

Goals & Objectives

The primary goal of LIFE is to provide individuals with disabilities the tools to live as independently and as fully engaged in their community as they wish to be.

LIFE embraces and adheres to the Independent Living Philosophy, a philosophy based on the concepts of consumer control, self-advocacy, community change, cross-disability participation and community focus, as opposed to institutional focus. We achieve this through the delivery of our five core Independent Living Services:

- Information and Referral
- Peer Support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Advocacy
- Transition

It is our desire to empower people with disabilities in their quest for equal rights and equal opportunities to allow them to live full, satisfying, autonomous lives in their communities.

Serving 20 Counties in Southeast Georgia

Appling	Camden	Evans	Pierce
Bacon	Candler	Glynn	Tattnal
Brantley	Charleton	Liberty	Toombs
Bryan	Chatham	Long	Ware
Bulloch	Effingham	McIntosh	Wayne

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Video Relay System

Video Relay empowers the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community to communicate with Deaf and hearing family, friends or business contacts using video relay service. This free service enables you to place and receive calls with a professional American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter via a videophone and a high-speed internet connection. LIFE's VRS is available to the public during regular office hours.

Assistive Technology Outreach Center

LIFE's Assistive Technology Resource Center is a place to find solutions for your everyday disability related problems. Come explore assistive devices that make life easier for people with disabilities. Learn about the latest gadget that enables you to live, work and play independently. Give it a try before you buy!

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Who is eligible?

Services are available to anyone within our service area who has a significant disability and whose life will become more independent as a result of our services.

SERVICES

- Advocacy
- Assistive Technology Outreach Center
- Home Modification Program
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information and Referral
- Peer Support
- Students for LIFE
- Transition Services
- Video Relay Service

Home Modification Program

Individuals may apply for assistance obtaining a home modification or assistive technology. Consideration is given to applications for wheelchair ramps, bathroom modifications, CCTV's or any modification or assistive technology that increases accessibility and independence.



Information and Referral

Our goal is to be the southeast region's disability resource center. We offer a wide range of information on issues of relevance to people with disabilities. Topics include Independent Living issues, disability rights, legislation on local, state and federal levels and services available from other organizations.

Independent Living Skills Training

Independent Living Skills Training involves teaching the skills needed for an individual to become independent and to live and function in their community. Training may occur in either an individual or group setting.



Peer Support

Peer Supporters are people with disabilities who share similar experiences with other individuals with disabilities. Peer supporters share experiences in a broad array of situations but do not give professional, medical, financial or legal advice.

Advocacy

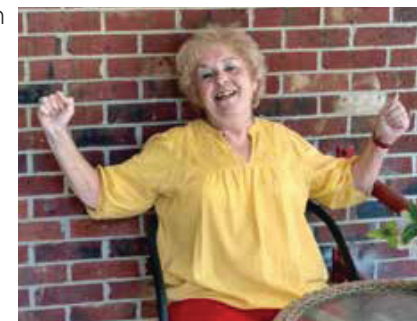
Self-Advocacy and Community Advocacy involve the removal of architectural, attitudinal and communication barriers to independent living and community accessibility. Advocacy may involve community volunteering and organizing, public speaking, educating elected and public officials and networking with other advocacy organizations.

Transition Services

There are three components to LIFE's transition services: (1) to facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions to home and community-based residences; (2) to provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community; and (3) to facilitate the transition of youth with significant disabilities from school to adult life.

Nursing Home Transition

LIFE Transition Coordinators visit nursing homes throughout LIFE's 20 counties, getting to know residents



there. If a resident expresses a desire to live independently back in the community, LIFE coordinators help them explore this option, including identification of community supports, and then help facilitate the transition.

Students for LIFE

LIFE's Students for LIFE Program empowers youth to reach their full potential by providing support, information services, and training and leadership opportunities. LIFE partners with area schools to offer this program to students with IEP's.