

OSCIL PROGRAMS- 2011

▪ **Information and Referral**

OSCIL provides information on community resources and services to persons with disabilities and their families, service providers, and the general public, as well as receiving referrals for our agency for direct services. Information is provided by phone, email, mail, and one-on-one to walk-ins to our Center. Additional information is provided in our quarterly newsletter, *Signs of Independence*, which is available in paper format or on our website at www.oscil.org.

▪ **Resource Center**

OSCIL is a designated location for “The Point,” RI’s Aging and Disability Resource Center, offering information on disability resources as well as being a satellite walk-in site offering one-to-one services for persons seeking disability-related information.

▪ **Advocacy**

OSCIL provides both individual and systems advocacy services. Persons are provided information and support to become self-advocates.

▪ **Assessment Services**

OSCIL offers assessment services as requested by private individuals, vendors, Medicaid and State agencies. Assessments provide recommendations for specialized equipment, home modifications and/or services that are required for the consumer to attain goals for independence in the home, school and/or workplace.

▪ **Community Living Option - Nursing Home Transition**

OSCIL assists persons with disabilities who are self-directed to move from a nursing home setting to a less restrictive environment. Support services may include assisting with finding accessible housing, establishing community connections, securing personal care attendant services, accessing public transportation services, acquiring appropriate assistive technology and home safety devices, and other community support services.

▪ **Gift of Hearing**

OSCIL, in collaboration with the University of Rhode Island (URI), PARI Independent Living Center and the Hearing Loss Association of RI, has limited funding to purchase low cost hearing aids to those individuals who qualify.

▪ **Housing**

OSCIL provides assistance to persons with disabilities to locate affordable and/or accessible housing, including subsidized apartments, assistive living facilities, and information on community resources for home buying assistance. OSCIL’s housing program also assists individuals to overcome personal barriers to independence, including assistance in understanding and acquiring assistive devices to increase independence in the home.

▪ **Home Accessibility and Adaptive Equipment**

This program allows eligible consumers to maintain independence in their homes and communities by providing adaptive equipment or home modifications to remove barriers to independence.

▪ **Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP)**

A partner in the Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP), OSCIL provides elders and persons with disabilities with information on how assistive devices may enhance their independence. OSCIL's website features an "AT page" with in-depth information about AT.

▪ **Deaf Services**

OSCIL's Deaf Services Program is currently in transition as our long-time Deaf Services IL Specialist retired on June 30, 2011. Please check back later for an update on the future of this program.

▪ **Shake-Awake Smoke Detector Program**

OSCIL administers the Smoke Detector Program providing eligible persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing with adaptive shake-awake smoke detectors.

▪ **Native American & Hispanic Outreach Programs**

OSCIL outreach efforts to Native American and Hispanic communities strive to increase access to independent living services and to assist with direct services provision that supports individual goals related to increased independence.

▪ **Peer Support**

OSCIL offers opportunities for persons with disabilities to share similar interests and concerns and gain greater awareness and control over their lives.

▪ **Independent Living Skills Training**

OSCIL staff assist consumers in setting goals for self-sufficiency in the home, which may involve basic everyday life skills training including budgeting, meal preparation, arranging transportation, and/or self-advocacy. Life skills training is goal directed and does not involve long-term case management or therapeutic intervention.

▪ **Disability Awareness - Sensitivity Training - Community Outreach**

OSCIL conducts disability awareness trainings in a variety of settings as well as offering Deaf Culture Sensitivity training. In addition, OSCIL staff participates in senior citizen and disability-related events throughout RI, conducting formal and informal group presentations and hosting informational exhibits and displays.

For further information on OSCIL's programs and services, please contact the OSCIL office at (401) 738-1013 ext. 13, Voice, (401) 738-1015 TTY, Toll-Free at (866) 857-1161, or via email at info@oscil.org. You can also visit OSCIL's Website, www.oscil.org, for up-to-date information, as well as links to various disability-related organizations.