

## WHAT WE DO

Our five core services include informational & referral, advocacy, independent living skills training, peer counseling & support, & transition services. Our four programs are listed below.

- 1 Community Reintegration
- 2 Personal Assistant
- 3 Youth Services
- 4 Independent Living Program

### Other services offered

- Direct Services
- Disability Awareness Presentations
- Accessibility Audits
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Fun Fridays with Friends
- Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling

### Did You Know?

\*We are a center for independent living (CIL), a not-for-profit, that provide services to persons with all types of disabilities in the communities

\*We are governed by a board of directors that are more than 51% persons with disabilities

\*Our staff must have 51% disabilities in all job classifications

\*There are 500 CILs nationally - 22 in Illinois - & also located in U.S. territories such as Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

## ABOUT US

Advocates for Access is a center for independent living – providing services to persons with all types of disabilities in Peoria, Tazwell, Woodford, and Fulton counties.



Contact us for more information.



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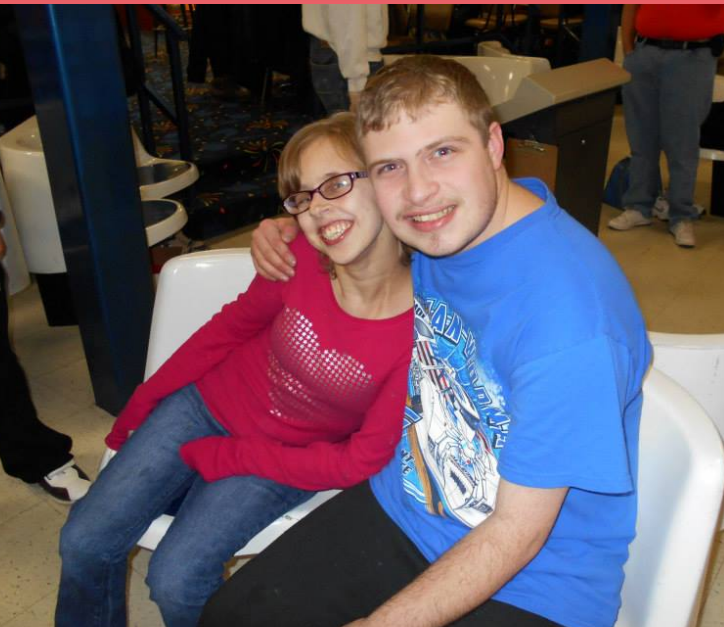
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## PROGRAM GOAL

Pre-employment Transition Services (PTS) are provided to students with disabilities to increase the improvement of skills and their chances to enter employment or post-secondary education upon leaving school.

These will augment skills being provided in their school.



### Eligibility Criteria

- >Any student ages 14 - 21 yrs old
- >Students with an IEP, 504 Plan, or any medical condition
- >Not enrolled in S.T.E.P. program

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## JOBS AND CAREER KNOWLEDGE

### Job Exploration Counseling

- Career interests and abilities
- Labor market trends
- In-demand occupations
- Non-traditional employment options

### Workplace Readiness Training

- Job seeking skills
- Interpersonal and social skills
- Understanding employer expectations
- Independent living skills training

### Post-Secondary Education Counseling

- Disability support services
- College applications, FAFSA & admissions process
- Identifying academic and occupational training

### Self-Advocacy Instruction

- Learning rights and responsibilities
- Requesting reasonable accommodations
- Effective communication of thoughts or needs
- Mentoring educational staff or employers

### Work-Based Learning Experiences

- Work-site tours
- Job shadowing and mentoring
- On the job experiences and trainings
- Internships, apprenticeships, and short-term employment

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**EMPOWER.**

**>Contact Rachael!**

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**> Fast, easy, and convenient!**

**>Set up an appointment!**