

The Center can provide services that assist the individual to transition back into their community such as:

home modification assistance; housing assistance; benefits planning assistance and advisement; advocacy assistance with other service providers to obtain necessary community services and supports; adaptive equipment; finding personal care attendants; information about the rights of individuals with disabilities; obtaining case management services, if required; and much more.

Benefits Advisement

The Center provides assistance in the application process to the various agencies that provide economic benefits such as SSI/SSDI, food stamps, Medicaid, HEAP, etc.

Architectural Barrier Consultation

The Center provides advice, technical information and/or assistance in the removal of physical and programmatic barriers from public or privately owned residences, government buildings, local businesses, and other private and public owned facilities.

Other Services

Speaker Services

The Center will speak to groups about issues related to independent living, Center services and programs, and any other disability related issue..

Training & Technical Assistance

The Center provides information, training and technical assistance on a wide range of disability related topics such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and others.

Adaptive Equipment/Assistive Technology Information and Referral

The Center provides individuals with information about the latest technology available in assistive and adaptive equipment. We provide referrals to adaptive equipment providers.

Personal Care Attendant Referral

The Center provides referrals to appropriate agencies who provide personal care attendants.



Catskill Center for Independence

P.O. Box 1247
Oneonta NY 13820
(607) 432-8000 V/TTY
Fax (607) 432-6907
www.ccfi.us
ccfi@ccfi.us

May, 2006

Services Offered



Every Day Is Independence Day!



PO Box 1247
Oneonta, NY 13820
607-432-8000 V&TTY
www.ccfi.us
ccfi@ccfi.us

The Catskill Center for Independence provides services to individuals with disabilities, their family and friends, employers, landlords and other agencies and members of both the private and business sectors of the community.

Core Services

Information and Referral

The Center provides information on a wide variety of topics related to disability and disability issues. The Center provides referral services to other applicable agencies, organizations, vocational rehabilitation providers, etc.

Systemic and Personal Advocacy

The Center provides individuals with assistance in accessing benefits, services and programs to which they may be entitled. The Center may act as a liaison between the individual with a disability and the agency or program they are trying to access. The Center is always working to effect changes in laws, policies, regulations, etc. in disability related issues. The Center advocates with government, employers, educators, and others for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Independent Living Skills Training

The Center provides instruction and assistance in the development of independent living skills in such areas as personal care, employability skills, financial management and budgeting, coping skills, self-determination and self-advocacy skills etc. Included in this area is the education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities.

Peer Counseling

The Center provides the opportunity for individuals with a disability to share information, experiences, strategies, etc. with another individual who has experienced similar types of problems, barriers, and obstacles.

Focus Areas

Employment Services

The Center offers a variety of employment related services to assist people with disabilities in the preparation and attainment of employment. Services include resume writing, job skills training, job search skills, interview skills, and training on the impact working has on benefits such as SSDI, SSI, etc. As an Employment Network the Center works with SSDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients who have received a "Ticket" from the Social Security Administration and want to go to work.

In addition to employment services already discussed, the Center will assist the Ticket holder with:

- * the opportunity to do some career exploration
- * developing the skills necessary to obtain work
- * receiving the necessary training to obtain work
- * job placement assistance

Transition Services

Services that assist individuals with disabilities in moving from one phase of their life into another. The Center provides transition services to two distinct groups of individuals with disabilities:

Students transitioning from high school to higher education, employment, or other activities of adult living in the community.

The Center can provide transitioning students and their families with:

IEP & CSE meeting assistance; peer counseling; employment assistance; independent living skills; benefits planning, assistance and advisement; assistance in locating necessary adaptive equipment; assistance in finding funding for necessary adaptive equipment or home modifications; information about the rights of individuals with disabilities, including employment rights and much more.

Individuals with disabilities currently living in an institutional setting who would like to live in a less restrictive environment within the community and those individuals with disabilities in imminent danger of being placed into an institution against their wishes.