



CFI

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Integrating Services.
Empowering Independence.
Fostering Hope.

Centers for Independence (CFI) partners with, and empowers, people of all abilities to advance their total health. By providing access to skilled specialists, CFI provides trauma-informed care to help people achieve their fullest level of independence.

WHAT WE DO

CFI's commitment to total health with a trauma-informed care approach results in a framework of wellness that improves lives, families, and communities. CFI's programs are committed to helping people maintain control and choice over their care and serve people needing:

- medical day care and therapies for children with complex medical conditions

- mental health and substance-abuse treatment and care
- day programming and activities to fully engage in life
- rehabilitative help following a brain injury or neurological condition
- job-training and placement services
- in-home personal care services
- assistance managing finances and employment for long-term care needs

HOW WE DO IT

We listen and evolve together, working with internal and external resources that best help individuals, families, partners and coworkers achieve goals.

- **People:** With more than 800 counselors, care givers, case managers and employees, we have an extensive and skilled team to help our clients achieve their fullest level of independence.
- **Programs:** Through more than 30-plus programs to provide behavioral health, employment services,

food and nutrition services, skilled nursing, and financial services, we support the wellness of the whole individual, not just one aspect or dimension of the person or their family.

- **Partnerships:** Through extensive partnerships and networks, CFI provides integrated services that are not available through any other agency or government organization in southeast Wisconsin.



MISSION

Partnering with people of all abilities to advance their **TOTAL HEALTH**.

VISION

HEALTHY and **HOPEFUL** communities.

VALUES

Understanding **PEOPLE**

LEADING Success

Working **TOGETHER**

OUR STORY

For more than 85 years, the Centers for Independence has strengthened communities by fostering hope and helping people advance their total health.

CFI began providing life-changing programs for people struggling to gain independence in 1938. The agency was founded as Jewish Vocational Service to help new immigrant families fleeing oppression in Europe settle in our community.

Since then, CFI has grown to 30+ programs and helps more than 20,000 individuals annually throughout Wisconsin.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

CFI is committed to diversity, inclusion and cultural competence.

OUR AFFILIATES

CFI's unmatched breadth of support services and resources via its nonprofit affiliates allow others to find value in themselves and see a path forward.



Home Care is committed to helping people of all ages - children to seniors - maintain their independence at home and in the community.



First Person Care Consultants is a certified IRIS Consultant Agency. It provides consultants to support IRIS participants of all ages and abilities as they self-direct their long-term care services.



iLIFE is a financial management services provider for people enrolled in long-term care programs. It processes payroll, handle taxes, and educate consumers to help program participants gain independence.

OUR HOPE

Based on research of trauma, illness and resiliency, we know that hope is the most predictive indicator of well-being in a person's life. At the center of everything we do at CFI, we strive to create an environment and atmosphere of hope.

We believe the future will be better than today and that each of us plays a role in making that future possible.

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