

Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living

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2024-2025 Annual Report

“Where the Emphasis is on Ability”

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2024-2025 Year in Review

We kicked off the year with our Annual meeting on March 24, 2025 at the IICIL office. Due to continuing COVID concerns, it was held virtually, with limited attendance. We posted the event on Facebook for others to view. We recognized board, staff and community members. Humble Dwellings—for their support in making sure that the Reintegration grant consumers had a decorated, home like apartment to move into; Cathy Webb - Advocate of Year for her tireless efforts to make the Quad Cities more accessible; the German American Heritage Museum for commitment to providing communications access through interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing for their museum tours. Board Members: Lucille Davis, Thanolia Hudson, James Kerr, Jim Maloney and Staff member: Destiney Gleason was recognized for their 1 year of service; Interpreter Coordinator, Jennifer Garrison for 25 years of service and Executive Director, Liz Sherwin for 35 years at the IICIL.



Bonnie Ballard—Board President (left) Liz Sherwin Ex. Director (right) 35 years of Service

We are not able to do things the way we have in the past, but we got creative and still paid tribute to past events such as co-sponsoring a “Santa’s Stars” table at the Festival of Trees, instead of hosting our Holiday Carnival. This was an event where children and adults with disabilities can come and enjoy the Festival in a fully accessible environment. There were games, activities and we distributed over 400 gift bags for those attending.

We promoted a virtual [#Hoodooed](#) campaign for the 35th Anniversary of the ADA. We are a member of the QC Coalition of Disabilities and supported a night at Modern Woodmen Park with the River Bandits that recognized the importance of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).



Sr & Disability Expo

We held our 16th Disability & Senior Expo at Bally’s Casino, with over 300 attendees and 40 vendors on September 12, 2025. Valuable information was available from vendors including Alternatives for the Older Adult, Metro Link Transportation, Project Now, Aetna Better Health Care and various home care agencies.

We hosted a VIP low vision Summer series (June-August) to provide peer support and low-tech devices to participants. Through our “Fast Track” program high school students explored life skills such as: budgeting, college/work exploration and resume building.

We received a new grant from INCIL that will allow us to provide home modifications to people with disabilities in Illinois and consumers to remain in their homes. Over 90 people have applied for the grant and are at various stages of the process. 10 homes have had some form of modification done to their home from walk-in-showers, ramps, first floor laundry areas to grab bars or other things to make their home more accessible.

We provided over 26,387 Information & Referral requests. We continue to publish our quarterly newsletter, [“News & Views”](#), with a circulation of over 1500. Our Board & Staff participated in dozens of community events, sharing information about our programs and services. Remember to visit us on Facebook, where you can get up to date information on happenings at the IICIL and community partners.

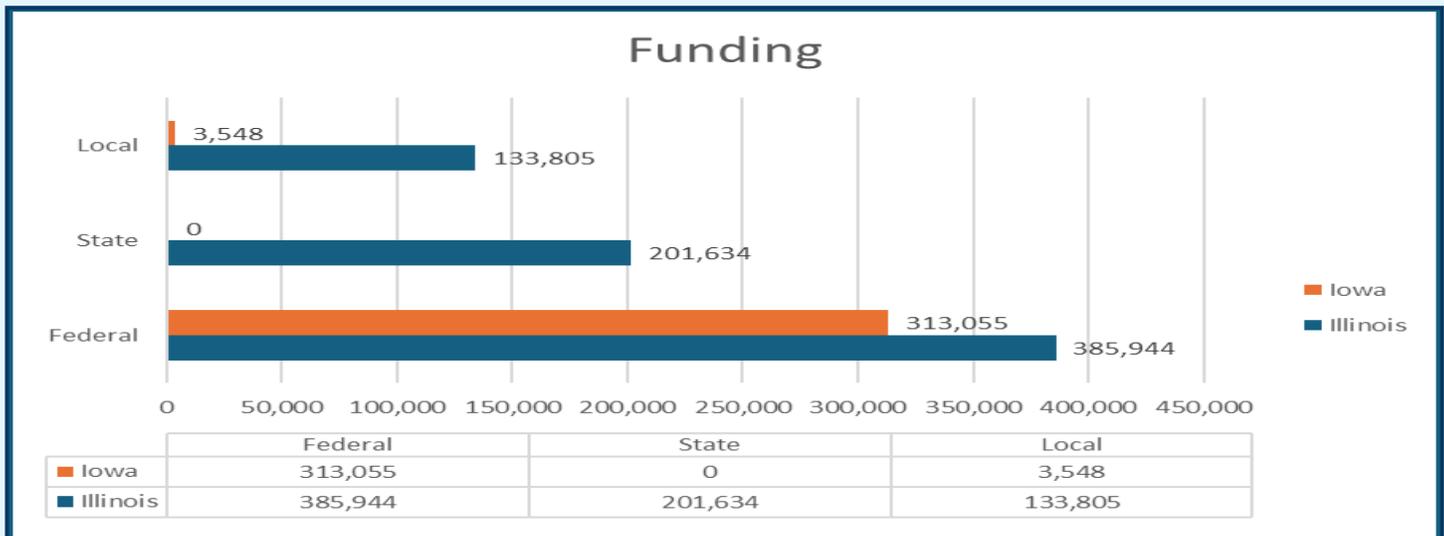
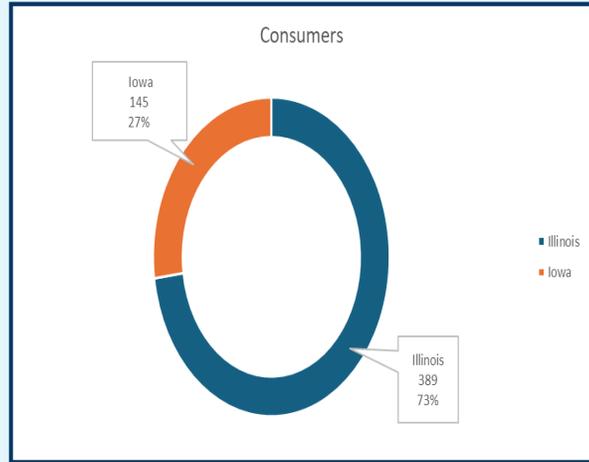
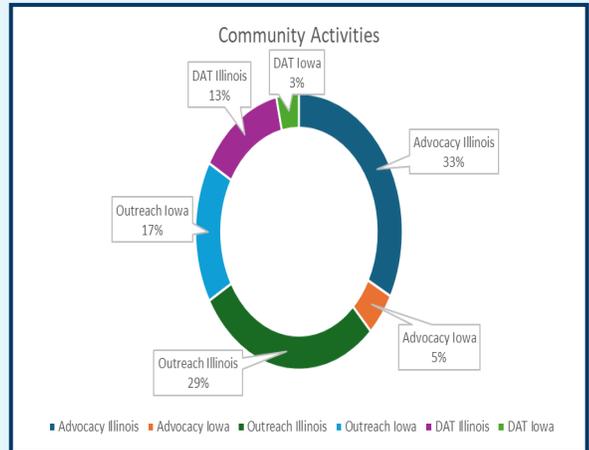
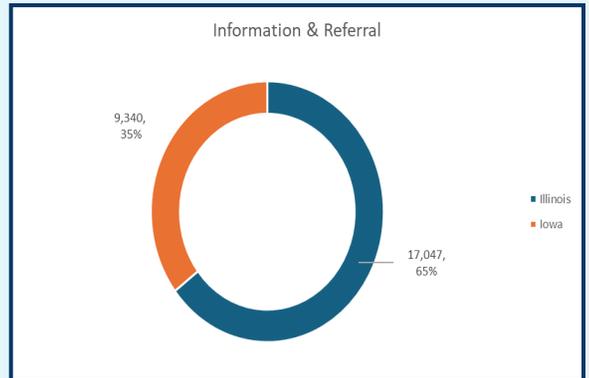


Stairlift install from the Home Modification grant.

2024-2025 Year in Review (continued)

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Statement of Financial Position
September 30, 2025 and 2024

Assets			
		2025	2024
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	221,824	67,616
Investments		117,198	139,771
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for credit losses, \$1,000 for 2025 and 2024		2,832	3,592
Grants receivable		26,374	52,508
Total current assets		368,228	263,487
Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		726,300	760,165
Right-of-Use Assets		9,480	16,738
	\$	<u>1,104,008</u>	<u>1,040,300</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Liabilities			
Current maturities long term debt	\$	23,806	22,501
Accounts payable		9,360	5,263
Accrued expenses		36,677	37,677
Grant settlement liability		21,660	—
Refundable advance		15,480	7,520
Operating lease liabilities— current portion		3,665	7,259
Total current liabilities		110,648	80,220
Noncurrent liabilities			
Operating lease liabilities - long term portion		5,815	9,479
Notes payable		80,027	103,833
Total noncurrent liabilities		85,842	113,312
Total liabilities		196,490	193,532
Net Assets			
Without donor restrictions		907,518	846,858
	\$	<u>1,104,008</u>	<u>1,040,300</u>



2024-2025 IICIL Membership

Allen, Laura
Alsup, Betty
Bahnks, Ivona
Ballard, Bonnie
Boettcher, Barry & Deborah
Cantu, Marisa
Carrol-Castaneda, Ametra
Deb's Disability Services
Favri, Carolyn
Galusha, James
Geise, Susan
Garrison, Jennifer
Grillot, Matt
Hayden, Michael
Holgorsen, Shirley
Hudson, Thanolia "Nobie"
Hughell, Debra
Jackson, Hershel

Jones, Kent
Judge, Tricia
Kerr, Jim
King, Maria
Lambert, Jr., J.M.
Laughead, Cindy
Liggit, Terry & Sue
Lockhart-Johnson, Janet
Lomba, Laurie
Long, Dorothy
Maloney, Jim
McMahan, Linda
Miller, Bernadette
Miller, Nicholas
Moore, Marianne
Moore, Wesley
Motto, Mary

Muir, John & Susan
Nicke, Glenda
Nissen, Walter
O'Neal, Virgie
Ritchie, Thandra
Robinson, Ida
Rosmann, Wendy
Royal, Marilyn
Sherwin, Liz
Slocum, David & Mary Jo
Stafford, Hugh
Starling, Kathy
Tyler-Jamison, Berlinda
Thode, Jack & Mary Jo
Waytenick, Paul
Westmoreland, Paul & Mary
Williams, Karen
Woods, Johnnie

IICIL Staff

Liz Sherwin, Executive Director

Marisa Cantu, CEAT/Youth Advocate

Carolyn Favri, Staff Assistant

Jennifer Garrison, Interpreter
Coordinator

Destiney Gleason, Reintegration
Advocate

Hershel Jackson, Deaf Advocate

Maria King, Personal Assistant Advocate

Thandra Ritchie, Blind Services Advoca-
cate

Kathy Starling, IL Advocate

Johnnie Woods, Staff Asst.



IICIL Board Members

1st row, left to right: Jim Maloney, Nicholas Miller

2nd row, left to right: Janet Lockhart-Johnson, Ida Robinson,
Bonnie Ballard, Thanolia Hudson, James Kerr, Lucille Davis.

Not present: Steve Gottcent, Karen Roebuck, Wendy Rosmann

Board of Directors

Bonnie Ballard, President

Steve Gottcent, Vice President

Janet Lockhart Johnson, Secretary

Ida Robinson, Treasurer

Lucille Davis

Thanolia "Nobie" Hudson

James Kerr

Jim Maloney

Nicholas A. Miller

Karen Roebuck

Wendy Rosmann

The Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living was founded in 1988 and is a non-residential, non-profit agency that provides services to people with disabilities and their families in Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties in Illinois and Clinton, Scott and Muscatine counties in Iowa.