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We are Seen!

The Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida will be having a month-long campaign in July. The purpose? To raise awareness and funds so all individuals in our community can have the tools to live their life to the fullest.

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40th Anniversary Campaign

On behalf of the consumers we serve, and all people with disabilities, the CIL of Northwest Florida would be honored if you would join us to celebrate **the 40th Anniversary of the CIL of Northwest Florida “Honoring Our Past, Planning Our Future”** through our online campaign that will be located on our [Facebook page](#) for the full month of July!

[Learn More](#)



Weekly Giveaways!

We have several good prizes we will be giving away - two bottles of wine from Deluna Landing, Winn Dixie gift card (\$50), gift certificate for the Melting Pot (\$25), and a gift certificate for Oriental Trading (\$25). Every time you participate in our campaign you will be entered to win.

Forms of Participation include: Commenting on posts/participating in the discussion, Making a donation, Sharing our posts/page, Bidding on an auction item, Attending online events, and Following our social media platforms.

Participation will be reset each week!

Daily Fun Events

We have an exciting schedule planned of fun and entertaining videos that will be in the style of TikTok, an online auction, educational pieces, thought provoking stories, quick sign language tutorials, interactive activities, music, and more.

Throughout the month we will also be hosting online events. There will be an online Sheriff Candidates' Forum on their views about the Disability Community on July 15, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 pm.



Our virtual Keynote Interview with Deidre Davis Butler will present on July 31, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please send in your questions for both events to info@cil-drc.org.



Celebrate 30 years with the ADA!

Stroll in Support of the ADA: At 8:00 AM take a stroll around your block with friends and family to show support.

Virtual ADA Event: Join the ADA at 10:00 AM for our virtual event. Please register in advance.

[Register](#)

CILNWF Updates:

Our team has returned to the office and we continue to practice [CDC guidelines](#) and physical distancing by providing services by appointment only.

We ask that when an appointment is made, if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well that you stay home and contact us via phone. For all who come to the office for your appointment you will have an infrared temperature taken, you will need to wear masks and gloves and you will be asked some screening questions in order to enter our building.

The CIL Team continues to also reach out by telephone to assess and fulfill consumer unmet needs. We have been able to assist many individuals with connection to food, equipment and/or a listening ear.

The Center is offering many innovative [Webinar Series](#) for people with disabilities and the community alike to attend. Recently sessions have included trainings on ASL, Assistive Technology, Budgeting, Emergency Preparedness, Peer Support, Social Conversations, and What is CIL? Several of these you can find recordings of on the archived event page. Please let us know what topic areas you may be interested in having us offer.

New challenges of COVID-19 occur everyday. If you are experiencing new urgent or ongoing matters that you want to attend to, please contact us ASAP. You can reply to this email or call us at 850-595-5566. We will do what we can to help support you in the direction(s) you wish to navigate for solution(s).

(If we haven't reached you yet and you don't feel you need to connect with CILNWF directly, please reply to this email and type "I AM OKAY" in the body.)

ACL Announces Mental Health Challenge

According to ACL: Today, the [Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#) and the [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health](#) launched the MENTAL Health Challenge to combat the social isolation and loneliness that older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans often experience. A total of \$750,000 in prizes will be awarded for development of an easy-to-use online system that offers recommendations for programs, activities and resources that can help users connect to others and engage in the community, based on their individual needs, interests, and abilities. The winning system will be announced and demonstrated in January 2021 at [CES](#). And ultimately will become the centerpiece of a national public awareness campaign.



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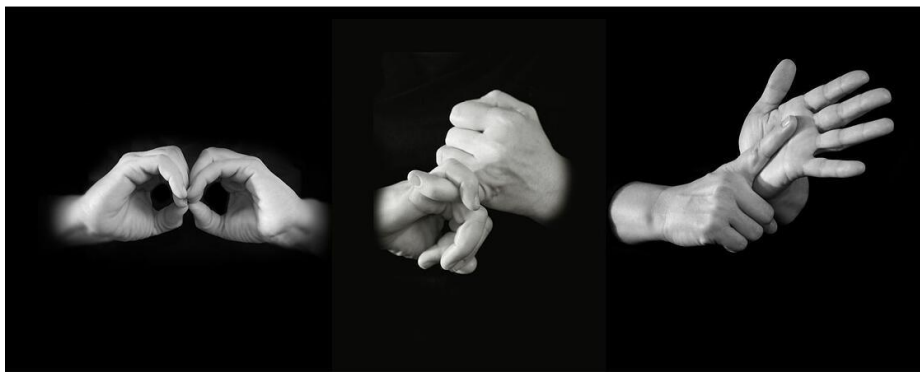
Social Conversations



July 2, 2020 at 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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ASL Training with Di Tift



July 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc Overview With Karen Jackson



August 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[Register](#)

Upcoming Community Events

- **Crip Camp Impact Campaign:** Have community building right in your own home. Every Sunday at 4:00 PM from through August 30, 2020 for one and a half hours each. Register or find out more information at [Crip Camp](#).
- **The 22nd Annual Family Cafe Featuring the Governor's Summit on Disabilities** in June 2020. Find out more through [Family Cafe Orlando](#).
- **NAMI Mental Health Peer Support Groups** - On ZOOM. For dates and times [visit this link](#) to register or find out more about this free event.
- [Dementia Education Forum](#) will be on July 16 at 1:00-3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church.

- Online Group Psychological Health Promotion Program for Women with Spinal Cord Injury. [Find out if you are eligible today!](#)
- Research Opportunity: To understand how young people with disabilities experience the transition to adulthood. [Find out if you are eligible today!](#)

We need your help completing an important survey about your experience during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The survey is completely anonymous and should take about 15 – 30 minutes to complete. The purpose of this study is to investigate issues related to quality of life, stress, healthcare access, and community access during the Covid-19 pandemic for individuals with a disability.

This research is IRB/ethics approved through Stockton University in NJ. We anticipate the results of this study will be published. Thank you for your assistance!

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Kerri Sowers at Kerri.Sowers@stockton.edu or (609) 652-4418.

[Take Our Survey](#)

Updated information about COVID-19 by county is available by clicking a graphic below.



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3600 North Pace Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32505**

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