

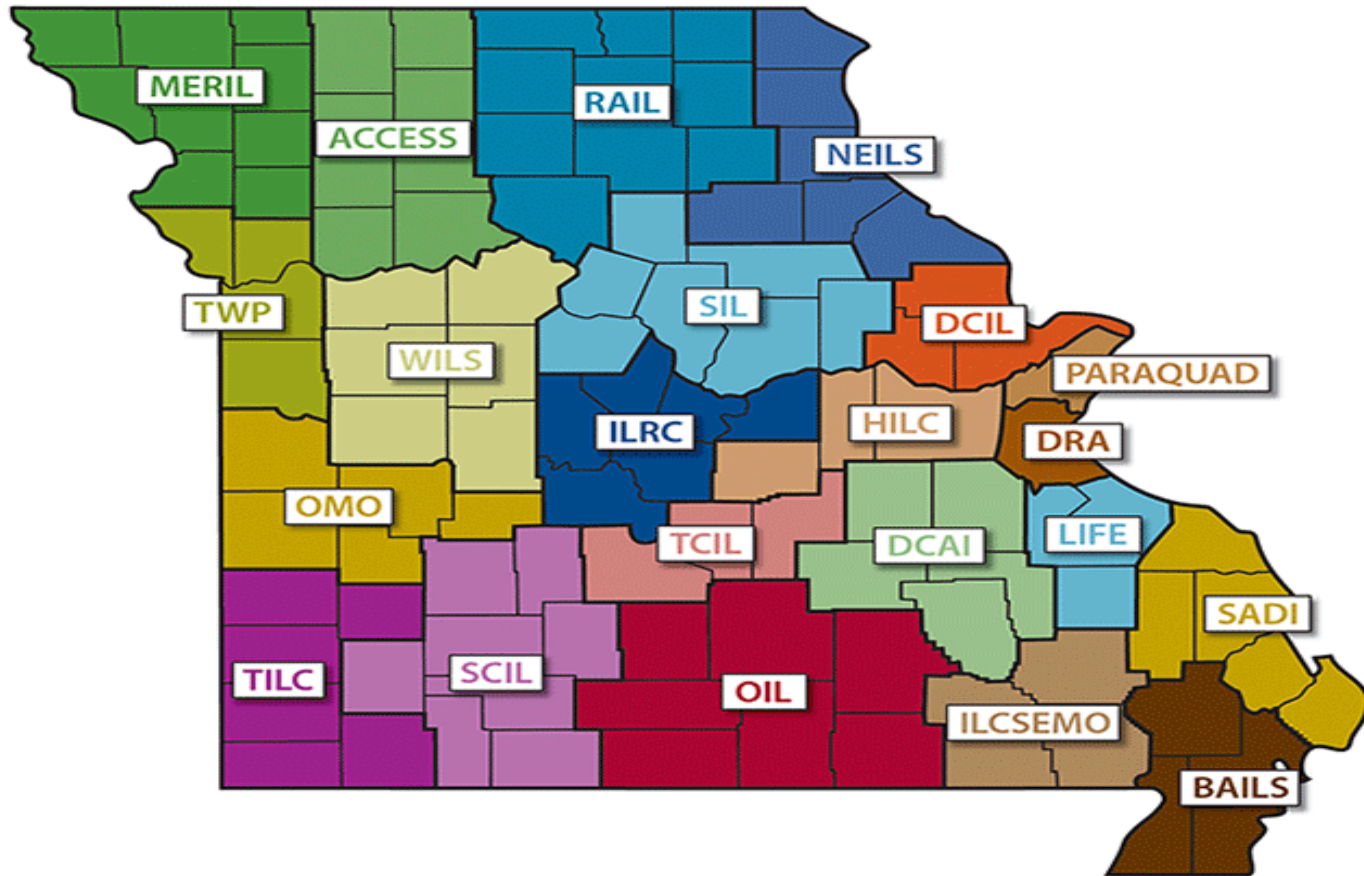
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Independent Living



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Centers in Missouri



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ACCESS II/Gallatin	OIL/West Plains
BAILS/Kennett	OMO/Nevada
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DCIL/St. Peters	RAIL/Kirksville
DRA/Festus	SADI/Cape Girardeau
HILC/Owensville	E:A/Springfield
ILCSEMO/Poplar Bluff	SIL/Columbia
ILRC/Jefferson City	TCIL/Rolla
LIFE/Farmington	TILC/Joplin
MERIL/St. Joseph	TWP/Kansas City
NEILS/Hannibal	WILS/Warrensburg

Independent Living Centers



- **Center** Staff and Board Member rosters must have a composite of 51% self-identifying as an person w/a disability.
- **Centers** help people with disabilities achieve or maintain more self-sufficiency, live more productive lives in their communities.
- **Centers** directly provide or coordinate-through referrals, services which assist Consumers in increasing *their abilities to exercise control* over their lives.
- **Centers** assist Consumers in exploring alternatives to institutionalization & are encouraged to make *their own decisions* about how they live.
- **Centers** are **501c3** not-for-profit and most services are free.
- **Centers** believe everyone has a *right* to live as independently as they choose and are able.
- **Centers** partner to meet the needs of Consumers without duplicating services of other agencies or organizations.
- **Centers** offer a broad range of community-based, consumer-directed services to people of all ages and disabilities.
- **Centers** are not residential facilities.

Individual Services

Advocacy/Legal Services*	Information and Referral Services*	Recreational Services
Assistive Technology	Mental Restoration Service	Rehabilitation Technology Services
Children's Services	Mobility Training	Therapeutic Services
Communication Services	Peer Counseling Services*	Transportation Services
Counseling and Related Services	Personal Assistance Services	Youth/Transition Services*
Family Services	Physical Restoration Services	Vocational Services
Housing, Home Modifications, and Shelter Services	Preventive Services	Other Services
IL Skills Training & Life Skills Training*	Prostheses, Orthotics, and Other Appliances	

- Job Exploration Counseling
- Workplace Readiness Training
- Instruction in Self Advocacy to include Peer Mentoring

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