fit", we therefore, assist self advocacy by:

- Facilitating public speaking opportunities
- Providing support to attend conferences and/or workshops.
- Providing written and verbal information, relevant to self advocacy.

### Community Bridge Building Forum:

The community bridge building forum of ILI, invites community leaders and ordinary citizens to form a partnership with ILI to support community connections that embraces diversity and mutual contributions.

### Support Professional's Action Network:

SPAN is a group of ILI employees dedicated to the following:

- Mutual Support
- Continued Learning
- Excellence in performance
- Innovation in organization
- Recruitment and retention of quality staff.

### Education and Training:

ILI informs others about best practices in personalized supports through:

- Presentations to groups
- Participation on committees
- Organizing workshops and forums

## THE AGENCY

**Independent Living, Inc.** was founded in 1988 with a mission of supporting people with development disabilities to re-enter their communities. ILI was one of six agencies selected in 1900 to receive the developmental disabilities technical assistance grant on developing person-centered supports. ILI has continued to reshape itself in order to be more responsive to the citizens of our communities.

**Independent Living, Inc.** was awarded the 2002 AAMR community Inclusion Award.

*If you would like more information, please fill out the card below and return it to:*

### Independent Living, Inc.

474 N. Foster Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-3561  
Office: 1-866-343-1197  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**I wish to have more information about the following services:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone#: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

# Independent Living Inc.

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**Proudly Serving  
our Community**

## **OUR MISSION:**

Building communities that  
embrace diversity

Promoting excellence in  
service and supports.