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Contact us

Give us a call for more information about our services or an article you've seen in the newsletter.

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Visit us on the web at www.iicil.com

Like us on Facebook at **Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living**

IICIL Annual Meeting

*When: Monday, March 30, 2026 at
1:30p.m.*

*Where: Illinois/Iowa Center for
Independent Living*

501 11th Street

Rock Island, IL

The IICIL will host their 37th Annual Meeting, virtually on Facebook and in-person (by invitation only). Awards will be presented to the Advocate of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Interpreter business of the Year as well as Years of Service for Board and Staff.

Please plan to join us virtually for this event on Facebook.



Work as a Personal Assistant



FIND A JOB!

- No Medical Background Required
- Decide on Your Own Hours of Availability
- Choose Where You Want to Work

Some Duties

- Housekeeping & Laundry
- Cooking and Meal Prep/Clean Up
- Assist with Hygiene Needs
- Run Errands
- Assist with Mobility Needs
- Other Individualized needs

This program goes hand in hand with the DHS/DRS Home Services Program where Personal Assistants are currently being paid \$19.50 per hour.



**Come Fill Out an Application
For Your New Career
At Our Next Orientation!**

ORIENTATIONS

IL/IA Center for Ind. Living
501 11th St., Rock Island, IL

Monday, Jan. 26th 10am - noon

Monday, Feb. 23rd, 5-7pm

Aledo Edwards River Library
412 East Main St., Aledo, IL

Monday, March 23rd 10am - noon

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 10 ppl

Reserve your place today!
Call (309) 793-0090 or
E-mail: Ametra@icil.com

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PA Training

PA Training on January 26, 2026.
Don't miss the next one if you are interested in being a PA. Call our office 309-793-0090 and speak to Ametra.



Deaf Christmas Party

The Quad City Deaf Club (QCDC) hosted their annual (rescheduled) Christmas Party on January 3, 2026 at the LeClaire Civic Center. There were Door Prizes, Raffles, food and even a visit from Santa. There was a good turnout and everyone had a great time. Below are a few pictures from the event.



Socializing



Raffle winners



Waiting for Santa

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your Home Phone?
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- Proof of Residency
- Copy of most Recent Phone Bill



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ITAC Presentations

If your organization, church or Senior Center is interested having an ITAC presentation, please call our office (309) 793-0090 and ask to speak with Carolyn. The presentations are provided at **no cost** to the organization.



Home Modification Update

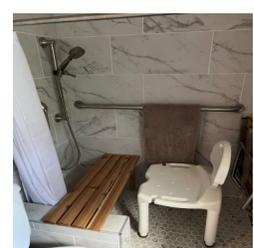
There are currently four home modifications in progress and another two in the approval process. This program is first come, first serve. Below, are some pictures of some of the completed projects.



Stairlift



Walk-in shower



Hand sprayer/bench-seat



Legislative Corner



Hershel Jackson

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Advocate

Voting in the Primary Election? Here's what you need to know

1) Are you registered to vote??

To check: Illinois Residents: www.ova.elections.il.gov · Iowa Residents : www.sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation

2) Know who your candidates are and where they stand on the issues that are important to you and your family.

3) You must declare a political party for the primary but you also have the right to change your political affiliation at a later date.

Illinois Primary Election is March 17, 2026

Iowa Primary Election is June 2, 2026

Your Voting Options

Voting By Mail

To vote by mail: Residents in Illinois should contact their local county clerk's office to request an application to vote by mail. Residents in Iowa should contact their local county auditor's office to request an application to vote by mail.

Voting at the Polling Site

Each polling site must have an accessible entrance and/or signs directed to an accessible entrance.

Each polling site must have at least one accessible voting machine.

Voters with disabilities must be able to vote privately & independently and in an accessible space.



Early Voting

Early voting allows you to cast your ballot in-person, prior to the general election. For specific dates, times, and locations, please check your local county clerk's/county auditor's website or call them for more information.

Illinois Residents

Rock Island County 309-786-8683 .

Henry County 309-937-3575 .

Mercer County can call 309-582-7021 .

Iowa Residents

Scott County 563-326-8631

Clinton County 563-244-0568

Muscatine County 563-263-5821



Let your voice be heard because...

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.”

Abraham Lincoln:





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November 13, 2026	May 8, 2026
October 9, 2026	April 10, 2026
September 11, 2026	March 13, 2026
August 14, 2026	February 13, 2026
July 10, 2026	January 9, 2026

Second Friday of every month 5:00pm-8:00pm
Hy Vee Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA

2026 Deaf Coffee Chats