Addressing Sexual Violence
Since 2011, BCIL has been part of a collaboration working to improve response services and safety for survivors of sexual violence with disabilities. The MASS Collaboration: Movement for Access, Safety, and Survivors is a collaboration between BCIL, the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), the MTA, and the Transit Police Department funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. Studies show that women and girls with disabilities experience sexual violence at two-to-five times the rate compared to people without disabilities (National Crime Victimization Survey, 2007 and Massachusetts Beliefs Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2010). Survivors with disabilities experience more gaps to accessing knowledgeable services. This collaboration seeks to address these gaps through improving access, safety and response at each of our organizations.

If you or someone you care about has experienced any form of unwanted sexual interaction (e.g., on your own time, consented sexual touching, forced to watch sexual activity, verbal harassment), contact BARCC (for support) 24-hour hotline: 1-800-800-8373 • TTY (Tate to Tate): 677-492-434
• www.barcc.org

How to Connect to BCIL: 60 Temple Place, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02111-1234 877-338-6600 (TTY) 866-338-8035 (toll free) www.bostoncl.org

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Financial Statement
June 30, 2015

ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents $738,372
Investments $220,226
Accurates Receivable – Third Parties $309,799
Accruals Receivable – Contracts $183,986
Accruals Receivable – Other $37,005
Prepaids Expenses & Deposits $45,275
Property and Equipment, Net $1,717,539
TOTAL ASSETS $1,721,583

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
Accruals Payable $80,401
Accrued Expenses $280,885
TOTAL LIABILITIES $361,286
Net Assets
Unrestricted Available for Operations $952,089
Board Designated $237,360
Net Investment in Property & Equipment $171,719
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS $1,361,168
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED $143,422
TOTAL NET ASSETS $1,504,590
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $1,721,583

Donations & Dues
A donation to BCIL helps us serve over 5,000 people with disabilities and advocates around housing, healthcare, PCA services, ADA compliance, employment, and more. BCIL relies on the generosity of members, corporations, foundations, and individuals who support the independence of people with disabilities in Greater Boston.

Yes! Here is my ___ contribution to BCIL.

Yes! Here is my $28 dues to become a member.

Name ________________________
Address ________________________
City ___________________________
State Zip ________________________
Email __________________________
In the enclosed tax-deductible check payable to BCIL.
Please charge my: Visa Mastercard
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BCIL, IL, and the ADA!
The Boston Center for Independent Living energetically celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 2015 with a championing independence for thousands of people with disabilities in Boston’s neighborhoods. In our Greater Boston service area, and across Massachusetts.

2015 promised more service and advocacy as we spearheaded efforts to ensure affordable housing, advocate for consumer-controlled health reform and PCA services, and support increased employment for people with disabilities.

A pivotal moment for disability rights advocates occurred on July 22 when nearly 2,500 people marched on Boston Common and proclaimed that disability rights are civil rights in acknowledgment of the ADA’s 25th birthday. Community leaders BCIL staff member Andy Forman, “The progress, theorge, the gains into society in the last quarter century has just been terrific”! BCIL and allies such as the New England ADA Center, Boston Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and Sparkling Rhumb were key organizers of the event that also featured keynotes from Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, US Senator Warren, Emma Amster, Attorney General Maura Healey, and Boston Marathon Handicapped division winner Dr. Cheryl Brown.

Ensuring quality health care, including personal care attendant services, remains a primary BCIL goal. In conjunction with groups such as Massachusetts Care, we advi-aded advocates in February to seek lifted prices in PCA services and Adler Foster Care—individuals were threatened for more than $300,000 per month. A House bill stalled over $250,000, this data a time that would not see over 100 new forms of services on in Boston in over three full years, with months later, with the Disability Policy Coalition, in our role leading Disability Advocates Advancing Our Healthcare Rights (DAADHR), we worked with many people to attend a public meeting to consider Medicaid reform that people were turned away because their capacity was exceeded and fire codes were being violated. Consumers were loud and clear with their message, protect precedent health services and PCA services! And then in August, working closely with the Baker administration, DAADHR successfully advocated for an infusion of $47 million dollars from the One Care program that is providing integrated care and services for over 12,000 people with disabilities on both Medicaid and Medicare in Massachusetts.

Access to affordable, accessible, and integrated housing remains a top concern at BCIL as skyrocketing...

50 Year Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Contact us to learn more about BCIL or to celebrate the ADA.

March 2016, 2015-2016
SUCCESS STORIES

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A 62-year-old man who had a stroke was stuck in a nursing home, actually indicating he wished to die, until a staff of BCIL staff worked with him to find his housing, access benefits, and he’s now active with a senior group.

A 21-year-old woman with learning disabilities was provided peer support around her housing, education, and employment goals. He’s now attending Bunker Hill Community College, finding housing in Dedham—where he had his first internship—a fast-food job in a restaurant, and is participating in the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, where he’s had his first internship through BCIL paid internship program.

A 47-year-old woman with chronic pain, migraines, anxiety, and depression would not move into her new home because she wasn’t able to use it. A situation increasing her isolation and putting her at risk of eviction. After peer support and interventions with BCIL, she found help to avoid troublesome housing services in a manner that accommodated her unique needs.

A 17-year-old student with autism and significant anxiety worked in a church service agency through BCIL TIP internships. He became an office go-to person for a range of office tasks while also developing phone and email skills, which led to new chances on a part-time basis. He’s now in his senior year of high school and is working with BCIL staff on a full job to help advance his independent.

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