

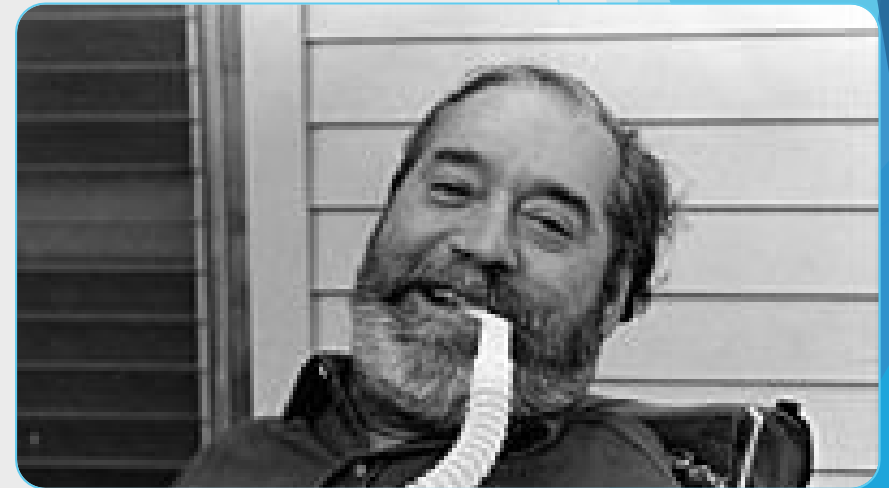


Our Vision: People with disabilities are equal and valued participants of society.

Our Mission: Provide services that increase independence for people with disabilities.

The History of the Independent Living Movement

- Five movements that influenced the disability rights movement:
 - National Association for the Deaf
 - The League of the Physically Handicapped
 - National Federation of the Blind
 - American Federation of the Physically Handicapped
 - Paralyzed Veterans of America



The History of the Independent Living Movement

- The first Center for Independent Living was established in Berkeley, California in 1972
- The concept began in 1986 in Fargo/Moorhead
- In 1989 the group in Fargo/Moorhead secured the necessary status to become a non-profit Center
- It started out with 3 employees with a shoestring budget

Philosophy of Independent Living Centers

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People with disabilities have the same rights, options, and choices as anybody else.

Freedom will:

- ▶ Provide people with disabilities the resources and skills necessary to make their own choices.
- ▶ Help people with disabilities live more independently.

Quick Facts



OVER 400 CENTERS
FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING NATIONWIDE



WITH 8 CENTERS IN
MINNESOTA AND 4 IN
NORTH DAKOTA



FREEDOM RESOURCE CENTER
PROVIDES SERVICES IN 11 COUNTIES
IN MINNESOTA AND 10 COUNTIES IN
NORTH DAKOTA



A MAJORITY OF
STAFF, BOARD, AND
MANAGEMENT ARE
PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES



PRIVATE NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

We believe everyone has the right to...



MEANINGFUL
EMPLOYMENT



CHOOSE WHERE
THEY WANT TO
LIVE



AN APPROPRIATE
EDUCATION



ADEQUATE
TRANSPORTATION



HAVE BASIC
NEEDS MET



PARTICIPATE IN
THE COMMUNITY

Services



We serve people with any disability



We serve people of any age



There is no income requirement



There is no medical verification



Services are FREE

Freedom empowers people
with disabilities through:

5 Core Services



Information and Referral



Individual & Systems Advocacy



Independent Living Skills Training



Peer Mentoring



Transition Services



5 Locations in MN & ND

Fargo Main Office

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Fargo, ND 58103
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Jamestown Office

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Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 252-4693

Fergus Falls Office

125 West Lincoln #1
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
(218) 998-1799

Lisbon Office

701 Main Street
Lisbon, ND 58054
(701) 683-6850

Wahpeton Office

315 11th St N
Wahpeton, ND 58075
(701) 672-1648