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At work. At home. At play.**

# August 2025 Newsletter

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Dear \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*,

This month, we're focusing on a key aspect of LEAP's identity: being a Center for Independent Living (CIL). CILs are community-based, non-residential organizations that are run by and for people with disabilities. These organizations support individuals as they live independently in the community and in the manner of their choice. Each aspect of LEAP's work is in service of this mission.

Read on to learn more about the five core services of a CIL, what independent living means to members of the disability community, and how you can get involved today.

Thank you for being a part of LEAP's community!

Beth Glas, Executive Director

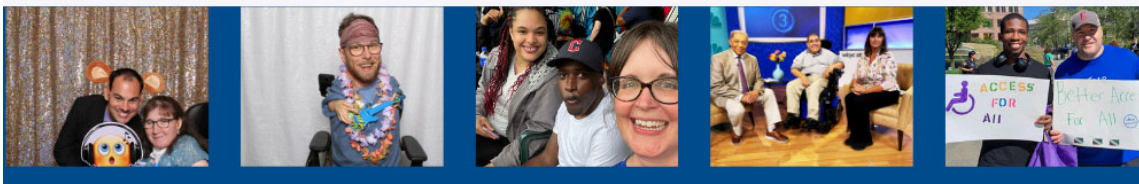
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## **Centers For Independent Living: An Informative Breakdown**



## What Is A Center For Independent Living (CIL)?



Did you know LEAP is a Center for Independent Living (CIL)?

A [Center for Independent Living](#) is a [community-based](#), [consumer-controlled](#), [cross-disability](#), [non-residential](#), non-profit organization that supports individuals with disabilities.

Check out the link below as we begin exploring what it means to be a CIL!

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## Get Involved

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Right now, disability rights are under threat. Advocating is a great way to fight back. Join Disability Rising CLE to discuss actions we can take to protect and improve access to these rights. Tap the link below to learn more and join us today!

[Disability Rising CLE](#)

Join us Saturday, September 20, from 10 am to 12:30 pm in Public Square for NOCDO's 4th Annual March for Access. This year, we are marching to improve access to transportation and to promote community inclusion. Stay tuned for more details!

[Learn More](#)

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## Take Action to Protect CILs

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**Preserve and Fully Fund  
Disability Programs in  
Fiscal Year 2026**

**Contact Your State  
Legislators to Protect  
Medicaid**

**Ask Congress to Support  
Independent Living  
Funding**

[Take Action](#)

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## Our Impact

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### Roseline Makes An Unexpected Connection Working with LEAP

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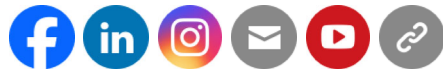
Roseline began her journey with LEAP at 69 years old. She was experiencing frequent falls. One day, she fell and hit her head, causing her to lose consciousness. After her family encouraged her to seek medical attention, doctors found swelling in her brain, which required surgery.

Following her release from the hospital, Roseline encountered unexpected challenges as she navigated living independently. Determined to continue living independently, Roseline reached out to LEAP. This call led to a journey of independence and unexpected connections.

Tap the link to learn about Roseline's journey with LEAP that uncovered unexpected connections.

## Roseline's Story

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