

WCILC

Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers

Value Statements For WCILC Members

1. **WCILC** believes that Independent Living Centers (ILC's) should promote the independent living philosophy, consumer control and systems change so that independent living is possible for all persons with disabilities. Where services are currently not available, an ILC may choose to provide or facilitate the provision of those services.
2. **WCILC** board members will support positions voted on by the WCILC Board. Members will be actively engage in discussions. Once a vote has been taken, the majority opinion will be accepted by all members, including WCILC decisions and positions taken by Chair and Executive Board in absence of Board.
3. **WCILC** is a statewide consumer controlled organization made up of eight (8) independent living centers, each value the independent living philosophy, consumer control and equal access for all ages and disabilities. WCILC will reinforce these values when working in a collaborative effort with other groups and organizations.
4. **WCILC** believes that community living is possible for everyone. ILC's will assist people who want to live in their own home by providing assistance in locating supports defined by the consumer. ILC's will also make every effort to assist people in leaving institutions including ICF-MR, nursing homes, state centers and inpatient psychiatric institutions. ILC's will not assist an individual to move into an institution, but will offer referrals to agencies which do provide that assistance. The consumer should be aware that ILC's would assist them if and when they want to return to their own home.
5. **WCILC** believes that the Coalition provides peer support to its members. Members should be willing and able to discuss issues, failures and successes in an atmosphere of support. Individuals and issues discussed will be respected and be kept confidential.
6. **WCILC** will advocate for issues that enhance abilities. It is recognized by all partners that each ILC represents a specific geographic area therefore issues affecting the entire state will be addressed at WCILC meetings with decisions made where appropriate. All local or regional advocacy issues will be referred back to specific Centers.
7. **WCILC** believes in the dignity and worth of people with disabilities. Every effort will be made to refer consumers to all providers of services requested and facilitate full and informed choice. Consumers will be made aware of the ILC in the area in which they live; however, WCILC recognizes the right of consumers to choose from where they receive community services. WCILC will treat each member with respect in conjunction with unique services provided.