

Most people know TRCIL Services by the various services we provide to assist people with disabilities to live independent lives of their choosing. We have numerous programs and services that accomplish this and most individuals are knowledgeable with the services that best met their particular needs. Among all the services, and in fact prior to the establishment of the vast array we now offer, TRCIL had and has “core services” that make us a Center for Independent Living. The core services are peer counseling, skills training, advocacy and Information and referral. These core services and beliefs of consumer control are, we believe, what sets us apart from other social service agencies. Our mission is not only to empower people with disabilities to live self directed lives but ensure people with disabilities are involved in what and how we do things. To this end, we are creating a “working” advisory board whose purpose is the following:

- *To reach out, identify and support people who, for one reason or another, are not eligible for or do not want waiver services.*
- *To educate PWD's, the general public, and relevant service providers about CIL Core Services.*
- *To ensure that TRCIL Core Services are truly consumer controlled.*
- *To make formal recommendations to management on improving and enhancing the quality of independent living supports provided through our Core Services.*
- *To follow-up on recommendation.*
- *To create and maintain an open dialog between management & consumers and a place where management can come to gain insight on consumer needs.*

Below is an application to become a member of this board. After you complete the application, return it and you will be contacted for an interview. Ten people will be chosen to participate by a selection committee.

Core Services Consumer Advisory Board Membership Application

Three Rivers Center For Independent Living
900 Rebecca Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938

(for office use only)

Date Sent:

Date Due:

Date Received.:

| Section 1: Demographics | | |
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| Last Name: | First Name: | MI: |
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| County: | | |
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| Telephone Number(s): | | Date of Application: |
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| Section 2: Additional Information |
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| (If you need additional space, please continue on a separate piece of paper.) |
| 1. How did you learn about the Consumer Advisory Board? |
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| 2. Are you willing to make a commitment to the Consumer Advisory Board of two years? (Initially, meetings will be two hours every month at TRCIL offices in Wilkinsburg, once this committee is established they may set their own meeting schedule.) |
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3. Briefly explain the Core Services of a Center for Independent Living (CIL):

4. Do you have experience with living on your own in the community?

5. Part of the purpose of a CIL is to assist people in overcoming barriers and gaining greater independence. Describe one experience you have doing this:

6. Please list any comments you may have about your experience with CILs and/or TRCIL:

7. What do you expect, or would like, to get out of working on the Consumer Advisory Board?

Please return the completed application along with your resume or a list of relevant experience by due date to:

**Cindy Williams
Information & Referral Specialist
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900 Rebecca Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938**

If you need assistance in completing this form, please call Cindy Williams at 1-800-633-4588 (Toll Free in PA), extension 136.