

## WELCOME!

Welcome to Resources for Independent Living, Inc. (RIL)! We are pleased that you are joining us and we know that your contributions will assist us in our efforts to continue to provide quality services to individuals with disabilities. At RIL, our mission is to advocate for a fully accessible and integrated community and to provide services for individuals with disabilities, which enhance personal choice and promote social, vocational and economic opportunities. We do this through our services and programs. We have been providing services to the southeast region for 21 years. Independent Living Philosophy is at the core of all services that RIL provides.

Below is a comparison between the “Medical Model” and the “Independent Living Philosophy.”

*Medical Model*

- Person is sick; a “patient.”
- Problem is with the person.
- Solution is professional services by a doctor or therapists.
- Services controlled by professionals.

**Vs.**

*IL Philosophy*

- Person has a disability; a “consumer.”
- Problem is with the environment.
- Solution is self-direction; least restrictive environment.
- Services controlled by consumers.

***“The Key to Independence is simple, it lies within the Individual”***

### **What is Resources for Independent Living, Inc.?**

Resources for Independent Living, Inc. ( RIL), a minority operated non –profit 501 (c) 3 organization, is a service provider for the Greater Louisiana area. Approximately 85 percent of every dollar that RIL receives goes directly to the delivery of services to consumers.

### **Who makes it Happen?**

Our organization receives funding from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the city of New Orleans and other Federal, State, Municipal and private donations.

### **Services we provide:**

- Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Peer Support
- Personal Care
- Transportation
- Deaf/Blind
- Case Management
- Disability Awareness Training
- Durable Medical Goods
- Medicaid Applications
- Nursing Home transitioning
- Disaster Assistance
- Vocational Assistance

### **Programs we provide:**

- Long Term-Personal Care Services
- Elderly Disabled/Adult Waiver
- New Opportunities Waiver
- Ticket To Work

### Back to School Drive

*During back to school months we adopt schools in our serving communities to provide back to school supplies to students with disabilities*

### Christmas Gala

*Annually host Christmas Galas to end the year with recognizing and appreciating our serving communities and partners*

### Disability Oriented Trainings

*Throughout the year, we provide variety of disability oriented trainings to our serving communities to promote and encourage disability awareness and equal access to all persons*

### Emergency Preparedness 101

*Annually host workshops and trainings to provide current information to our serving communities to prepare for upcoming hurricane seasons along with giveaways of emergency preparedness bags which includes items and kits needed during any emergency*

### Homeless Outreach

*Annually target the homeless in our serving communities to provide them with care items and information about services we offer*

### “It’s a RIL Affair” Annual Picnic

*Annual Picnic in our serving communities to serve as an entertaining outlet that provides recreational activities and health screenings for our serving population*

### Jumpstart Read for the Record

*Annually participates in this national early education incentive and incorporate the idea to read one book to children for one day. Each year we target schools in our serving communities and provide the schools with their own copies of the national campaign book along with special items for the*