

HOUSING SEARCH WORKSHOP

This workshop will teach you about:

- Types of housing available in the Boston area
- Navigating subsidized and affordable housing
- Conducting a housing search
- Communicating with housing authorities, agencies, and landlords
- Completing applications for state voucher programs
- How to request reasonable accommodations for your disability

Each workshop will include a period when you can ask questions and consult with an advocate.

First and Third Wednesdays of each month

To register: email Kat at kvilson@bostoncil.org
for the Zoom link & password

BCIL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has provided services to people with disabilities since 1974. The organization was 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 of the communities in which they live.

*Reasonable accommodations and language interpretation
(Spanish and Haitian-Creole) available upon request.*

BCIL Housing Search Support

As a Center for Independent Living, BCIL works with people with disabilities to develop, set, and achieve their personal goals. In recent years, the need for subsidized, accessible housing has greatly increased throughout eastern Massachusetts. BCIL receives many requests for support in the housing search process. In order to help you succeed in this process, it is important to understand what we can and cannot do.

BCIL staff are not realtors, and we will not accompany you to apartments for viewing or complete applications for you. The resources we use for housing search are publicly available, and we expect that consumers will be using them as independently as possible once given the appropriate support, knowledge, and skills. BCIL does not offer financial support for moving expenses, rental payments, or arrearages.

BCIL staff will not complete applications for you (reasonable accommodations available upon request), but we will review applications before you submit them and help you to understand the questions and how to answer them. We will work with you to ensure that you understand what options are available for subsidized, affordable, and accessible housing, how to apply for an option that meets your needs, steps to consider when getting ready to move, and resources available to support you through the process. As an agency dedicated to working with people with disabilities, we will help you to understand your rights as a person with a disability, and how to request a reasonable accommodation for an apartment.

To be successful in the housing search process, you must take an active role. This means checking listings, calling to get applications, completing and mailing applications, and following-up with your advocate.

BCIL offers Housing Workshops the first and third Wednesday of every month from 10am-12pm. The workshops cover affordable housing options in the Boston area, how to apply for subsidized housing, and where to look for housing.