

The Blue Ridge Independent Living Center (BRILC), established in July 1989, is a private, non-profit community organization with non-residential programs.

MISSION

BRILC assists people with disabilities to live independently. The Center also serves the community at large by helping to create an environment that is accessible to all.

CORE SERVICES

- ◇ **Advocacy** - Assistance in gaining equal access to services that individuals with disabilities are entitled to receive
- ◇ **Independent Living Skills Training** - Assistance in obtaining the skills needed to live independently, such as financial management, acquired social skills, household management, etc.
- ◇ **Information and Referral** - Information about assistive equipment, recreation, accessibility, legislation, and other disability-related issues; referrals made to local service providers to assist individuals to locate resources needed to become or remain independent and in the community.
- ◇ **Peer Mentoring** - Mentoring for persons with disabilities by persons with disabilities
- ◇ **Transition Services**
 - ◆ **School** - Collaboration with school systems and other agencies to assist students with disabilities in transition from middle school to high school and post-graduate opportunities
 - ◆ **Institutions** - Assistance with transitioning from nursing homes and other institutions back into the community



OTHER SERVICES

- ◇ **Assistive Technology** - Equipment provided on a loan basis and also assist consumers in obtaining their own equipment
- ◇ **Technology Assistance Program** - Devices for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or who have speech disabilities
- ◇ **Disability Rights** - Information about rights and evaluation of local businesses, organizations, etc. to ensure that all accessibility guidelines are followed
- ◇ **Employment Services** - Assistance with obtaining and retaining employment, and utilization of the Ticket to Work program; protection of benefits and insurance while working



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- ◇ **Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Services** - An alternative to nursing facility long-term care, Medicaid eligible individuals provided with service facilitation to assist them to manage their consumer-directed services

- ◇ **Social Security Representation** - Assistance with obtaining benefits from Social Security

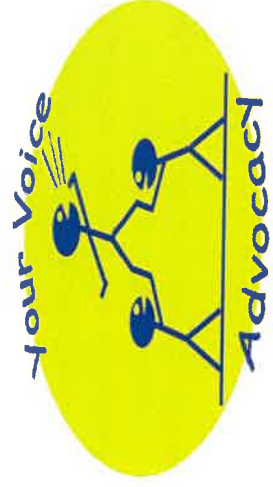
- ◇ **Housing Assistance** - Assistance to individuals with disabilities who are homeless or who need to locate affordable accessible housing

- ◇ **Home Modifications** - Ramps, grab bars, etc. provided to financially eligible individuals (Note: dependent on availability of funding)

- ◇ **Support Groups** - Recreational activities, mutual encouragement, and assistance in identifying and addressing personal and local issues

- ◇ **Workshops** - Workshops for individuals, organizations, and businesses, including:

- ◆ **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**
- ◆ **Fair Housing**
- ◆ **Medicaid Waivers**
- ◆ **Sensitivity Trainings**



YOUR INVITATION

To help make a better world through improved accessibility for all!

✓ Make your home, business or place of employment accessible. Your Blue Ridge Independent Living Center will show you how.

✓ Inform businesses that they can receive a professional survey that will show how they can make their facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

✓ Remind business leaders they must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336) and may receive a tax credit for making their facilities accessible.

✓ Give this brochure to friends and business associates who share your concern for people with disabilities.

✓ Recommend your Blue Ridge Independent Living Center to a neighbor or friend who may benefit from our free services.

✓ Make a donation to your Blue Ridge Independent Living Center to improve accessibility for all. See our website for all the possible ways you can make a donation.

✓ Call us to receive our quarterly newsletter.

Call or visit our local office

Monday - Friday

8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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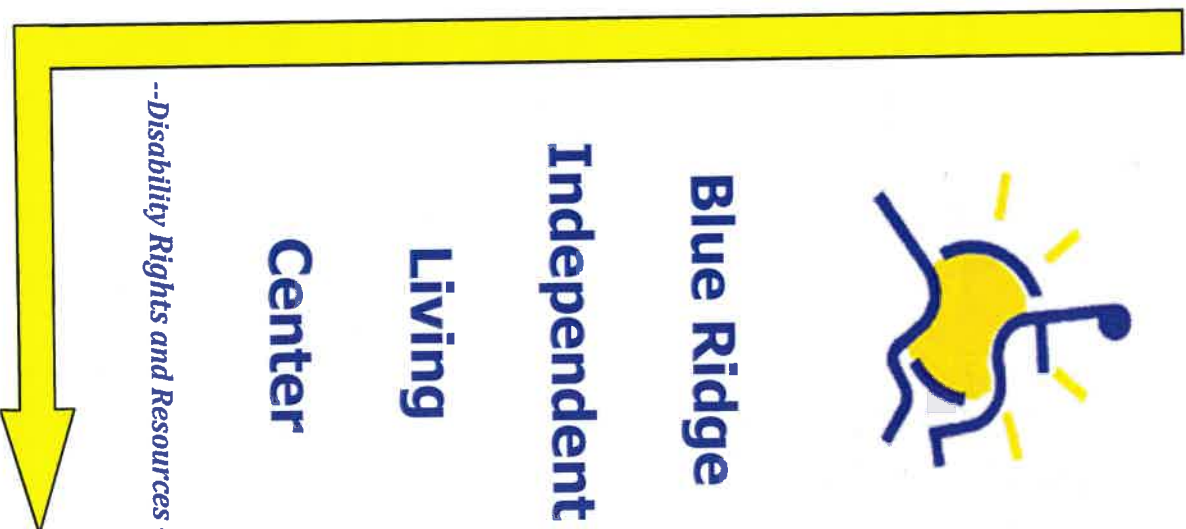
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