Our Services
BCIL offers the core services of independent living centers
- Peer Mentoring
- Skills Training
- Information and Referral
- Advocacy
- Transition into the Community
BCIL’s individual services and systemic advocacy address a number of areas critical to people with disabilities, including housing, healthcare, employment, transportation, adaptive technology, communications, civil rights law, and education.
BCIL assists people with disabilities to navigate the services and resources that will support their goals. These include:
- Learning about options for personal care and in-home support as they plan to leave a nursing home, rehab or hospital
- Finding affordable and accessible housing
- Learning how to acquire assistive technology and communication equipment
- Planning a student’s education plan, particularly as he or she nears high school graduation
- Obtaining and directing PCA services
- Learning about accessible transportation
- Obtaining Social Security and MassHealth benefits
- Setting career goals, career training, or finding employment
- Understanding your civil rights under the ADA or Fair Housing law
- How to ask for a reasonable accommodation
- SSI/SSDI appeals process (non-attorney)
- Counseling on options to live in the community

Donations
BCIL relies on donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. BCIL is a cross-disability organization and works with any person (regardless of age) who identifies as a person with a disability. Our services have no fees.
We raise funds through special events like the annual BCIL Marie Feltin Awards Ceremony, our annual appeal and membership dues.
Donation opportunities range from legacy gifts, stock donations, and planned gifts to supporting our various events throughout the year. We accept cash, credit cards, checks and pledges. Please contact our Development Coordinator to discuss ways you can help us continue to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

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Mission Statement
The Boston Center for Independent Living is a frontline civil rights organization led by people with disabilities that advocates to eliminate discrimination, isolation and segregation by providing advocacy, information and referral, peer support, skills training, PCA services, and transitional services in order to enhance the independence of people with disabilities.

BCIL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has provided services to people with disabilities since 1974, when it became the second independent living center in the country. Created by people with disabilities seeking full integration into society, BCIL accomplishes this by empowering people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities with the practical skills and self-confidence to take control over their lives and become active members in their communities. At the same time, BCIL engages in advocacy and community organizing to promote access and change within society.

Promoting Independence for People with Disabilities
Advocacy, Service, Action!
For More Information on These Programs Visit Our Website at www.BostonCIL.org